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UNCLE TOWSER TALKS.

By A. K. ICKER.

"Fine," said my friend Towser, closing the album containing my U. S. envelope collection—"certainly fine, my boy, but collecting of U. S. envelopes nowadays is tabooed—dead—a drug on the market. Too bad, too bad to think that one of the most interesting branches of U. S. Philately has been so neglected."

"Towser," I responded, "you old fraud, you don't mean a word of what you say, and you certainly should know better after having been in the stamp business for nigh forty years. Is it not true that for nearly thirty years after the appearance of the first adhesive postage stamps in the U. S., collectors of U. S. envelopes were among the most prominent philatelists? Now what have you to say to that, Towser?"

"A good deal, sonny, but won't my reminiscing tire you?" Thus saying, Towser lit his old meerschaum pipe, blew half a dozen smoke rings and commenced:—

"As you know the collection of U. S. envelopes started a few years after the issue of the first envelope in June of the year 1853. Apropos, an envelope, cancelled Boston, June 16, 1853—probably one of the first used, is or was in the superfine collection of Mr. Worthington of Cleveland. Suppose you wouldn't mind having it, eh? And what is its value expressed in greenbacks? What would a stamp collector pay for the first adhesive cancelled with the earliest date? Well, as I said, U. S. envelopes were collected with great gusto and as new dies appeared, they were sought eagerly. Adhesive and envelope stamps were on an equal footing and no one who laid claim to be a real collector would miss the envelopes. I recall that up to 1869 we had not what you may call a list of U. S. envelopes and collectors were left to struggle through a maze of conflicting data. In fact there was a wild confusion until Mr. Pemberton in July, 1869, if I remember correctly, made his first attempt to bring order out of chaos in which the envelopes of the U. S. were involved. Then came Mr. Willard K. Freeman of New York City, who was a real student and Mr. Coster who published some admirable papers on the Plimpton issues. At last in 1878, Dr. W. S. V. Horner, a professor of the Greek language in the Freehold Institute, cut the Gordian knot and published a systematic and entirely complete catalogue of the envelope issues of the U. S." Thus speaking, Towser walked over to his philatelic library, brought forth a gray covered pamphlet entitled "The Stamped Envelopes of the U. S." and read this line in the preface: "That there is but one way to collect envelopes, viz.: in an entire condition, we believe, is now generally admitted. It is in view of this, and of what the writer believes to be a *growing interest* in their collection *throughout the country,* that this essay is begun."

"Horner re-issued his original work in 1884. The next twenty years furnished ample proof that Dr. Horner had had a clear vision, for the collection of U. S. envelopes grew rapidly and became such an important branch of Philately that in 1884 the National Philatelic Society appointed two of the then most prominent stamp dealers, namely, Messrs. R. R. Bogert and Joseph Rechert, a committee to prepare a list of the stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets of the United States. While they were studying the subject, Mr. John K. Tiffany had also been preparing for publication a work on these issues of the United States as a companion to his 'History of the Adhesive Postage Stamp' of that country."

"At a conference of the three men at the Boston Convention of the American Philatelic Association of 1885 it was decided to combine efforts; and thus the collectors obtained at last a most comprehensive, nay, a monumental work on the envelope issues of the U. S. And that reminds me that I have never shown you yet the catalogue of Joseph Rechert, then doing business at 1201 Garden Street, Hoboken, N. J., which I prize as one of my choicest books. Here, you see, his own annotations and addenda and in red ink the corresponding numbers of Dr. Horner. Those were the heydays of U. S. envelope collectors and I recall Ackerman, Brook, Colket, Hanes, Harrison, Holton, La Tourette, Sanford, Tapling, Terrett, Van Derlip and Walker—a veritable galaxy of

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students of U. S. envelope issues. And thus this branch of Philately steadily gained in followers and the prices rose accordingly.

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"Now you may ask, what are the other reasons that have contributed to this result? I think the fact that during a great number of years the Post-office, at the time of closing a new contract, did not change the dies of the previous period, but insisted upon a change of watermark in the paper. Thus, it came about that in an entire collection apparently the same envelope would appear three or four times or even more frequently with no other differentiation than the watermark which was only of value to the specialist. To the outsider, or general collector, the changing of the watermark in a paper but, leaving the same die meant merely a useless and expensive duplication, and thus his interest flagged, and the collection of U. S. envelopes was limited to very few specialists."

"Another, and perhaps the most important reason why comparatively few collectors are at present interested in the envelope issues of the U. S. is the fact that the arrangement in the Scott catalogue, the vade mecum of all budding collectors, when it comes to the listing of cut square envelopes is so involved, antiquated and confusing due to the many incongruities that a person will be deterred from collecting cut squares unless well versed in this subject. This confusion, is caused largely by the jumble of various dies, and the evident inconsistency of not recognizing distinct and well-known dies, leaving the collector absolutely helpless. For example, you prize highly the 2c rejected die of the 1915 issue, both on white and blue paper. Well, in the Scott catalogue, that and many other equally important dies are most conspicuously absent. And then, about the misleading statements you note in that catalogue. Well, even the 1923 issue, under the head of Wrappers says: "Cut square wrappers show the laid lines of the paper running horizontally instead of diagonally as in envelopes." And what about the wrappers of the 1864 issue with vertical lines and the present issue on wove paper. I guess what I have said will satisfy you that I was not romancing when I charged that one of the most potent reasons why cut square envelopes are not more generally in demand is the Scott catalogue." Here Towser stopped to relight his old meerschaum which he had laid aside as he had warmed up to his subject.

"Well," he continued, "don't think I was talking for the purpose of discouraging you in your hobby, because I have long felt that the present condition of affairs could be remedied if the people who issue catalogues would adopt a new and simplified scheme of listing U. S. envelopes. Do you want to know my proposition? If you think well of it, why, sonny. I suggest you write an article, and get the general consensus of opinion, and then ask some wide-awake, progressive publisher to get out that kind of a list.

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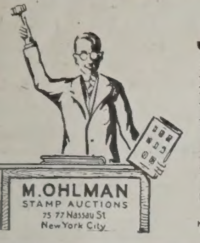

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—Spokane, Wash., has a new advertising cancellation reading:—"Make 50,000 Farm Homes. Irrigate Columbia Basin." This supplements a marking previously chronicled:—"Irrigate 2,000,000 Acres Columbia Basin Project." In connection with this latter E. J. Newcomer writes:—"It advertises an enormous proposed irrigation project covering an area just west of Spokane and which may be put over by the government."

—S. R. Sheldon of Shanghai informs us of the death of Mr. Charles Piens, Shanghai's leading philatelist. Mr. Piens has conducted weekly auctions which have greatly increased the local interest in philately and his collection of Chinese stamps is one of the finest in the world.

—Wendover Neefus is sending out his 1923 pricelist of U. S. and Colonies. It is a handsome booklet of 44 pages and covers in a very thorough manner the stamps indicated. The price of the book is 10c but a refund slip of that amount is redeemable with a purchase of $1 or over from the list.

—We have received from Dr. A. F. Twogood a page from the Memphis *Commercial Appeal,* which contains a very interesting six-column article dealing with philately. The article is by George M. Moreland and is freely illustrated. It is a commendable piece of publicity.

—Three weeks ago we published the advertisement of one E. Van der Wee, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic. Complaint was at once entered with us against this party upon the grounds that no replies can be obtained from letters sent him. Have any of our readers had similar experiences? We have no desire to injure Mr. Van der Wee's reputation, and developments will be published in the WEEKLY.

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Name as it appears in the Postmark.	Size.	Before July 1, 1847.	July 1, 1847 to July 1, 1851.	1851. July 1, 1851 to Feb. 24, 1857.	1857. Feb. 24, 1857 to Sept. 1, 1861.	REMARKS.
Long Island R.R.	34 mm.	....	Red Black*	Black Ultra-marine	Black	
Louisville & Frankfort R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	....	
Louisville & Lexington R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	....	
Mad Riv. & Lak. Erie R.R.	33 mm.	....	Blue*	Blue	....	Mad River & Lake Erie R. R.
Madison & Indiana R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Blue	....	Probably an abbreviation for Madison & Indianapolis R. R.
Madison & Indnpls. R.R.	33 mm.	....	Red*	Red Black	....	Madison & Indianapolis R. R. Black seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes.
Madison & Indnpls. R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Blue* Black	....	Madison & Indianapolis R. R.
Memphis & Ohio R.R. Stanton	33½ mm.	....	....	....	Black	Includes the year date "1860." I am not entirely sure of this one.
Mic. Central R.R. Mic.	34½ mm.	....	Blue Black* Bluish-green*	Black Blue	....	Michigan Central Rail Road, Michigan. The "Bluish-green" may at one time have been ultramarine.
Michigan C. R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Black	....	Michigan Central R. R.
Lamar M.C.R.R.	34½ mm.	....	....	Black	....	Lamar, Michigan Central R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes.
Mich. Southern R.R.	33 mm.	....	....	Blue	....	Michigan Southern R. R. Has also been seen on a 1c stamp without any date in the center.
Milwke & Detroit R.R.	34 mm.	....	....	Black	Black	Milwaukee & Detroit R. R.
Morris & Essex R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	Black	
Naugatuck R.R.	33 mm.	....	Red	Black	....	
N.H. & Bellows Falls R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	....	New Haven & Bellows Falls R. R.
New Haven & Bellows Falls R.R.	33 mm.	....	....	Black	Black	
N. Hav. & Bellows Falls R.R.	36½ mm.	....	....	....	Black	New Haven & Bellows Falls R. R.
N. Haven & Greenfield R.R.	30½ mm.	....	Red	Black	....	New Haven & Greenfield R. R.
N.Haven & N.London R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	Black*	New Haven & New London R. R.
N.Haven & Springfield R.R.	34 mm.	Red	Red	Black*	....	New Haven & Springfield R. R.
New London W. & P. R. R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	....	New London, Willimantic & Palmer R. R.
N.O.J. & G.N.R.R.	34 mm.	....	....	....	Black	New Orleans Jackson & Great Northern R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes.
N.O.J. & Great No. R.R.	36 mm.	....	....	....	Black	New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern R. R.
N.O. Jackson & G.No. R.R.	34½ mm.	....	....	....	Black	New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern R. R. I am not entirely sure of this one.
Via N.O. Jackson & G.N. R.R.	74 mm.	....	....	....	Blue	In one straight line. No date. New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern R. R.
N. Orleans Opelousas & G.W. Railroad Co.	28 mm.	....	....	Blue	....	No date. "Railroad Co." in center, New Orleans Opelousas & Great Western R. R.
New Orleans Opelousas & G.W. Railroad Co.	28½ mm.	....	....	Black*	....	No date. "Railroad Co." in center bottomside up. New Orleans Opelousas & Great Western R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes.
N.Y. & Boston Stmb & R.R.R.	36 mm.	....	....	....	Black	Probably means—New York & Boston Steamboat & Rail Road Route.
N.York & Erie R.R.N.Y.	33 mm.	....	....	Black Dk. Blue	....	
N.York & Erie R.Road	30 mm.	....	....	Black	....	I am not entirely sure of this one.
New York & Erie R.R.	32½ mm.	....	Red*	Black	....	
New York & Erie R.R.	33 mm.	....	....	Black	....	
New York & Erie R.R.	34 mm.	....	....	Blue*	....	
N. York & Harlem R.R.	33 mm.	....	....	Red Black	....	Black seen only on the 1853 issue stamped envelopes.
N. York & N. Haven R.R.	32 mm.	....	Red	Black Red	Black*	
N. York & N. Haven R.R.	30 mm.	....	....	....	Black	In circular form but no circle around it. Shows a year date.
N. York & Phila. R.R.	33 mm.	....	Red*	Black Red	....	
N. York & Phila. R.R.	31½ mm.	....	....	....	Black*	
New York & Phila. R.R.	30 mm.	....	Red Blue*	Red Black	....	Dot under "a" of "Phila."
New York & Phila. R.R.	29 mm.	....	....	Black	....	No dot under "a" of "Phila."
New York & Phila. R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	....	Period after "New" of New York."
Northern R.R.	33 mm.	....	Blue	Blue	....	
Northern R.R.	32 mm.	....	Blue	Black	....	
Northern R.R. N.Y.	33 mm.	....	....	Black	....	Lower half of the postmark is double-lined.
Norwich & Worcester R.R.	33 mm.	....	Red Blue	Blue	Blue*	
Ohio & Pa. R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	....	Ohio & Pennsylvania R. R.
Pennsylvania R.R.	34 mm.	....	....	Blue*	....	Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes.
Petersburg & Roanoke R.R.	30 mm.	....	Bluish-green*	....	....	On cover without stamp. No date, but almost certainly belongs in this period.
Philada. Rail Road	57 mm.	Red	Red	Red* Black	....	In one straight line. No date.
Philada. Rail Road	30 mm.	....	Blue*	....	....	Reads around the circle so that "Rail Road" appears bottom side up.
Philada. Rail Road	30 mm.	....	Blue*	....	....	Does not read around the circle and "Rail Road" appears right side up.
Philada. Rail Rd.	29½ mm.	....	Blue*	Black	....	
Pha. & Baltimore R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Black	....	Philadelphia & Baltimore R. R.
Phila. & Baltimore R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Black Blue	....	Philadelphia & Baltimore R. R.
Phila. & N. York R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Black	....	
Phila. & Pottsville R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Black Blue	....	

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WEEKLY BARGAIN CORNER

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By GEO. H. HAKES.

(So far as our publication is concerned, we are perfectly willing to accept advertising dealing with the exchange of stamps, though we are compelled to have it understood that we cannot be held responsible for unsatisfactory relations. We do exercise editorial discretion in the matter of exchange advertising that comes from Europe, due to the length of time necessary to adjust details of correspondence. Our department of Adlets furnishes a good opportunity for publicity for those who wish to engage in the pleasures of exchange.—W. O. W.)

I have been a reader of your paper for the past few years and I have often wondered why there are not more exchange ads in your paper; to me part of the pleasure in collecting stamps is the exchanging of duplicates with other collectors. Perhaps some dealers would object to a paper that encouraged exchanging of stamps, but in the long run dealers would sell as many stamps.

I started to collect stamps in 1888 and in 1889 published a stamp paper, but like most boys, gave up collecting. I took up collecting again this year and I am frank to say that I have several businessmen like myself who are only too pleased to exchange duplicates with me, and we have added a great deal of pleasure to the "hobby" and my only regret is that your paper does not cater to the party who has duplicates to exchange, so I could get in touch with other collectors who have duplicates to exchange. I realize that there are chances of fraud, etc., if a person starts to exchange with others without using proper judgment, but a person with little business experience can avoid this hazard.

I believe I am voicing the words of many of your readers when I ask you to cater to the collector who would like to exchange stamps with other honest collectors.

EX-ENEMY WAR ISSUES.

Our Christmas number is a fitting one in which to announce the reversal of a decision which has been the cause of considerable bitterness of feeling. We refer to our pronouncement, made during the war, that we did not propose to list or deal in the war-time issues of the then enemy Central Powers of Europe.

At the time when this decision was announced, we were forbidden by law to deal in these stamps, but a list of them could easily have been published. Our decision was welcomed as fairly representing the feeling of philatelists in the Allied countries at that time, and was copied by many other dealers and philatelic publishers. After the Armistice, however, opinions changed rapidly. The French stamp trade, whose members might be supposed to have as good reason as any for continuing the war-time ban, were the first to raise it and to list and deal in the ex-enemy war issues. In our own country the change was not so rapid as regards the cataloguing of them, though dealing started at an early date, but we believe we are right in saying that we are now the only British catalogue publishers who have not yet announced their intention of raising the ban.

This announcement we now make, knowing that the vast majority of the users of our catalogue would prefer to have it *complete,* as in pre-war days. The next edition of Part II will, therefore, contain carefully compiled lists of all the war stamps of the Central European powers, priced according to their current market values, and fully illustrated.

We do not think there will be many to cavil at this decision, but, if there should be one or two, we would remind them that many things were said in the heat of war which have not been maintained in the calmer atmosphere of peace. We feel that it is wiser to admit that our original position is no longer tenable, than to persist in an attitude which sacrifices part of the value of our catalogue as a work of reference, *against the wishes of the majority of those who use it.*

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The mended stamp masquerading as a sound one, so far as the absence of any marking on its blank side is considered, must go. Mr. Fennell has voiced a resolution to that effect, which is heartily seconded. Surely, there is only one side to the argument against the mended specimen and it will soon be necessary to formulate a plan for general adoption that will scotch the interlopers before they can work their woe and worry on the disillusioned collector. Latterly, the abuse of cleverly restored stamps has been so unchecked that it must be met squarely. A good many stamps come from abroad that are skilfully mended and the consignors of them do not in many cases give any clue to the defects of the stamps; and the result is that we must assimilate the mass, as it is in the aggregate. It is known that certain European sources must be watched closely and it is probable that action will be taken to send the careless sellers to Coventry. In a recent interview with Mr. Warren H. Colson, whose attendance at the Ferrari sales and extensive travels through the stamp domains of Europe have added to his ripe experience, he says that he is decidedly shocked at the quantity of mended stuff that is met with in his travels in this country, it having been some years since he has made a philatelic pilgrimage here. He favors unequivocally a war to the finish on the frauds and a general cleansing of the philatelic household. He is right, and it becomes the serious duty of all those who have philatelic investments, to protect them from all underhanded aggressions. There are the American Philatelic Society and the American Stamp Dealers' Association to speak for the collectors and the dealers, respectively; and we are sure that as soon as the matter is presented to them, these organizations will give their support to the reform. Mended stamps must be marked in the name of commercial fairness and the reputable stamp dealers must see that the branding is done. Rules for universal adoption based on the suggestions made by Mr. Fennell and copied by us last week, will be submitted in due course. In the meantime, a popular resentment must be worked up against the pretenders that no dealer, whatever his secret beliefs, will have the hardihood to oppose. The fight is not against the torn stamp as such but against it when it tries to hide its faults and pose as a stamp that is not impaired.

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Snooping through the contents of a stampless cover dated Pinckneyville, Ill., Aug. 21st, 1845, and addressed to Joliet, Ill., we find the following paragraph: "This letter when it reached me was broken open and badly torn. It was so badly soiled that I could scarcely read it having been apparently thoroughly soaked in water. There was a note written on the outside by the postmaster at Springfield, stating that it was broken open by mail robbers between Springfield and Hillsboro and that it lay out in the prairie a long time before being found."

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The artist who is responsible for the comic strip, "Jerry on the Job," which is so widely syndicated, employs a stamp album to good advantage in a recent cartoon. Jerry, the little lad, hears so much gab from the boss about Saving Stamps that he wishes to help him with "the greatest thing in the world for saving stamps," if the brainy boss will leave him off a while. The employer grants permission, his giant intellect working to the effect that sometimes the young idea, if untrammeled, may solve problems that floor "us older guys." Then Jerry brings in a large volume, marked "stamp album" in huge letters, whereupon the boss comports himself in the manner beloved by the newspaper artist, by diving headlong into the comfortable confines of his desk.

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A critic uses his new fountain pen to indite us for not having attempted to place the "dealer who calls himself a collector in order to the better foist his goods on the unsuspicious." He does not stop with these words, but proceeds to illustrate his point that the stamp seller should not sail under his true colors, be he dealer or collector. We remember that when E. B. Sterling issued his last revenue catalogue in 1888, he said in the preface: "I have given up the idea of trying to call myself a collector, which, for years, I have adhered to, and I now realize that my line is one that would be termed a dealer. I still collect but not in the sense of old. I now cater to the stamp collecting trade; before, I catered to the collection of E. B. S." It is not always easy to draw the line betweeen dealer and collector. A few successful dealers do not devote their whole time to the stamp business and they do as much as some of the dealers who give their undivided attention to stamp selling. We have heard dealers say that all the money that they made out of their business was invested in their own collections. The subject has so many sides that it is not worth the time to consider them all but the more deeply one goes into it, the more intermingled collecting and dealing currents become. The line of demarcation between the two is a meandering one and we do not pretend to chart it. As time goes on, the tendency will be greater to segregate the collector and the dealer in a commercial sense; and we shall now dodge the issue, if there be one. We do not see why the buyer should be much perturbed over the trade classification of the stamp seller as his concern is with the stamps and the prices, together with the lesser details that may be included under the term, service.

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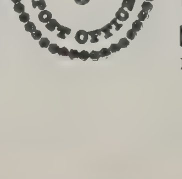
We have received holiday greetings from many of our readers at home and abroad and some of the cards from other countries were nicely timed as to their arrival here. It is pleasant to be remembered and to all of those who have wished us the compliments of the season, we pause to pay our *devoirs*. A list of those who have addressed us includes names both great and small in a philatelic sense and each one is held in kind remembrance. To our foreign friends we give the assurance that their missives were cherished not alone for the striking stamp combinations that prepaid their letters, although, of course, it is not to be gainsaid that the letters were all the more fascinating for that reason.

PACIFIC SEA POST-OFFICES.

The first "sea post-office," established under United States government direction on the trans-Pacific run from Seattle to Oriental ports and return, arrived at Yokohama recently on the Admiral Line steamer President Jackson, thus marking a distinct innovation in accelerating the movement and delivery of mail from the United States to the Orient and vice versa. A United States postal clerk has been regularly detailed to the "sea post-office" by the Federal government and henceforth will accompany each Admiral Line boat from Seattle to the Orient and return.

The installation of post-offices on fast liners assigned to the trans-Pacific run will facilitate the handling and dispatch of mail. The postal clerk in charge will receive mail direct from the mail trains at Seattle and will sort it during the voyage, thus eliminating delay occasioned by sorting in the Seattle post-office. In the same way, mail arriving at Seattle from an Admiral Line steamer will be taken direct to mail trains and will not go through the Seattle post-office, except in isolated cases or when mail matter contains dutiable matter. Mail addressed to ports in the Orient will be sorted on the steamers, but will be sent to the post-offices for distribution. The new plan will save from one to two days at the postal terminii, it is said.—Tokyo, Japan, *Advertiser*.



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There is a Winchester in Tennessee, as well as Massachusetts. Its claim to fame is not quite as tangible, perhaps, but it certainly deserves recognition for it has appeared in that handsome electro, U-18. The 1c surface print was an item which caught my eye.

A Peru in Indiana, a Paris in Kentucky, a Louisiana in Missouri, and now we know there's a Mexico, issuing precancels, which lies north of the Rio Grande. That "show me" state "Muhzoo" has demonstrated that their little Mexico is not so backward. For in pretty red block type between lines, I note MEXICO, MO., on the 6c, 8c and 10c of the current issue.

Lincoln, Neb., copies after Hastings and comes out with the same type of "electro." So far I have seen but the 1c perf. 10 in this type, but probably the whole series will be out soon. I understand that several sheets of the one-dollar value followed the 1c through the press. Lincoln has never used the dollar value before so we have something to look for before long.

Caldwell, Idaho, is the latest in U-18. A fine 30c caught my eye on a package and I copied it without delay.

Waterloo, Ia., and Elkhart, Ind., are both out in Universal 18. This type really has two distinct variations and so there should be a little more discrimination. Brooklyn may represent the one variety and Lincoln, Neb., or Hastings, the other. Waterloo resembles Brooklyn and Elkhart the latter type.

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Marshall, Mich., is using the same type as Lancaster, Minn. The 8c and 10c are all that I have seen.

More dope on the new Lincoln, Neb.! Six sheets of the dollar value were precancelled and it is not expected that any more of this denomination in the present issue will be overprinted. All other values except the 13c were precancelled, also the 2c due. Nothing but normals have so far shown up, save a 5c inverted.

Brother Fans! How many of you have the McCook, Neb., spelled NcCook? This error occurs once every twenty-five stamps and is one to be on the lookout for.

Newman Grove, Nebr., is a new one to pop up. A 6c perf. 10 was discovered by my friend, John L. Parker, Sec, of the I. P. C. The type used was similar to U-6. That Mr. Parker has a rare stamp, I believe we shall all agree.

OUR REVIEW.

About fifteen years ago, M. Maury's exhaustive work on the postage stamps of France was published in Paris; and since that time, we have been awaiting a monograph on these popular stamps that would meet the demands of the student who was not proficient in the use of French. It may now be said happily that what has seemed to be a void has now been filled, as we have received a copy of the "Postage Stamps of France," by Sir James R. Andrew Clark, Bart., C. B., C.M.G., F.R.P.S.L., from the publishers, Frank Godden, Ltd., London, England.

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UNITED STATES.—Mr. H. W. Porter reports that rumors are current in Washington that the new 1c, 2c, 4c, 9c and 10c will be placed on sale in Washington at the office of the Philatelic Stamp Agent shortly after the first of the year. This is in line with information I received from the Department early in the month but at that time only the first three denominations mentioned would be ready. It is possible that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is making considerable headway and is bettering the expectations of the Post Office Department. These will no doubt be followed closely by the others for they expect to have the entire series on sale before the end of February. As mentioned before, none of the plates of the old series will be cancelled until they become unfit for use.

During the last week I acquired a cover of most unusual interest and one worthy of mention for I believe its early use antedates any of the other recorded covers where the stamp is attached to the cover by cancellation. I refer to a cover showing a magnificent early printing of the 5c 1847 with every line sharp and, with large margins, used on July the 16th, 1847. The stamp is in the upper right corner, cancelled with two of the red square New York grid cancellations which clearly fall on both the cover and stamp. On the cover we find the red circular postmark reading "New York, 16 July—5 cts". The letter is dated New York, July 16, 1847, and addressed to Messrs. Corcoran & Riggs at Washington. On the outside of the cover they have made a further notation as to the date they received the letter.

The letter itself is in regards to a draft on G. W. Walker, dated Havana, June 30, 1847, and drawn by one Second Lieut. James H. Jones of the Marine Corp.

Dr. Chase in the *Philatelic Gazette*, Vol. VI, page 169, mentions July 31st as the earliest cover he knows where the stamp is actually tied to the cover by cancellation. He speaks of covers dated July 5th and July 7th but in both cases the stamps are uncancelled. To the best of my knowledge, although I may be in error, none are known used earlier and if any of our readers are aware of covers of earlier use where the stamp is actually cancelled on the cover we would like to be advised.

Mr. L. A. Boone sends for inspection something new in the way of late cancellations, namely a Georgetown, Texas, reading "1873 Golden Jubilee 1923—Southwestern University". While as a rule we do not endeavor to list the many cancellations now being used throughout the country this seems to be unusual in that it is the first University postmark in recent years that has come to my attention. I recall that the "University of Virginia" had a postmark in the eighties but I believe that was used by a post-office actually established within the University.

In my Chronicle for November 18th mention was made of two denominations of a new series of "Cigarett Tax" stamps issued by the State of Iowa. Mr. Charles Mueller kindly sends an unchronicled value, namely, the 2c in red.

BELGIUM.—We have just received from Mr. Henry Hooreman the following additional values in the new series: 35c brown and 40c crimson. Also in the type of A58 the 75c scarlet, 2frs green and 10frs red lilac.

BERMUDA.—Mr. Benedict Preith in a recent letter advised that he has been informed by a correspondent in the colony that the 1d and 2½d have also appeared on the new script paper.

BRITISH GUIANA.—In advising us of the appearance of the 6c blue script watermark, Mr. L. Meister adds that he is informed that it will take many months yet before the 48c script can be obtained in the colony.

BR. HONDURAS.—This Colony is to have Postage Due stamps, if official information does not mislead us. 2c and 4c values are being printed, 2c stamps in the "Nyasaland" type are also in preparation.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

BR. SOLOMON ISLES.—The 1d has bee printed on Script paper, but there's man a slip 'twixt the "print" and the "issue" in these distant places. The 3d is expected to appear in the "POSTAGE" "REVENUE" type, but they may decid to change the colour to blue and scra the supply in yellow. One never knows —*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

HUNGARY.—Mr. G. Stanley Haine sends us the 5kr brown in the ne series of official stamps. Mr. Haine also adds that he has also 50 and 100k which are identical with the 5kr value except that "Hivatalos" and value are i carmine.

IRISH FREE STATE.—Mr. Michael Francis O'Donnell forwards to us a copy o the new issue of the 2d value of th permanent design. In the center is th outline of the country with the word "ERIN" above in a curved frame. I each lower corner is the figure of valu with the native words between. Th color is green and our corresponden adds that its advent marks a new e for Ireland and augurs well for th future.

KEDAH.—Mr. R. Roberts reports th 1c black on script watermarked paper.

MOZAMBIQUE.—1922, New colour General type of Portuguese Colonie 1913, inscribed "MOCAMBIQUE": 15c re brown, 60c deep blue, 80c rose, 2 esc dos deep lilac.—*West End Philatelis*

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RUSSIA (*Bolshevik Govt.*)—Commemorative. Seated figure of nearly nude stone-mason sculpturing inscription on grey background:—5r yellow, black and grey; 10r brown, black and grey; 25r dark brown, black and grey; 27r red, black and grey; 45r blue, black and grey. In front of the man's left foot is a tiny uncolored device of the Soviet emblem—a hammer and sickle crossed—We fail to see the use of 5 roubles—or even 45—in Russia today!—*Stamp Collecting.*

SWITZERLAND.—1922, Change of color, head of William Tell, toned paper. 25 centimes carmine on bluff.—*West End Philatelist.*

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a copy of the 1d postage due wide roulette 7. These are printed in sheets of 60 (6x10).

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SPOKANE, WASH., ORGANIZES.

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2c on 3c, No. 25	.06
3c, No. 28	*.10
*5c, No. 29	.20
5c, No. 29	.06
*2c on 3c, No. 31a	.40
1c, No. 32	*.02
2c, No. 33	.03
7c, No. 36	.05
*20c, No. 37	.10
1c, No. 38	*.02
*2c, No. 39	.04
3c, No. 40	*.03
5c, No. 41	*.03
7c, No. 42	*.03
20c, No. 43	*.05
*2c on 20c, No. 45	.06
2c, No. 47	*.03
*5c, No. 48	.03
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1c to 10c, Nos. 52 to 59, each	*.03
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1902 Surcharged.	
*1c, No. 67	.08
*1c, No. 68	.08
*2c, No. 69	.15
*2c, No. 70	.08
*3c, No. 71	.13
*4c, No. 72	.15
5c, No. 74	*.08
7c, No. 75	*.15
*8c, No. 76	.10
10c, No. 77	*.10
*50c, No. 80	.75
*1g, No. 81	1.25
1904	
7c, No. 85	*.04
10c, No. 86	*.04
20c, No. 87	*.05
50c, No. 88	.05
*5c, No. 91	.03
*10c, No. 93	.03
*20c, No. 94	.04
50c, No. 95	*.05
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50c, No. 101	*.06
1c, No. 102	*.02
2c, No. 103	*.04
5c, No. 104	*.04
10c, No. 105	*.03
20c, No. 106	*.04
50c, No. 107	*.08
*1c on 20c (108)	.02
[illegible])	*.03
[illegible]	*.02
[illegible]	.04
*4c, No. 128	.08
5c, No. 129	.03
*7c, No. 130	.25
*8c, No. 131	.25
15c, No. 133	.25
*50c, No. 135	1.00
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*2c, No. 138	.02
3c, No. 139	*.03
*7c, No. 140	.06
*1c on 5c (143)	.05
*1c on 20c (144)	.04
*1c on 10c (145)	.06
*2c on 50c (146)	.04
*1c on 10c (148)	.05
*2c on 20c (152)	.60
*5c, No. 157	.45
2c to 5c, Nos. 160 to 166, ea.	.02
*10c, No. 170	1.00
*15c, No. 171	.60
*50c, No. 172	1.00
*1pia, No. 173	2.00
1914 Surcharged.	
*8c, No. 174	3.00
5c, No. 177	*.06
10c, No. 178	.08
20c, No. 179	.15
*50c, No. 180	.45
*1c, No. 181	.10
*2c, No. 182	.12
*3c, No. 183	.35
*4c, No. 184	.12
*7c, No. 186	.30

*8c, No. 187	.50
*10c, No. 188	.25
*15c, No. 189	.65
*20c, No. 190	.65
*50c, No. 191	.90
*1pia, No. 192	1.75
*3c, No. 195	.08
*3c, No. 198	.10
2c, No. 202	.06
*1c, No. 203	.06
2c, No. 204	.04
5c, No. 205	.06
4c, No. 206	.15
*7c, No. 207	.60
*8c, No. 208	1.25
*10c, No. 209	.60
*15c, No. 210	.35
*1c on 50c (213)	.08
*1c on 1pi (214)	.10
*1c on 50c (215)	.08
7c on 20c (217)	*.10
7c on 50c (218)	*.06
1915-16	
*3c, No. 221	.06
*5c, No. 223	.05
*7c, No. [illegible]	.55
*10c, No. 226	.10
*15c, No. 227	.75
*20c, No. 228	1.60
*2c, No. 230	.12
*5c, No. 231	.18
*7c, No. 232	.38
*1c on 5c (235)	.60
*1c on 10c (236)	.10
*1c on 10c (237)	.15
1c on 50c (238)	*.05
*1c on 20c (239)	.50
*1c on 7c (242)	.04
1917-18 Surcharged.	
2c on 1pi (245)	*.08
1c on 4c (249)	*.08
1c on 10c (250)	.03
*1c on 10c (251)	.30
1c on 20c (252)	*.13
1c on 20c (253)	*.13
1c on 50c (254)	*.13
1c on 50c (255)	*.20
2c on 3c (256)	*.15
2c on 8c (257)	*.08
2c on 8c (258)	*.10
2c on 15c (259)	.05
2c on 20c (260)	.10
*1c on 20c (262)	1.50
*2c on 3c (263)	.50
*1c on 4c (265)	.50
*1c on 7c (266)	.40
*1c on 50c (267)	.45
*1c on 50c (268)	.75
*1c on 1pi (269)	1.00
*2c on 8c (270)	.40
*2c on 10c (271)	.25
*2c on 15c (272)	.38
*5c on 10c (273)	.50
*5c on 10c (274)	.50
*5c on 15c (275)	1.75
1c on 15c (276)	*.30
1c on 20c (277)	.08
*1c on 20c (278)	.20
1c on 1pi (279)	.05
*1c on 1pi (280)	1.10
5c on 1pi (281)	.15
1919-20 Surcharged.	
*2c on 4c (282)	.30
2c on 8c (283)	.13
*2c on 8c (284)	.15
*2c on 20c (285)	.13
2c on 50c (286)	*.05
*2c on 50c (287)	5.00
*2c on 50c (288)	.63
2c on 50c (289)	*.25
*2c on 1pi (290)	1.50
*2c on 1pi (291)	1.75
*3c on 3c (292)	.25
*3c on 7c (293)	.20
5c on 3c (294)	.25
*5c on 3c (295)	1.00
5c on 4c (296)	.30
5c on 4c (297)	.13
5c on 7c (298)	*.10
*5c on 7c (299)	.38
*5c on 10c (300)	.30
*5c on 15c (301)	.33
*5c on 7c (302)	.30
*5c on 10c (304)	.15
*5c on 50c (305)	3.50
*5c on 10c (306)	.15
*5c on 50c (307)	.15
*5c on 50c (308)	1.50
Postage Due.	
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*7c, No. 9	.50
10c, No. 10	.05
12c. No. 11	*.50
3c, No. 17	.25
1c, No. 19	.03
5c, No. 20	.35
1901-3	
4c, No. 21	.20
*8c on 10c (25)	.25
2c on 3c, No. 27	.30
2c, No. 29	.10
*2c, No. 29	.15
8c, No. 30	.50
1905	
5b, No. 31	.04
10b, No. 32	.04
20b, No. 33	.25
25b, No. 34	*.30
40b, No. 35	.30
*50b, No. 36	.60

*1fr, No. 37	.75
*2fr, No. 38	1.50
*5fr, No. 39	3.00
1908	
5b, No. 43	.05
10b, No. 44	.03
*10b, No. 44	.06
*15b, No. 45	.12
*25b, No. 47	.20
25b, No. 47	.10
*40b, No. 49	.40
*50b, No. 50	.40
1915-17	
*5b, No. 51	.06
*10b, No. 52	.08
*15b, No. 53	.12
*20b, No. 54	.18
*25b, No. 55	.18
*30b, No. 56	.25
*40b, No. 57	.30
*50b, No. 58	.35
Postage Due.	
1c, No. 101	*.15
20b, No. 106	.15
*30b, No. 107	.30
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1879	
*½r, No. 32	.15
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1880 Rouletted.	
*1c, No. 36	.10
*1c, No. 36a	.10
*1c, No. 36c	2.00
*2c, No. 37a	1.00
*5c, No. 38	.10
*10c, No. 39	.20
20c, No. 40	*.12
25c, No. 41	*.12
50c, No. 42	*.20
75c. No. 43	*.30
*1p, No. 44	.50
1881 Network.	
5c, No. 47	*.12
*10c, No. 48	.15
*20c, No. 49	.15
*25c, No. 50	.15
*50c, No. 51	.20
*75c, No. 52	.50
*1p, No. 53	.50
1883 Surcharged.	
5c on 1c, No. 56a	.30
*10c on 2c, No. 57	.50
*1fr on 20c (63)	1.50
5c on 1c, No. 71	.65
*5c on 1c (73a)	2.50
10c on 2c (74)	*.50
50c on 10c (78)	.75
1fr 25c/25c (83)	2.50
*2fr50c/50c (84)	2.50
1885-95	
1c, No. 88	*.03
2c, No. 89	*.03
5c, No. 90	.04
10c, No. 91	.04
1c No. 96	*.03
2c, Nos. 97-a, ea.	*.05
*5c, No. 98	.08
10c, No. 99	.10
1899 Commemorative.	
1c, No. 101	*.05
2c, No. 102	*.10
5c, No. 103	*.10
*10c, No. 104	.15
*10c, No. 104a	5.00
*20c, No. 105	.50
*50c. No. 106	.60
*50c, No. 106a	7.50
*1p, No. 107	1.00
*2p, No. 108	2.25
1900-15	
*¼c, No. 109a	.50
*½c, No. 110	.30
*½c, No. 110a	.50
*¼c to 10c, Nos. 111 to 116, ea.	.03
*20c, No. 117	.20
*20c, No. 117a	1.50
*50c, No. 118	.10
*1p, No. 119	.10
*½c, No. 120	.04
1c, No. 121	*.03
2c. No. 122	.02
5c, No. 123	.03

*5c, No. 123	.13
*10c, No. 124	.13
10c. No. 124	.04
*20c, No. 125	.25
20c, No. 125	.20
50c, No. 126	.50
1p. No. 127	1.00
1c to 50c, Nos. 128 to 134, ea.	.04
5c on 50c (137)	*.40
*5c, No. 141	.30
*2c, No. 142	1.00
10c, No. 144	*.40
1c on 20c (145)	*.40
1c on 2c (146)	*.30
*2c, No. 147	.10
1c on 4c (148)	*.05
*5c on 20c (151)	.35
2c, No. 155	.03
5c, No. 156	*.10
10c, No. 157	*.20
20c, No. 158	.65
1c on 4c (161)	*.10
1c on 10c (162)	.13
2c on 5c (163)	.18
2c on 5c (163a)	*3.00
10c, No. 168	.06
*50c, No. 170	.60
*1p, No. 171	1.00
2c, No. 177	.13
½c, No. 178	*.02
5c, No. 181	.03
*10c, No. 182	.12
50c, No. 184	*.40
*1p, No. 185	1.00
½c, No. 186	.03
*2c, No. 188	.06
*10c, No. 190	.20
20c, No. 191	*.30
*50c, No. 192	.60
½c on 20c (194)	*.04
1c, No. 195	.03
2c. No. 196	.03
5c, No. 197	.05
10c, No. 198	.15
5c, No. 204	.05
10c, No. 205	.08
½c, No. 209	.02
1c, No. 210	.02
1c, No. 214	.02
2c, No. 215	.02
Official.	
2c, No. 351	*.04
5c, No. 352	*.06
10c, No. 353	.10
*20c, No. 354	.12
1c, No. 355	*.03
2c, No. 356	*.04
5c, No. 357	*.10
10c, No. 358	.20
20c, No. 359	.40
Postage Due.	
2c, No. 375	*.05
4c, No. 376	*.05
5c, No. 377	*.15
10c, No. 378	*.25
4c, No. 384	*.05
6c, No. 385	.08
10c, No. 386	*.13

BOSNIA.

1879	
*½n, No. 1	.05
1n, No. 2	*.03
1n, No. 3	.25
*2n, No. 4	.03
*3n, No. 5	.04
*5n, No. 6	.02
*10n, No. 7	.04
*15n, No. 8	.08
*20n, No. 9	.10
*25n, No. 10	.10
1900	
1h to 10h, Nos. 11 to 16, each	*.02
*20h, No. 17	.25
20h, No. 17	.15
*25h, No. 18	.05
*30h, No. 19	.50
30h, No. 19	.15
40h, No. 20	.20
50h, No. 21	.05
*1k, No. 22	.10
*2k, No. 23	.15
2k, No. 23	.08
5k, No. 24	*.25
1901 Black Numerals.	
*20h to 45h, Nos. 25 to 29, each	.03
1906 Pictorial.	
1h to 20h, Nos. 30 to 36, each	*.02
25h, No. 37	*.05
30h, No. 38	*.04
35h, No. 39	*.05
40h, No. 40	*.05
45h, No. 41	*.06
*50h, No. 42	.05
50h, No. 42	.04
1k, No. 43	*.10
2k, No. 44	*.20
5k, No. 45	*.30
1910 Birthday.	
*1h, No. 46	.03
*2h, No. 47	.05
*3h, No. 48	.05
*5h, No. 49	.03
*6h, No. 50	.05
*10h, No. 51	.05
*25h, No. 53	.10
*30h, No. 54	.10
*35h, No. 55	.20
*40h, No. 56	.10
*45h, No. 57	.15
*50h, No. 58	.15
*1k, No. 59	.20
*2k, No. 60	.35
*5k, No. 61	.50
1912 Commemorative.	
12, No. 62	*.20
60h, No. 63	*.35
72h, No. 64	*.50
1912-14	
1h to 5h, Nos. 65 to 68, each	.02

6h, No. 69	*.03
10h, No. 70	.02
*12h, No. 71	.06
12h to 40h, Nos. 71 to 76, each	.03
45h, No. 77	.06
50h, No. 78	.03
60h, No. 79	.05
72h, No. 80	.40
1k, No. 81	.08
2k, No. 82	.15
3k, No. 83	.25
1916-17	
*3h to 10h, Nos. 86 to 89, each	.02
*12h, No. 90	.06
*15h, No. 91	.04
*20h, No. 92	.10
*25h, No. 93	.12
30h, No. 94	*.05
40h, No. 95	*.15
*50h, No. 96	.05
60h, No. 97	*.10
*80h, No. 98	.06
80h, No. 98	.04
*90h, No. 99	.06
90h, No. 99	.04
*2k, No. 101	.20
2k, No. 101	.15
3k, No. 102	*.25
4k, No. 103	*.35
10k, No. 104	*.65
1917 KARL.	
*3h to 10h, Nos. 105 to 108, ea.	.02
*12h, No. 109	.03
*15h, No. 110	.02
*20h, No. 111	.04
*25h, No. 112	.06
*30h, No. 113	.10
*40h, No. 114	.07
*50h, No. 115	.08
*60h, No. 116	.10
*80h, No. 117	.13
*90h, No. 118	.13
*2k, No. 119	.15
*3k, No. 120	.33
*4k, No. 121	.33
*10k, No. 122	.50
1917-18	
10h, No. 123	*.02
15h, No. 124	*.02
40h, No. 125	*.03
*2h, No. 126	.04
*2h, No. 127	.04
1913 Newspapers.	
*2h to 6h, Nos. 201 to 202, ea.	.02
*10h, No. 203	.03
*20h, No. 204	.05
1914-18 Charity.	
7h on 5h (231)	*.03
12h on 10h (232)	*.03
7h on 5h (233)	*.35

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12h on 10h (234)	*.02
*7h on 5h (235)	.04
*12h on 10h (236)	.10
7h on 5h (237)	.04
12h on 10h (238)	.05
*5h, No. 239	.03
*10h, No. 240	.03
10h, No. 241	*.03
15h, No. 242	*.03
*10h, No. 243	.03

15h, No. 244	*.04
10h, No. 245	*.02
15h, No. 246	*.02
40h, No 247	*.03
1916 Postage Due.	
*2h to 10h, Nos. 364 to 368, ea.	.02
*15h to 25h, Nos. 369 to 371, ea.	.03

LITHUANIA.

1919	
10sk to 5auk, Nos. 30 to 39, set	*.75
*10sk to 5auk, Nos. 40 to 49, set	.60
10sk to 5auk, Nos. 50 to 60, set	*.25
1921-22	
*10sk to 50sk, Nos. 97 to 102, each	.02
*60sk to 2auk, Nos. 103 to 106, ea.	.03
*4auk, No. 114	.03
*8auk, No. 115	.05
1923 Surcharged.	
*1c on 30sk	.02
*3c on 15sk	.03

*10c on 2a	.04
*15c on 4a	.05
1921 Air Post.	
*20sk, No. 175	.02
*40sk, No. 176	.02
*60sk, No. 177	.03
*80sk, No. 178	.03
*1auk, No. 179	.04
*2auk, No. 180	.06
*5auk, No. 181	.12
1922 Air Post	
*1auk, No. 190	.05
*3auk, No. 191	.12
*5auk, No. 192	.15
*2auk, No. 193	.02
*4auk, No. 194	.03
*10auk, No. 195	.06

FIUME.

1918 on Hungary.	
10f, No. 1	*2.50
15f, No. 2	*.75
6f, No. 6	*.15
10f, No. 7	*2.50
25f, No. 10	*.25
35f, No. 11	*.30
40f, No. 12	*.65
50f, No. 13	*.25
75f, No. 14	*.38
80f, No. 15	*.40
1k, No. 16	*.75
2k, No. 17	*.38
3k, No. 18	*.75
5k, No. 19	*.88

10k, No. 20	*8.00
40f, No. 23	*.40
1918 Postage Due.	
6f, No. 301	*2.00
12f, No. 302	*2.50
50f, No. 303	*2.50
1f, No. 304	*2.50
2f, No. 305	*.25
5f, No. 306	*.50
6f, No. 307	*.15
10f, No. 308	*1.00
12f, No. 309	*.35
15f, No. 310	*2.50
20f, No. 311	*.25
30f, No. 312	*2.50

LATVIA.

1918-21	
*5k, No. 1	.03
*5k, No. 2	.03
*15k, No. 5	.05
*15k, No. 15	.05
5k No. 43	*.02
15k, No. 44	*.02
35k, No. 45	*.03
*10k, No. 55	.03
*3r, No. 57	.10
*5r No. 58	.12
*10k, No. 61	.02
*35k, No. 62	.02
*1r, No. 63	.04
*10k to 35k, Nos. 64 to 66, each	.02
*1r, No. 67	.04
50k, No. 68	*.03
1r, No. 69	*.04
*50k, No. 70	.02
*1r, No. 71	.03

*2r on 35k (87)	.05
*2r on 35k (88)	.04
1921 Air Post	
*10r, No. 251	.10
*20r, No. 252	.15
1920-21 Charity.	
*20(30)k, No 351	.02
*40(55)k, No. 352	.02
*50(70)k, No. 353	.02
*1(1.30)r (354)	.03
*20(30)k, No. 355	.02
*40(55)k, No. 356	.03
*50(70)k, No. 357	.03
*1(1.30)r (358)	.04
*20k+2r, No. 363	.05
*40k+2r, No. 364	.05
*50k+2r, No 365	.08
*1r+2r, No. 366	.10
1919 Russian Occu.	
*5k to 75k, Nos. 460 to 467, set	.05

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1571-98	
5k, No. 3	.50
15k, No. 5	3.50
5k, No. 9	.03
25k, No. 12	.50
2k, No. 13	.05
2k to 10k, Nos. 18 to 21, each	.01
20k, No. 22	.02
3k, No. 24	.02
8k, No. 26	.03
12k, No. 28	.03
20k, No. 30	.06
24k to 50k, Nos. 31 to 33, each	.02
1fl, No. 34	.05
8k, No. 39	.03
12k No. 41	.05
20k, No. 43	.03
24k, No. 44	.05
1900-13	
4f, No. 50	.02
6f, No. 52	.02
60f, No. 57	.02
1kr, No. 58	.02
3kr, No. 59	.15
12f No. 61	.02
20f, No. 62	.03
2kr, No. 64	.12
1f to 35f, Nos. 66 to 77, each	.01
50f to 1kr, Nos. 78 to 80, ea.	.02
2kr, No. 81	.06
5kr, No. 82	.25
16f, No. 83	.04
1913-14	
1f to 10f, Nos. 84 to 89, each	.01
12f. No. 90	.02
16f, No. 91	.04
20f to 50f, Nos. 92 to 96, each	.01
60f, No. 97	.20
60f, No. 98	.02
1kr, No. 99	.02
2k, No. 100	.03
5kr. No. 101	.20
1916-18	
70f, No. 102	*.03
80f, No. 103	*.04
*10f No. 104	.04
*15f, No. 105	.04
50f, No. 119	*.01
75f, No. 120	*.02
80f, No. 121	*.02
1k, No. 122	*.02
2k, No. 123	*.03
*3k, No. 124	.05
3k, No. 124	.03
*5k, No. 125	.10
*10k, No. 126	.15
10k, No. 126	.10
*15f, No. 128	.03
*40f, No. 131	.02
*50f, No. 132	.02

1918 Koztarsasag.	
*2f to 1k, Nos. 153 to 166, ea.	.01
*2k, No. 167	.02
*3k, No. 168	.02
*5k, No. 169	.10
*10k, No. 170	.05
*10f to 50f, Nos. 171 to 176, ea.	.01
1919	
*2f to 50f, Nos. 178 to 189, ea.	.01
*95f-1.40k, Nos. 190 to 193, ea.	.02
2k, No. 194	*.03
3k, No. 195	*.03
5k, No. 196	*.05
10k, No. 197	*.12
1919 Soviet Issue.	
20f to 80f, Nos. 198 to 202, ea.	*.05
1919 Magyar Tanacs.	
*2f to 45f, Nos. 203 to 213, ea.	.01
*50f-1.40k, Nos. 214 to 218, ea.	.02
*2k, No. 219	.04
*3k, No. 220	.03
*5k, No. 221	.05
*10k, No. 222	.08
1919 Szegedin.	
*2f, No. 225	.12
*3f, No. 226	.50
*25f. No. 231	.20
*2k, No. 235	.20
*45f on 3f (240)	.04
*20f, No. 243	.06
*40f, No. 256	.10
*20f on 2f (259)	.05
*10f+2f, No. 554	.05
*2f, No. 603	.30
1919 Commemorative.	
*5f, No. 306	.02
*10f, No. 307	.02
*15f, No. 308	.04
*20f, No. 309	.05
*25f, No. 310	.05
1920-21	
*2f, No. 311	.03
*3f, No. 312	.02
*4f, No. 313	.04
*5f to 25f, Nos. 314 to 319, ea.	.01
*40f-1.20k, Nos. 320 to 325, ea.	.03
*1.40k, No. 326	.05
*2k, No. 327	.06
*3k, No. 328	.10
*5k. No. 329	.10
*10k, No. 330	.20
*20f to 1k, Nos. 331 to 334, ea.	.02
*5f to 60f, Nos. 333 to 339, ea.	.01
*2.50k, No. 340	.02
*50k, No. 342	.15
*100k, No. 343	.30

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1913 Charity.	
1f to 10f, Nos. 451 to 456, ea.	*.02
12f to 50f, Nos. 457 to 460, ea.	*.03
30f to 50f, Nos. 461 to 463, ea.	*.05
*60f, No. 464	.09
60f, No. 464	.05
*1k, No. 465	.10
1k, No. 465	.06
*2k, No. 466	.25
*5k, No. 467	.25
1914 Charity.	
*1f to 16f, Nos. 468 to 475, ea.	.02
*20f to 35f, Nos. 476 to 479, ea.	.03
*50f, No. 480	.04
*60f, No. 481	.04
*1k, No. 482	.50
*2k, No. 483	.30
*5k, No. 484	.30
1915-16 Charity.	
*1f to 10f, Nos. 485 to 490, ea.	.01
*12f, No. 491	.02
*16f, No. 492	.04
*20f to 30f, Nos. 493 to 495, ea.	.02
*35f to 60f, Nos. 496 to 498, ea.	.03
*1k, No. 499	.05
*2k, No. 500	.10
*5k, No. 501	.30
*10f to 40f, Nos. 503 to 505, ea.	.02
*10f to 40f, Nos. 551 to 553, ea.	.02
*40f to 1k, Nos. 565 to 567, ea.	.03
1918-20 Air Post.	
*1k50f, No. 651	.07
*4k50f, No. 652	.15
*3k on 10k (653)	.02
*8k on 10k (654)	.05
*12k on 10k (655)	.10
1915-20 Postage Due.	
*20f/100f, (777)	.04
*6f to 30f, Nos. 781 to 786, ea.	.01
2f to 50f, Nos. 802 to 812, ea.	*.01
*2f to 50f, Nos. 831 to 836, ea.	.01
*2f, No. 838	.02
*3f, No. 839	.02
*10f, No. 840	.03
*20f, No. 841	.03
*40f, No. 842	.04
*50f, No. 843	.05
1923 Official.	
5kr	.02
*50kr	.10
*100kr	.20
1919 French Occu.	
*2f, No. 901	.12
*3f, No. 902	.06
*6f, No. 904	.15
*15f, No. 906	.15
*75f, No. 911	.15
*80f, No. 912	.20
*20f, No. 922	.10
*2f, No. 925	.15
*4f, No. 926	.15
*5f, No. 927	.08
*25f, No. 931	.15
*40f, No. 932	.20
*1k, No. 935	.25
*2f, No. 961	.10
*(2f), No. 965	.10
1919 Transylvania.	
5b, No. 1104	*.02
15b, No. 1106	*.02
25b, No. 1107	*.02
35b, No. 1108	*.03
50b, No. 1110	*.05

75b, No. 1111	*.08
80b, No. 1112	*.08
1 lei, No. 1113	*.08
2 lei, No. 1114	*.20
*5 lei, No. 1116	1.00
*10 lei, No. 1117	1.00
20b, No. 1120	*.03
40b, No. 1122	*.05
*10b, No. 1123	.06
10b+2b (1151)	*.02
15b+2b (1152)	*.03
40b+2b (1153)	*.05
*10b, No. 1185	.10
*20b, No. 1187	.10
Second Debreczin.	
*2f, No. 1401	.20
*3f, No. 1402	.20
*4f, No. 1403	.20
*5f, No. 1404	.06
*6f, No. 1405	.20
*10f, No. 1406	.06
*15f, No. 1407	.20
*20f, No. 1408	.06
*25f, No. 1409	.20
*30f, No. 1410	.10
*35f, No. 1411	.20
*40f, No. 1412	.15
*45f, No. 1413	.15
*50f, No. 1414	.13
*60f, No. 1415	.15
*75f, No. 1416	.13
*80f, No. 1417	.13
*3k, No. 1420	.50
*5k, No. 1421	.63
*10k, No. 1422	.75
Glazed Paper.	
*2f, No. 1423	.20
*3f, No. 1424	.20
*4f, No. 1425	.20
*5f, No. 1426	.13
*6f, No. 1427	.20
*10f, No. 1428	.15
*15f, No. 1429	.20
*20f, No. 1430	.13
*80f, No. 1431	.25
*1k, No. 1432	.38
*2k, No. 1434	.50
Charity.	
*20f, No. 1441	.20
*50f, No. 1442	.38
*1k, No. 1443	.38
*2k. No. 1444	.50
*20f, No. 1445	.50
*50f, No. 1446	.50
*1k, No. 1447	.50
Postage Due.	
*5f to 40f, Nos. 1451-1455; ea.	.13
Serbian Occupation.	
*50f, No. 1502	.04
*70f, No. 1505	.06
*2f, No. 1508	.04
*3f, No. 1509	.05
*5f, No. 1512	.04
*15f, No. 1515	.06
*80f, No. 1522	.20
*1k, No. 1523	.15
*2k, No. 1524	.25
*3k, No. 1525	.25
*45f on 5f (1529)	.04
*45f on 15f (1530)	.05
*10f, No. 1531	.03
*20f, No. 1532	.05
*25f, No. 1534	.13
*25f, No. 1535	.50
*15f+2f (1553)	.07
*20f on 75f (1584)	.15
*150f/15f (1585)	.30
*20f on 2f (1586)	.08
*30f on 6f (1587)	.15
*50f on 5f (1588)	.05
*100f/25f (1589)	.06
*100f/40f (1590)	.06
*100f/45f (1591)	.25
*150f/20f (1592)	.25
*10f on 10f (1593)	.13
*10f on 2f (1596)	.13
*10f on 2f (1598)	.10

TURKEY.

1865-84	
20pa, No. 9	.10
2pi, No. 11	.15
*5pi, No. 12	.22
*10pa, No. 14	.05
*2pi, No. 17	.20
10pa to 1pi, Nos. 42-3-4, ea.	.02
2pi, No. 70	.02
1901-13	
5pi, No. 115	.04
2½pi, No. 123	.10
5pi, No. 124	.05
*10pi, No. 125	.50
2½pi, No. 137	.05
5pi, No. 138	.04
10pa, No. 147	.04
20pa, No. 148	.04
2pi, No. 155	.02
5pi, No. 157	.05
2pa to 1pi, Nos. 237 to 241, ea.	.01
2pi, No. 242	.03
2pi, No. 250	.15
1913 Regular Issue.	
2, 4, 10, 20pa, 1pi, Nos. 254-5-8-9-60, each	.01
*5pa, No. 256	.02
*6pa, No. 257	.02
1½pi, No. 261	.07
1¾pi, No. 262	.06
2pi, No. 263	.03
2½pi, No. 264	.08
5pi, No. 265	.10
10pi, No. 266	.20
25pi, No. 267	.65
50pi, No. 268	1.00
100pi, No. 269	2.50
10pa, No. 271	.03
1pi, No. 273	.04
1pi on 1½pi (277)	.08
*20pa, No. 280	.30

1915-16	
5pa on 10pa (291)	.03
5pa, No. 292	.03
5pa, No. 297	.03
5pa, No. 317	.02
5pa. No. 328	.03
5pa to 1pi, Nos. 345 to 348, ea.	.02
5pi, No. 349	.04
5pa on 10pi (359)	.04
5pa, No. 407	.02
1916-19	
2, 5pa (420-1), ea.	.01
20pa, No. 425	.01
*50pa, No. 428	.04
*10pi, Nos. 431-432-433, each	25
10pi, No. 431	.08
10pi, No. 432	.06
10pi, No. 433	.06
25pi, No. 434	.15
50pi. No. 437	.33
50pi, No. 438	.33
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Phila. R. & P. R.R.	33 mm.	....	....	Black	....	I am not entirely sure of this one. Probably means "Philadelphia, Reading & Pottsville R. R.," although there was no railroad by this name.
Portsmouth & Roanoke R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Brown	....	
Potsdam & Watertown R.R.	36 mm.	....	....	....	Black*	
P H. & Fishkill R.R.	30 mm.	....	....	Black	Black*	Providence, Hartford & Fishkill R. R.
Prov. & Stonington R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	Black	Providence & Stonington R. R.
Prov. & Wor. R.R.	33 mm.	....	Blue*	Black	....	Providence & Worcester R. R.
Rail Road Car	44½ mm.	Red*	....	....	....	In one straight line. No date. Used on the Boston & Worcester R. R. from West Springfield, Mass., to Boston, Mass., Dec. 19, 1843.
Raleigh & Gaston R.R.	33 mm.	....	....	Brown Blue	....	
Richmond Rail Road	30 mm.	....	Blue	....	....	
Richmond R.R. Va.	33 mm.	....	....	Black	....	Richmond R. R., Virginia.
Richmond & Danville R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Blue	....	
Richmond & Ptrsbg. R.R.	32 mm.	....	Bluish-green*	Black	....	Richmond & Petersburg R. R.
Rochester & Niagara Falls R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black*	....	
Roch. & N. Falls R.R.	26 mm.	....	....	....	Black*	Rochester & Niagara Falls R. R.
Rock Island R.R.	31½ mm.	....	....	Black	....	
Rutland & Washtn. R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Blue*	....	Rutland & Washington R. R. I am not entirely sure of this one.
St. Lawrence & Atlantic Rail Road	25 mm.	....	....	Black	....	In circular form, but no circle. On cover without stamps from Clinton, Mass., to Canada East. Date reads "Ap.11, 1854 1" the "1" probably meaning "1st trip." Probably a Canadian postmark. See "Atlantic & St. L. R. R."
South Carolina R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Blue Black	....	
Sullivan & Passumpsic R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	Black	Letters of "Sullivan & Passumpsic" 2 mm. high.
Sullivan & Passumpsic R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	....	Letters of "Sullivan & Passumpsic" 3 mm. high.
Troy & Rutland R.R.	35 mm.	....	....	Black*	Black Blue*	
Troy & Rutland R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	Black	
Troy & Whitehall R.R.	33½ mm.	....	....	Blue Black	....	Black seen only on 1853 stamped envelopes.
Troy & Whitehall R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Black	....	
U.S. Express Mail	30 mm.	Red Blue	....	....	....	
U.S. Express Mail Albany N.Y.	29½ mm.	Red	....	....	....	
U.S. Express Mail Boston Mass.	29½ mm.	Red	Red	Red Black	....	
U.S. Express Mail Boston	33½ mm.	....	....	Black	....	Used on cover without stamps from New York City to Nova Scotia via Boston, Mass.
U.S. Express Mail Eastport	33 mm.	....	....	Black	Black	Letters of "Eastport" are about 3 mm. high and widely spaced. There are two other types of this postmark probably reading the same. In one the letters of "Eastport" are about 3 mm. high and closely spaced. In the other the letters of "Eastport" are 4 mm. high. These are probably not railroad cancellations, but are listed here with the other express mail cancellations for convenience.
U.S. Express Mail N. York N.Y.	29½ mm.	Red	Red	Red Black	Black	
Vermt. & Massts. R.R.	34 mm.	....	Red	Black	....	Vermont & Massachusetts R. R.
Virginia Central R.R.	30½ mm.	....	....	Black	....	
Swoopes Va. C.R.R.	25 mm.	....	....	Ultra-marine?	....	Swoopes, Virginia Central R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes. No year date. May be 1857 period.
Washington Rail Rd.	30 mm.	....	Red*	....	....	
Washington Railroad	30 mm.	....	Blue*	....	....	
Washington & Phila. R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Blue Black	Black	Washington & Philadelphia R. R. I am not entirely sure of the 1857 cover.
Wash. & Phila. R.R.	33 mm.	....	....	Black	....	Washington & Philadelphia R. R. "R.R." is at the top of the postmark.
Watertown & Rome R.R.	32½ mm.	....	....	Red Blue Black	Black*	
West. & Atlantic R.R.	34 mm.	....	....	Red	....	Western & Atlantic R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes.
Westn. & Atlantic R.R.	31½ mm.	....	....	Black	....	Western & Atlantic R. R. Seen only on 1853 issue stamped envelopes.
Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad.	30 mm.	....	Red Blue	Blue	....	
Wil. & Ral. R.R.	33½ mm.	....	Blue*	Blue	....	Wilmington & Raleigh R. R. Also seen on cover with no stamps except an Honour's Carrier.
Zanesville & Columbus R.R.	32 mm.	....	....	Black	....	

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A set of twelve so-called "stamps" each bearing a different portrait of some Lithuanian notable, has been issued to commemorate the admission of Lithuania into the League of Nations. Our agent informs us that these labels were not issued for postal use, but merely as souvenirs, and are sold only in sets, which now realize fancy prices locally. These are of no philatelic interest and we shall neither deal in them nor include them in our catalogue

Mauritius.—The 12c grey (King's head) stamps have now been superseded by a new stamp of the same design, but printed in carmine, and even this will very shortly become obsolete, as a new 12c stamp of the "Arms" type is being printed.

Roumania.—We have had many inquiries for the recently issued Coronation stamps, but all our efforts to obtain them at a reasonable price or in sufficient quantity for our New Issue Service have proved unsuccessful. We are informed that only one set to each applicant was allowed to be sold at the Post Offices, that the supply was quickly exhausted and the stamps are now fetching high prices.—Whitfield King & Co.'s *Monthly List.*

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(Cecil F. Blogg of Seattle sends us the following newspaper clipping and calls our attention to the fact that when this contemplated union of independent states with Russia occurs and their stamps disappear, collectors who neglected these issues will be sorry. It is an interesting bit of news.—W. O. W.)

Moscow, Monday, Dec. 18.—The disappearance of the Ukrainian, Georgian, Armenian and Azerbaijanian republics as independent states through a merger with Russia, thereby ending a long period of loose federation and inaugurating instead a real peace in Russia became certain today when the largest republic—Ukraine—whose Parliament is in session at Kharkov, unanimously adopted such resolutions.

"We hope the other states will do likewise," says a telegram addressed to Nikolai Lenine, "and hope to see you shortly heading a united all-soviet republic."

The reasons given for putting an end to the present system are the necessity for industrial co-operation, pooling economic resources and making united Russia stronger.

FROM GERMANY.

A policy-holder of the Bankers Life of Des Moines, who is now living in Germany, feeling that he could not rely on the value of the mark, recently sent the company 2,000 one-cent United States postage stamps to cover his premium. The stamps arrived in good order and were of course accepted by the company. Along the same line, a Vienna insurance journal tells of a widow who traveled from Meidling to that city by train to collect a 3,000 kronen policy claim. Her traveling expenses were 2,000 kronen. An industrial policy claimant mailed a policy and death certificate to a Vienna company and the paper and envelope, postage and registration cost 340k, while the insurance was 216k. A twenty-year endowment policy matured for 10,000k. The holder turned the proceeds over to her daughter, who could not purchase a handkerchief with it. A German policy-holder sent 100k as a premium to Vienna, the registration stamp costing 6 marks or 300k. And some Americans think it is difficult to pay life insurance premiums.—*Weekly Underwriter.*

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XV. War Tax Stamps, 1916-18.

Canada was the first of the British dominions to levy a war tax on correspondence, and to issue special stamps for its prepayment. Effective 1st March, 1915, every letter and post card posted in Canada was taxed 1 cent, and for this a special 1c WAR TAX stamp was issued. New Zealand followed later in the same year, and in 1916, Jamaica, the Windwards, and several of the Leewards came into line. This war tax was imposed as a means to raise revenue to meet the increased expenses incident to local defense measures, and the sending of contingents to the front.

In Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, and Dominica of the Leewards, an Order-in-Council, made on the 9th August, 1916, levied a tax of ½d on certain letters, to become effective 1st September. Locally, and between the Presidencies, the letter-rate remained 1d.

"RULE

In addition to the postage now chargeable on letters posted in the Presidencies of Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, and Dominica, and addressed to any place in the United Kingdom, or in any other part of the British Empire, outside of the Colony of the Leeward Islands, there shall be charged on every such letter the following additional postage:

On every such letter..........................½d

This rule shall come into effect on the 1st September, 1916, and shall remain in force until the 31st day of March, 1917.

Made by the Governor-in-Council under the authority of section 6, of Leeward Islands Act No. 9 of 1909, this 9th day of August, 1916.

E. D'A. TIBBITS,
Clerk of the Council."

In St. Kitts-Nevis, the following notice was issued by the G. P. O. at Basseterre:—

"POST OFFICE NOTICE.

On and after 1st September all Letters posted to places in the British Empire (except Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica and the Virgin Islands) must bear an extra ½d stamp, in addition to the usual postage. ½d stamps surcharged 'WAR STAMP' will shortly be on sale for this purpose. Until these are ready ordinary stamps can be used."

The tax became effective September 1st, 1916, and as the special stamps were not yet available, ordinary ½d stamps were used to denote the extra postage paid. In October, 1916, the overprinted stamps were received and issued, being a printing of the ½d, 1903 design, overprinted in black WAR TAX, 11x3 mm., in a single line of sans serif capitals. The overprint was applied in London, by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., to complete sheets of 120 stamps, from the same plate used for the London overprinted War Tax stamps of St. Lucia and Grenada, issued in September, 1916.

The Post Office Notice refers to the special stamps as being surcharged WAR STAMP, but the issued stamp bears the overprint WAR TAX.

The first printing was on thin paper, blue green in color, but subsequent printings were on medium paper.

The use of the overprinted stamps was not compulsory as in some Colonies, providing sufficient ordinary stamps were used, nor was the use of the War Tax stamp restricted. That is, it was permissible to use all ordinary, or all War Tax stamps, for postage, war tax, and registration fees.

By the Order-in-Council of 9th August, 1916, the ½d war tax was made applicable only to the United Kingdom and the British Empire, beyond the Colony. This tax was later made effective, on and after 1st February, 1917, on letters to the United States of America, by an Order-in-Council of 19th December, 1916.

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Before the terms of the order of August 9, 1916, expired, a further Order-in-Council, made the 12th February, 1917, extended the time limit indefinitely.

"Rule

In addition to the postage now chargeable on letters posted in the Presidencies of Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, and Dominica, and addressed to any place in the United Kingdom or in any part of the British Empire, outside of the Colony of the Leeward Islands, there shall be charged on every such letter the following additional postage:

On every such letter........................½d

This rule shall come into effect on the 1st April, 1917, and shall remain in force until rescinded.

Made by the Governor-in-Council under the authority of section 6 of Leeward Islands Act No. 9 of 1909, this 12th day of February, 1917.

E. D'A. Tibbits,
Clerk of the Council."

There being no 1½d stamp in the Presidency series for the prepayment of combined postage and war tax, a border plate with this denomination was made up, for use with the St. Kitts seal vignette plate. This stamp, printed in orange, on thin paper, with watermark showing transparently, and overprinted WAR STAMP, in small thin caps, 12x2 mm., in full sheets of 120 stamps, was issued at Basseterre July 24th, 1918. There is a plate variety with the letters of WAR STAMP in slightly smaller type, on stamps 55 and 56 of the right pane. The stamp does not exist without the WAR STAMP overprint. The official notice relating to the issues of this 1½d stamp is dated July 26th, 1918.

"Administrator's Office,
St. Kitts-Nevis,
26th July, 1918.

It is hereby notified for general information that the postage to all parts of the Empire (outside of this Colony), to the United States of America, and to certain other places being now 1½d per ounce. a St. Kitts-Nevis Postage and Revenue stamp of this value, overprinted WAR STAMP, has, for public convenience, been introduced.

These stamps are now on sale at the several Post Offices in the Presidency.

George H. King,
Postmaster."

The first printing of the 1½d WAR STAMP was exhausted by October; a further lot was received in December, 1918.

The formal Order-in-Council authorising the issue of a 1½d stamp was not made until February 21st, 1919, being published in the *Leeward Islands Gazette* of the 27th February.

"Order-in-Council

Whereas by section 3 of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act, 1890, as amended by the Leeward Islands Stamp Act, 1902, it is enacted that 'there shall be a uniform stamp or stamps for use throughout the Colony whereby all Postage Rates and Stamp Duties may be respectively denoted or expressed and such stamps shall be adhesive or embossed or impressed or otherwise as the Governor may by Order-in-Council from time to time direct—provided that the Governor may from time to time by Order-in-Council direct that a special stamp or stamps may be used in each or any Presidency concurrently with such uniform stamp or stamps as aforesaid"—

And whereas by section 4 of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act, 1890, it is enacted that the Governor from time to time shall by Orders-in-Council fix the design or designs and the mode in which each design shall be used and the several values of the stamp or stamps to be used in accordance with said Act:

And whereas it is desirable that there should be special stamps of the denomination of one and a half penny for use in the Presidencies of Antigua and St. Kitts-Nevis concurrently with the stamps of the Colony;

Now therefore, the Governor-in-Council doth hereby order and direct—

(1) that there shall be special stamps of the denomination of one and a half penny for use in the Presidencies of Antigua and St. Kitts-Nevis, concurrently with the stamps of the Colony;

(2) that the said special stamp for use in the Presidency of Antigua shall be adhesive, and shall be of the same design as the special stamps now in use in the said Presidency;

(3) that the said special stamp for use in the Presidency of St. Kitts-Nevis shall be adhesive, and shall be of the same design as the special stamps now in use in the said Presidency.

Made by the Governor-in-Council this twenty-first day of February, 1919.

E. D'A. Tibbits,
Clerk of the Council."

As many printings were made numerous shade varieties exist of both the ½d and 1½d war tax stamps. (The fourth printing of the 1½d was dispatched in March, 1919.) In November, 1919, both values were exhausted at Basseterre, but the 1½d was still to be had at Charleston, Nevis, early in 1920. On November 2nd, 1917, the letter

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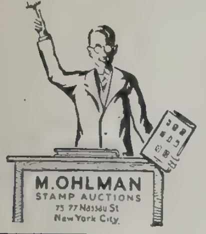

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Plate 5 becoming worn it was replaced in 1918 by plate 6, also 120 set, producing sheets with the plate number positioned as for plate 5. The ¼d and 1d of the Federation series were printed from this plate in 1919.

When plate 3 was discarded in 1918, another 120 set plate (with plate numbers in upper margin only) was made up, numbered 7, to work with plate 4 (with plate numbers in lower margin only), thus making a 240 set printing plate. Plate 4 becoming worn, it was replaced in 1920 by plate 9 (with plate numbers in lower margin only), also 120 set. However, plates 4, 7 and 9 were never used in printing stamp supplies for the Federation.

Late in 1919, plate 6 was superseded by plate 8, 120 set, with plate numbers (four) in the usual positions, and this was used for supplies of the ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d and 5s stamps sent out to the Colony in 1920.

Plate 5. 1916, ¼d, ½d, 1d, 3d, 6d, 5s.
1917, 2d.
1919, 1s and 5s.
Plate 6. 1919, ¼d and 1d.
Plate 8. 1920, ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 5s.

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Through the kindness of Joseph V. K. Wells of the Home of the Postage Stamp we are able to give this information concerning the Colombian Republic air mail service. Mr. Wells writes us as follows with a sample cover as an exhibit:—

"There seem to be two varieties of the 10c, one is a greenish blue of the same type as the 30c herewith and the other is big yellow label 50 mm. wide (on a horizontal plane) and 33 mm. long. It shows an airplane in flight over the ocean and in the border, on each side, is a female figure wildly waving her arms. The 20c and 50c are the same type as the 30c herewith. They are red and indigo blue respectively. We have not seen the other values."

We also quote from a letter of Gonzalo Mejia, addressed to Mr. Wells, the following:—

"I take pleasure in sending you herewith circular giving complete details regarding the Colombian Air Mail Service. I, however, wish to add that since this circular was issued, quite sometime ago, the service has been so successful and of such great benefit to all those who have occasion to use it that it has been augmented to two trips a week, thus making connections with all incoming and outgoing steamers at Barranquilla, Cartagena and Santa Marta.

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Br. Honduras.—1913-21. Although at time of writing most of this issue is still current, new values on Script are appearing from time to time, some of them in a new design. Owing doubtless to the high exchange, with an almost certain fall, many dealers and others have refrained from purchasing this issue to a large extent. I have no doubt that as a result of this policy most of these stamps will rise considerably as soon as they become obsolete and their real scarcity is realized. The dollar values have always been hard to get, especially used, and should be good. The $2, which was the first to become obsolete, will probably prove the best of these. With regard to the paper varieties of the 25c, I prefer the olive paper, particularly so on what I might call the sub-variety "pale" green back, but it seems highly probable that as the emerald has had a very short life, it having already appeared in the new (Nyasaland) type, it may well prove to be the best of the lot by a long way.

1921-22. *Script CA.* Such values as have appeared are all in the old colours; the 5-cent is also in the new design, so that colour changes may be expected in the low values. As these do not seem to be at all plentiful it would be as well to get them while they are still current.

Br. Solomon Is.—1913. The ½d and 1d are not common, but as they have already risen considerably in price, no very rapid further rise is probable. The 3d and 11d are still current, I believe, but the latter is not a common stamp. The 3d on provisional paper is fairly scarce, and, I think, should prove a good purchase at any reasonable price.

1914-17. While none of this issue is particularly common, the shilling values are fairly scarce, and the 5s and upwards are quite uncommon. I certainly think that the high values are worth getting while they are still current.

Br. Somaliland. 1912-19. As the whole of this set has now been obsolete for some months, it ought to be far easier to say which are the scarcest. Although all have risen in price, the 2a and 3r would seem to be the best. With regard to this and other issues in rupee currency, it should not be forgotten that the rupee was worth over 2s not so very long ago, and was, in fact, standardized at that figure. Today it is worth a little under 1s 4d, its pre-war parity value. The fact is that a number of these stamps must have been bought at the high value of the rupee, and this will help to keep prices up.

1921-22. *Script CA.* The low values, being in old colours, may quite possibly be changed, so that it would be as well to get these.

Brunei.—1908-16. The bicoloured 5c and 8c are not common, but they have settled down in value now. Of the others, the 10c white back, 50c on *green*, and the dollar values are fairly scarce, and when they become obsolete the last named should be fairly good.

Canada.—1912-18. Used copies are so plentiful that no appreciable rise in price is likely.

1921-22. *New Colours, etc.* The same remark applies.

Cayman Is.—1912-16. Although obsolete the majority are still obtainable at reasonable prices. However, the 3d, 1s, 5s, and 10s all rose appreciably almost as soon as they went out of issue. The best of the set is probably the 5s, followed by the 3d and 10s. Personally, I rather like the 2s and 3s, and I do not believe they are nearly as plentiful as is often thought. With regard to the coloured papers, the white-backs are not, I should say, as good as was at one time believed, although the 10s is a nice stamp. The best of the 3d is, I think, the new yellow paper, and the original green is the best of the 10s, unless, of course, you differentiate between the olive and pale green papers, in which case I will add that the former is easily the scarcest of the lot, and the other is the commonest.

1921-22. *New Design.* The 3d exists on both original and new yellow papers, the latter being quite scarce. At one time it was believed that only a small quantity of the 2½d had been printed, and that the next printing was to be in a different colour. The price consequently soared, but as the rumour appeared groundless the price fell back again to normal, and beyond the fact that, in common with the other low values, it is due for a change in colour, there seems nothing special about it.

Ceylon.—1912-20. Here, again, the quantity of used copies keeps the price down, and consequently large rises in value should not be expected. The white-backs do not seem to be nearly as good as their catalogue price should indicate.

1921-22. *Script CA.* Some of these will undoubtedly have a very short life, as colour changes are imminent, even if they have not already taken place. The quantity of used copies is not likely to affect the values of these to anything like the same extent as it does the previous issue, so that these should be got before the price jumps.

China.—1917-21. The closing down of these offices has drawn attention to this issue, so that it is perhaps unnecessary for me to say much about it. Used copies are fairly plentiful, and generally speaking cheap, except perhaps for nice copies of the high values, for which there seems to be a better market on the Continent. Both the 50c emeralds should prove good, although at the moment the first seems far scarcer than the second.

1922. *Script CA.* Should all prove quite good.

Cyprus.—1912. All the low values are fairly plentiful, but the high values are scarce, particularly the 45 pi.

1922. *Script CA.* Some of the low values in the old colours are already obsolete and scarce at time of writing, and by the time this is printed I suppose some of the others will be too. The shortness of the time in issue should be a sufficient indication to most collectors to go after these quickly. I should say they are quite scarce enough to rise considerably in price almost at once.

Dominica.—1903-19. This is quite a nice set, with the 2s6d by far the best of the lot, the next best being the 6d and the 2s. The reason for the scarcity of the 2s6d is easily found in its very short life. The 5s is still current, but not at all common, though I doubt if its scar-

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EXPLANATION.—Each manufacturer of cancelling machines uses a distinctive design of postal marking and for this reason it is necessary to distinguish them by a Type letter. In the following list ITT means "International Type T", UTO means "Universal Type O", etc. Die numbers are usually found within the postmark circle. Where no die number is shown we designate them as Die O. Each machine in a post office has its own die number. Occasionally there will be more than one variety of a die of the same number. Those of our readers who use the "Digest" Check List will find it to their advantage to add the following new numbers in ink or pencil to their list and refer to this list for the new varieties:

Additions to Check List.

No. 140. ADDRESS YOUR MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER.
Washington (D. C.), 1921, ITT, Die 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
do., 1922, ITT, Die 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
Chicago (Ill.), 1922, UTO, Die 31.
(N. Y. C.) Sta. P, 1922, ITT, Die 0.
do. Sta. W, 1922, ITT, Die 0.

No. 230. AMERICAN ROYAL LIVE STOCK SHOW, NOV. 18-25, 1922.
Kansas City (Mo.), 1922, UTO, Die 1, 2, 3, 5.
do. (Sta. A), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
do. (Northeast), 1922, UTO, Die 0.

No. 240. ARKANSAS STATE FAIR LITTLE ROCK OCT. 9-15, 1922.
Hope (Ark.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Hot Springs (Ark.), 1922, UTO, Die 2. (Instead of ITT, Die 0 as published.)
Jonesboro (Ark.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Texarkana (Ark.), 1922, ITT, Die 0.

No. 245. ARKANSAS VALLEY FAIR, ROCKY FORD, COLO., SEPT. 4-7, 1922.
Rocky Ford (Colo.), 1922, ATW, Die 0.

No. 250. ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION. REUNION OF VETERANS, NOV. 11.
Wilmington (Del.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.

No. 280. BALTIMORE WEEK OCTOBER 22nd to 28th.
Baltimore (Md.), 1922, ITT, Die 1, 2, 3, 4.

No. 420. CALIF. INDUSTRIES EXPOSITION SAN FRANCISCO OCT. 7-28, 1922.
San Francisco, 1922, ITT, Die 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

No. 425. CENTENNIAL JULY 2-3-4-5, 1922 CELEBRATION.
Marion (Ohio), 1922, ITT, Die 0.

No. 430. CENTRAL TEXAS FAIR AND SAN SAM, AUSTIN, OCT. 30 to NOV. 4.
Austin (Tex.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.

No. 470. CHRISTMAS SEALS. STAMP OUT TUBERCULOSIS.
Trenton (N. J.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Buffalo (N. Y.), 1922, UTO, Die 1.
Pittsburgh (Pa.), 1922, ITT, Die 2.
Richmond (Va.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
No. 500. (Add Die 1, 1922.)
No. 540. (Add ATX, Die 0.)
No. 560. (Add UTO, Die 0.)

No. 750. ENLIST TODAY GERMANY ARMY OF OCCUPATION.
U. S. Army M. P. E. S. 927, 1921, UTM, Die 0.
No. 940. (Add Phoenix, 1921, UTO, Die 0.)

No. 990. FLORIDA STATE FAIR, JACKSONVILLE, NOV. 17-25, 1922.
(Jacksonville) Sta. A, 1922, UTO, Die 1.
No. 1000. (Add Wash., 1918, ITT, Die 1.)

No. 1050. GATEWAY YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.
Bozeman (Mont.), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
No. 1120. (Add Hartford, UTO, Die 1.)
No. 1180. (Add Cloquet, 1921, 1922, Die 0.)

No. 1210. HOT SPRINGS NAT. PARK, ARK.
Hot Springs (Ark.), 1922, ITT, Die 1.
No. 1340. (Add Chicago, UTO, Die 29.)
Stock Yards Sta., UTO, Die 0 (two).

No. 1410. IRRIGATE 2,000,000 ACRES COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECT.
Spokane (Wash.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
No. 1480. (Chicago, UTO, 1920, should read Die 0, 5, 9, 10, 12. 1921, Die 0.)

No. 1570. LANDING OF PONCE DE LEON ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., AUG. 4-6, 1923.
Saint Augustine, 1922; UTO, Die 0.
No. 1600. (Add New York, 1920, UTO, Die 0.

No. 1630. LOS ANGELES CO. FAIR, POMONA, CALIF., OCT. 17-21, 1922.
Pomona (Calif.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.

No. 1710. MARDI GRAS PENSACOLA, FLA. FEB. 10-13, 1923.
Pensacola (Fla.), 1922, ITT, Die 0.

No. 1800. NATIONAL CANCER WEEK, NOV. 12-20.
Little Rock (Ark.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Col. Springs (Colo.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Denver (Colo), 1922, UTO, Die 1, 3.
Gr. Junction (Colo.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Greeley (Colo.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Pueblo (Colo.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Washington (D. C.), 1922, ITT, Die 6, 7, 8.
Evansville (Ind.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Ft. Wayne (Ind.), 1922, UTO, Die 0, 1.
Indianapolis (Ind.), 1922, UTO, Die 1, 2.
Marion (Ind.), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
Terre Haute (Ind.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Vincennes (Ind.), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
Boston (Mass.), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
Springfield (Mass.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Worcester (Mass.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
St. Louis (Mo.), 1922, ITT, Die 1, 2, 4, 5, 6.
Reno (Nev.), 1922, ITT, Die 1.
Rochester (N. Y.), 1922, UTO, Die 1.
Oklahoma City, 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Charleston (W. Va.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Wheeling (W. Va.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
No. 1820. (Add Die 4 to (St. Paul) Comm. Sta.).

No. 1850. NATIONAL FARMERS EXPOSITION TOLEDO, DEC. 1-13, INC.
Toledo (Ohio), 1922, UTO, Die 2.

No. 2100. PAGEANT OF PROGRESS, etc.
Chicago Stations.
Chicago Ave., 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Chicago Lawn, 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Dauphin Park, 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Jackson Park, 1922, UTO, Die 0.
22nd St., 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Wash. Heights, 1922, UTO, Die 0.
West Pullman, 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Wicker Park, 1922, UTO, Die 0.

No. 2330. RED CROSS ROLL CALL NOV. 11-30, JOIN.
Birmingham (Ala.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Little Rock (Ark.), 1922, UTO, Die 1.
Los Angeles (Calif.), 1922, UTO, Die 2, 6.
Sacramento (Calif.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
San Francisco (Cal.), 1922, ITT, Die 1, 2, 4, 5.
Denver (Colo.), 1922, UTO, Die 3.
Bridgeport (Conn.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Hartford (Conn.), 1922, UTO, Die 1, 2.
New Haven (Conn.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Wilmington (Del.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Washington (D. C.), 1922, ITT, Die 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12.
Jacksonville (Fla.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Tampa (Fla.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Atlanta (Ga.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Savannah (Ga.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Peoria (Ill.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Rockford (Ill.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Ft. Wayne (Ind.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Indianapolis (Ind.), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
Marion (Ind.), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
South Bend (Ind.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Des Moines (Iowa), 1922, UTO, Die 3.
Louisville (Ky.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
New Orleans (La.), 1922, UTO, Die 4.
Portland (Me.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Baltimore (Md.), 1922, ITT, Die 3.
Boston (Mass.), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
Fall River (Mass.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Lowell (Mass.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Springfield (Mass.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Worcester (Mass.), 1922, UTO, Die 1.
Detroit (Mich.), 1922, ITT, Die 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
Grand Rapids (Mich.), 1922, UTO, Die 1.
Minneapolis (Minn.), 1922, UTO, Die 5.
St. Paul (Minn.), Commerce Sta., 1922, UTO, Die 1.
St. Louis (Mo.), 1922, ITT, Die 1, 3, 6, 7, 8.
Butte (Mont.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Helena (Mont.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Lincoln (Neb.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
(Omaha, Neb.), Harney Sta., 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Camden (N. J.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Newark (N. J.), 1922, UTO, Die 1, 2.
Paterson (N. J.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Trenton (N. J.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Brooklyn (N. Y.), 1922, ITT, Die 1, 2.
do. (Sta. A), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
do. (Sta. B), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
do. (Sta. S), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
Buffalo (N. Y.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
New York City, 1922, ITT, Die 15.
do., Station B, 1922, ITT, Die 0.
do., City Hall, 1922, ITT, Die 5.
do., Fox St., 1922, ITT, Die 0.
do., Grand Central, 1922, ITT, Die 6, 8.
do., Sta. H, 1922, ITT, Die 0.
do., Madison Sq., 1922, ITT, Die 2.
do., Times Sq., 1922, ITT, Die 0.
do., Varick, 1922, ITT, Die 2, 4.
Rochester (N. Y.), 1922, UTO, Die 1, 2, 3.
Syracuse (N. Y.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Raleigh (N. C.), 1922 UTO, Die 2.
Fargo (N. D.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Cincinnati (Ohio), 1922, ITT, Die 2.
Cleveland (Ohio), 1922, ITT, Die 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
Columbus (Ohio), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
Dayton (Ohio), 1922, ITT, Die 0.
Toledo (Ohio), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Youngstown (Ohio), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Oklahoma City, 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Portland (Oreg.), 1922, UTO, Die 1.
Philadelphia (Pa.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
do., 1922, ITT, Die 0.
Pittsburgh (Pa.), 1922, ITT, Die 0, 3, 6.
Reading (Pa.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Scranton (Pa.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Providence (R. I.), 1922, UTO, Die 1.
Charleston (S. C.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
(Memphis, Tenn.), DeSoto Sta., 1922, UTO, Die 1.
Nashville (Tenn.), 1922, UTO, Die 1.
El Paso (Tex.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Galveston (Tex.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Houston (Tex.), 1922, Die 2.
San Antonio (Tex.), 1922, UTO, Die 1.
Richmond (Va.), 1922, UTO, Die 1.
(Seattle, Wash.) Term. Sta., 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Tacoma (Wash.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
Wheeling (W. Va.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.

No. 2340. REGISTER OR INSURE VALUABLE MAIL.
Los Angeles (Calif.), 1922, UTO, Die 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
Indianapolis (Ind.), 1922, UTO, Die 2.
Minneapolis (Minn.), 1922, UTO, Die 2, 3, 4, 5.

No. 2630. SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR. TAMPA, FEB. 1-10, 1923.
Tampa (Fla.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.
No. 2800. (Change UTO to ITT for Covington.)

No. 3030. VISIT THE FOUR COUNTY FAIR, SUFFOLK, VA. OCT. 24-27.
Suffolk (Va.), 1922, UTO, Die 0.

No. 3070. WISCONSIN PRODUCTS EXPOSITION MILWAUKEE, DEC. 14-20.
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The collector of postal trophies testifying to the prowess or persistence of the post-office department has another specimen for his file. The rubber-stamped inscription that follows, appears on mail that was carried on the lost airplane concerning whose whereabouts so much speculation was indulged in by the press: "Delayed by forced landing Air ail Plane, Porcupine Ridge, Utah, Dec. , 1922. Recovered Dec. 27, 1922."

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Recently, Mr. G. C. Rheinfrank of Chicago, paid a charge of $1.30 on a parcel post package from Austria, which was delivered through the intermediary of a foreign freight contractor in New York City. The addressee wrote to the forwarders asking for an explanation of their connection with the postal service and for information as to the basis for the charges that did not accrue to the postal account. The letter from Messrs. T. D. Downing follows: "We are in receipt of your communication in reference to package which we sent you *via* COD Parcel Post, and we would advise you that the charges as collected by the post-office department for our account cover our charge for making entry and for delivery from the Government warehouse to the Post-Office. The postage from New York to Chicago was prepaid by the shipper." From several experiences that have come to our notice, we think that some confusion exists in the minds of the occasional importer as to the private and postal status of a package of this kind, and we wish that some reader would briefly describe to us the two means that combine to handle the parcel.

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The mended stamp is running to cover; and it seems as though all that was needed was a few pot shots at him. His guilty conscience makes him flee without a fight. One dealer asks us to make it plain that the mended stamp, as such, is not attacked, but we think that it is not necessary to enlarge on this point as that proposition is self-evident. The question of the manner to be adopted by American dealers comes up for discussion and suggestions other than that proposed by Mr. Fennell that "a small 'R' surrounded by a circle would be an inoffensive but unmistakable sign" may be submitted to his paper or to us.

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The Turkey Trot cancellation of Cuero, Texas, which was illustrated in our paper of December 9th, 1922, prompted those of our readers who give eye to advertising cancellations to write to the postmaster at Cuero for impressions of the marking. In view of the increasing number of collectors of the special postmarks, the post-office department has been gracious enough to anticipate and encourage this collecting off-shoot by issuing the following instructions to postmasters, under date of the 28th of December, 1922: "From reports received from time to time it is apparent that the department's philatelic stamp agency is serving to make the Postal Service popular with philatelists and others who follow the practice of collecting the various issues of postage stamped paper. For the purpose of increasing this popularity the department desires to accommodate these patrons and other good citizens engaged in the practice of collecting impressions of postmarks, and to accomplish this end postmasters are requested to comply with applications for copies of impressions of postmarks of their offices in all cases, when such applications are accompanied with return postage.—W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General."

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A. Leon Adutt, J. P., Margate, England, president of the Isle of Thanet Philatelic Society, allows no opportunity for philatelic promotion to be wasted and moreover he is not only a theorist in his support of the pursuit; he gives his time and his talents with great goodwill. Mr. Adutt says: "It may be of interest to you to know that I have this week given a Lantern Lecture written by Fred. J. Melville and illustrated by sixty slides entitled 'Postage Stamps with a history' to the pupils of Margate College, numbering over 350 boarders. The principal of the college is W. Leach Lewis, Esq., J. P., and is at present Mayor of Margate. The lecture was naturally much appreciated, more particularly as the Principal drew the boys' attention to the fact that I was one of their number thirty-five years ago and have since occupied the Civic chair. I am pleased to report that there are a very large number of collectors at the College, budding philatelists, generally, and the principals recognise that the collecting of stamps undoubtedly materially helps the scholars with their knowledge of geography and history generally, both important subjects being acquired naturally in an interesting manner."

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Mr. Carl Krug of Cincinnati, Ohio, is cruel enough to bring up the past in the form of Volume I, Number 1, of the *Philatelist,* Denver, April, 1893, published by the notorious Lewis Bishop, whose name for many years has been anathema in philatelic circles. Mr. Krug marks our article "A Comparison That Is Not Odious" in order that it may not escape our eye! The less said about that article, the better; nor will it be mentioned that it is illustrated by a small halftone of the "author" in his age of innocence. We find over a page of notes from Chicago, headed delectably, "Philatelic Tid Bits," as a second contribution. Lewis Bishop was a Mephistopheles, indeed, as not alone did he not pay his contributors but he induced them to help finance his monthly. The fact is that Bishop was so plausible in his letters and seemingly so naive in some respects that he succeeded in enlisting the good-will of some of the big-hearted stamp folks in this country and England. In the *Philatelist,* Henry Ades Fowler, Toronto, Canada, was advertising his forthcoming *Canadian Journal of Philately* at three dollars a year and the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., L'd, was offering the 53rd edition of the catalogue. In the "Notes from Missouri," we find the following by Lieut. Powell Coleman: "I saw quite a curiosity in the stamp line belonging to a visitor in Salisbury. For a watch charm, he wore a small golden frame with glass sides. Incased in this frame were the 90 cent stamps of 1868 and 1869, one of which could be seen from either side; neither of the stamps was used and they furnished quite a beautiful appearance. Upon being asked, he said that he was no stamp collector but that he was one-year-old when on Jan. 1st, 1870, they were given to him as a birthday present by a stamp collecting uncle. He values them at $50, aye, I dare say they will not be sold for quite a number of years." We hope that the lieutenant is not drawing the long bow in his wish to entertain,—but here, we have just paid well over $50 for an unused ninety cent of 1869. Still, the years from 1893 to 1923 may be "quite a number," although it seems to us that it was only a short time since we received this first and last number of the *Philatelist* from the hand of Bishop, himself. We want to think that Bishop meant well and who knows that but in his simplicity, he thought that editing a stamp paper in the way he had in mind was a short cut to riches and that in a short time he could distribute largesse from his golden throne.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Just as the non-collector is amazed to learn how widespread the collecting of stamps has become, so is the collector of stamp literature often at first astonished at the remarkably diverse assortment of periodicals published during the eighty-two years since the issue of the first stamp.

Like stamps, many of these journals were short-lived and are scarce. A large number died at birth. Some have survived a few months longer. Numerous others have "married," continuing a joint existence under a single name, and the more successful have produced offsprings in the form of supplements such as the one in which we write. To gather examples of all of them would be an impossible task, so the collector must be content with a representative selection.

Be a General Collector.—As a matter of interest the collector of stamp literature should be a general collector; that is to say, all should be fish to his net, and he should take stamp journals of all the world without regard to whether he understands the language in which they are printed. He will find this not only the cheapest way to get a collection together, but most interesting, for his general knowledge of stamps with the smallest smattering of foreign words will, with the illustrations, usually enable him to form some idea of the contents. Lists of stamps in the text, and in the advertisements, are easily understandable in anything but hieroglyphics, and the perusal of them will teach the collector a whole lot of the international ramifications of philately.

Arrangement.—Let us here confess that many who have attempted to collect stamp journals have got into a hopeless mess through want of a little forethought or guidance. Yet this is most easily avoided, and it is quite possible with a little method to keep such a collection quite orderly in a small space, and to know, or to turn to, what one has at a moment's notice.

To keep stamp journals orderly—and economically—the first essential is a good deep shelf, cupboard, or box. The next, some stout pieces of mill-board, foolscap size (or rather wider for preference). To begin with, label the cards at the top with the name of each country represented in the collected literature, arrange them vertically on the shelf or in the box, and merely drop each country's journals behind the proper card. Make no attempt to alphabetise all the world's stamp journals together. This is the common error that leads inevitably to confusion with all but the most painstakingly methodical. For practical purposes, classification by country is the most satisfactory and gives the owner a far better mental grip of his collection. Stored compactly in this way, with no space wasted, it is surprising how much a few feet of shelving will accommodate.

What is a Stamp Journal?—An early difficulty will be to decide the dividing line between a stamp journal and a price list. Many price lists appear periodically and contain much useful information, although not regularly. The character of most publications will be obvious, but there are nevertheless many "on the border." No definite line can be drawn, and the best plan is to drop everything that is not a fly-leaf behind its proper card until several issues accumulate and a considered decision can be made. Never destroy hastily.

Keeping the Files.—As the files accumulate, the numbers of each journal should be sorted and tied with tape or string—preferably tape. Be careful that the smaller journals do not get crumpled. Quarto "bag shaped" envelopes may conveniently be used to cover small publications of which one has only a few issues, and the envelopes, with the name of the journal on the top margin, may then be run in with the rest without risk of damage. Weed out your duplicates, keep them apart, and exchange or sell them as opportunities occur. You will find many opportunities by corresponding with fellow-collectors. Watch first and last numbers of volumes for title-pages and indexes issued with some journals. Take these and keep them apart in a large envelope or box-file to be referred to when volumes are completed. Many journals, however, do not issue this appendage.

Errors.—There are plenty of errors in stamp literature, though none that can be described as "made for collectors." Issue numbers are known "skipped" and "repeated"; volume numbers, especially when in Roman figures, are sometimes wrong. Few journals with a long life are entirely immune, and unless the collector is on the watch for them, such slips are apt to be confusing. It is presumed, however, that the intelligent collector will do more than look at the covers of his possessions, and so long as he is alive to the possibility of these errors occurring they are not likely to cause him any serious difficulty. Since errors in literature are seldom corrected, if at all, except by a note in an ensuing issue or in the index, it follows that no particular value attaches to most of them. While space forbids dealing further, we shall be glad to record in later numbers all such errors of which readers notify us.

Bargain Hunting.—Although rapidly increasing, the collecting of stamp literature has not yet attained such proportions that bargains cannot be found. There are in fact probably more small untapped sources of philatelic literature than there are of stamps, and the sport of hunting them out is just as attractive. Nearly every stamp collector of your acquaintance will have just a few odd journals put away, and if he does not propose to pay attention to them, he should be induced to part. It is possible that many scarce publications may be unearthed in this way; even that hitherto unknown journals may be discovered, although the researches of Mr. E. D. Bacon and others have rendered this possibility somewhat remote.

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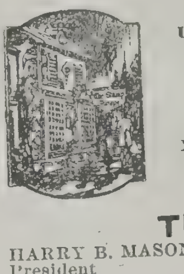

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—I am officially informed that the new 2c Washington, 4c Martha Washington, 9c Jefferson and 10c Monroe will be placed on sale on Monday, January 15, 1923, at the Post-Office at Washington and at the Philatelic Stamp Agency in the same city, so that those readers located at other points may obtain their requirements.

The new 1c Franklin will go to press on Wednesday, January 3, 1923, and the Postmaster General, Hubert Work, has signified his intention of visiting the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to witness the first printing of these stamps. Benjamin Franklin having been the first Postmaster General and the "Father of Thrift," it is proposed to place this stamp on sale on his birthday anniversary January 17th, and as a special tribute during thrift week. The first stamps will be placed on sale at the home of Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa., and at the Philatelic Stamp Agency. The number, however, available at the Philadelphia Post-Office cannot be given at this time, as the printing will be very limited. Other values are expected to follow in short order.

Mr. B. K. Miller has shown me little slips of paper, about the size of a stamp, reading in five lines in red "U. S. Postage Prepaid By the Quarter." These were possibly used in the early days and took the place of the notation we find on many covers of that time "Charge to Box —." Mr. Miller can learn nothing about them nor do we ever recall seeing the sticker before. Perhaps some of our readers can throw light upon the subject?

A dealer informs me that the Secret Service has recently located counterfeit $1 green documentary stamps in use in New York City. The variety may be readily told from the original as it is produced by a photographic method and looks much in color and method of production like the former 1c offset printed postage stamp. It is perforated 12. The genuine of course is line engraved and perforated 11. A collector would recognize the counterfeit immediately.

Through the courtesy of Messrs. H. Clay Reed, A. F. Gamber and others, I am able to add four new overprinted provisional envelopes to the list of known varieties.

Baltimore Overprint.
Die A on blue, Size 7, Wmk. 19, H. B.
St. Louis (IV) Overprint.
Die A on amber, Size 5, Wmk. 19, L. B.
Die H on amber, Size 13, Wmk. 19, H. B.
Second New York Overprint.
Die A on white, Size 11, Wmk. 19, H. B. Ex. Q.

We wish to thank Messrs. Emil Jost, Eugene Whitaker, O. Ivan Lee and M. C. Reynolds.

BR. GUIANA.—The colour of the 2c is to be changed to what the authorities call "blue-purple." This shade, which is being used by many Colonies now, is something between a purple and a violet, being often more of a very bright mauve than either.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

CEYLON.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the 20c blue, script watermark. These are in sheets of 240, four panes of 50 each.

CHINA ON HONG KONG.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that the 8c grey has been issued on script watermarked paper.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The Economist Stamp Co. send us a copy of the 1c in green and 2c in red in the type of A23.

EGYPT.—Mr. Arthur E. Wellington advises of the following stamps of Egypt surcharged "O. H. R. M. S." with two lines of native letters: 1m brown, 2m red, 3m orange, 4m green, 5m pink, 15m blue, 50m maroon. Also postage due "D.5." Crown and two lines of native letters, inverted: 2m vermilion, 4m green and 19m lake.

GERMANY.—The Economist Stamp Co. send us a copy of a new 12 mark stamp in a shade of red. It is the type of the Reaper in the 1921 design.

GOLD COAST.—The "Postage Due" craze is spreading throughout the Empire, but we do not think the various Governments will find these stamps so profitable as postage stamps. Gold Coast is to have ½d, 1d, 2d and 3d Dues on Script.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

IRAQ.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the following on State Service stamps: 6a green, 12a purple and 2r olive.

IRELAND.—Mr. Michael Francis O'Donnell writes to us as follows: "Owing to the unavoidable delay in the permanent issue of the Irish Free State Stamps—one of which, the 2d value (Map of Ireland), appeared on December 6—the Post-Office, to meet the exigency of the service decided to change the overprint on the British stamps from 'Rialtas Sealadac na hEireann 1922' to 'Saorstat 'Eireann 1922' (Irish Free State.)" (It will be observed from the specimen on cover enclosed that the new overprint is in three lines, and that the full stop is omitted.) "The stamp has been overprinted by Messrs. Thom & Co., and though unofficially announced, it was on sale, for the first time in some of the Dublin Post-Offices today."

I understand that the 2s6d, 5sh and 10sh designs of the permanent issue will not make their appearance for a long time to come.

LATVIA.—Mr. Karl Koslowski informs us that No. 107 now comes perforated 10x11½ (10 on top and bottom and 11½ on sides.) No. 110 is listed in Scott's as being perforated 11½, contrary to the stock on hand which is perf. 10 on all sides. If Scott's contentions are righ
the former is a rare stamp as none a
known with this perf. in Latvia.

SAMOA.—The current £2 Postal Fisc
stamp of New Zealand has been ove
printed for use in this territory:—£2 li
(overprinted SAMOA).—*Philate*
Magazine.

RUSSIA.—Mr. Karl Koslowski writi
under date of December 29, 1922, a
vises that No. 183 has again been s
charged with large black figures fr
the lower left, to the upper right corr
reading 100,000rub, evidently the pos
rates having been again advanced. M
Koslowski also adds that he has j
received a cover franked with two cop
each of the new five year commemorati
of the Soviet reign, 25 and 45r and
100,000rub surcharge. Also additio
new stamps of Russia with the us
"R. S. F. S. R." having for the des
an ocean steamer, railroad engine, a
plane and automobile but no value gi
and the only other inscription is "
the Sufferers" so cannot inform us w
they really are.

NEW IRISH STAMPS.

Bright & Son inform us that t
have seen copies of the 2d Great Brit
stamp overprinted in three lines, "Sa
stat Eireann 1922," which is suppo
to have been issued on Dec. 12. P
sumably the map stamp, issued Dec
is now obsolete, but this has not
been confirmed.

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city will be really appreciated until it becomes obsolete.

1921-22. *Script CA.* Once again we find the colour-changing fiend has not yet molested the issue under consideration, but I do not think he will be long denied as regards the low values.

East Africa and Uganda.—1912-21. Here, again, the exchange question is one which has a very considerable influence on the value of the stamps. Most of this set were issued when the rupee was worth about 1s4d, although I have no idea what the rate was when most of them were bought. Although the rupee was standardized everywhere at 2s, the East African currency was afterwards changed to a florin (and later still to shillings and cents of a shilling), so that in this instance there has been no fall in face value due to exchange, such as has been experienced by all other stamps (except, of course, G. E. A.'s) with values in rupees or fractions of a rupee. When considering the probable increase in value of these stamps, we must, of course, not lose sight of the fact that most of them started their existence with a considerably lower face value than they finished it with. I think they will all rise steadily, if not very rapidly, in value, and the 4r is a stamp not very often seen. Of the two 20r stamps, the first, on red paper, fetches a good price, and is often considered far better than the second, on blue paper. With this I do not agree, and it must not be overlooked that while the first was available when the rupee was in the neighbourhood of 1s4d, the second never was. Of the coloured papers, we have the great rarity 75c first emerald, and the probably still rare 75c, on olive (not on pale green, as this is quite common). The 75c second emerald is fairly hard to get, and when the new set comes along should prove quite good. The same applies to he 1r, emerald. The best of the 25c s probably the lemon paper.

1921-22. *Script CA.* Not at all likely o have a long life, in fact the new set was expected to have been issued a long while back.

G.E.A.—1917-22. Are all obsolete and ave, consequently, risen slightly in price. By far the best are the emeralds, which hould prove good. The 4r is again not common.

1921-22. *Script CA.* These I fully xpect to rise quite a lot before very ong, the price being still very reasonable. With regard to the 1c and 10c locals, from an absurdly high price these have ow fallen to an equally absurdly low ne. This is not likely to last very long s the stocks of them must be very mited.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly ircular.*

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INTERESTING OTHERS.

By L. H. BRIGHAM.

Many more people could be made to take an active interest in the collecting of postage stamps if those who are already collectors would do a little efficient missionary work in the cause of their hobby.

Collecting stamps is not a pastime that one need be ashamed of. In fact, one should be proud to be known as a persistent and enthusiastic collector. Seriously following up stamps denotes a certain amount of perseverance and a desire for knowledge regarding things out of the ordinary, that is certainly commendable, especially in the young person.

Just stop and think; if you had one or two other friends and acquaintances who were collectors, how much more fun you could have buying, selling, and exchanging stamps with them—and best of all, entering into friendly competition with them as to who should eventually have the largest and finest-appearing collection. This last is the real goal to strive for. A friend may have a larger collection but there is no reason why it should in any way excel yours in either arrangement or neatness of appearance—neither of these qualities being dependent upon size. It should always be kept in mind that appearance is everything. Get some of your older friends interested and you will always have those at hand who will continuously encourage your pursuit of these fascinating little pieces of colored paper from the many corners of the world.

Now the big question is, *how* to arouse this interest in one who has, perhaps, never before been inoculated with the serum of philately. What interests or appeals to one person may utterly fail to arouse even the slightest enthusiasm in another. However, let us consider the following:

Stamps represent very fine engravings of a thousand and one subjects, done in miniature but complete in every detail, for all of that. They are printed in a great variety of colors upon different sized and shaped pieces of paper, coming from almost every known corner of the world's surface. Some people have an eye or weakness for fine, rich shades and colors, beautiful blendings, and color contrasts. Stamps can certainly show these in abundance. Others are interested in photography, drawing, painting, fine engravings, views of other lands, etc. Here again postage stamps can supply lovers of these subjects with an endless amount of material for consideration, study, and research.

The scholar, reader, thinker, and he of the unsettled disposition can be attracted from the geographical and historical point of view. The postmarks; the various languages and forms of currency depicted upon the stamps; the heads of former and present kings, queens, and other rulers; fine monuments and public buildings; historical events of national importance, famous cities, by-gone heroes and martyrs, and a score of other subjects vividly representative of these peoples from other lands all have an appeal which is hard to resist if they can but be forcibly brought to the attention of the non-collector. Much valuable information can be gleaned from the study of stamps that can be obtained in no other manner and is not found in books.

In spite of the individual appeal that stamps may have for one, there is nothing like an entire collection with its pages of beautifully arranged stamps to arouse whole-hearted and genuine enthusiasm. One can but be impressed by the neatness of arrangement and the great variety of colors and designs.

One should also acquire all of the interesting information possible on their stamps, especially regarding those of exceptional beauty and unusual appearance. A stamp that attracts one, interests one. It naturally follows that when one becomes interested in a certain thing he wants to know more about it. What will your friends think if, after arousing their interest, you are unable to tell them the very things they want to know about stamps? If you are unable to do this, do not expect them to take up the hobby with any degree of seriousness or enthusiasm—because they won't.

When you have at last succeeded in inducing a friend to take up collecting, one-half of the battle is won. It is one thing to start a collector and another to keep him at it until he, of his own accord, becomes so interested that it is no longer necessary to keep encouraging him. This desired result can never be attained in another if one allows one's own interest and enthusiasm to lag for a single moment.

A collector who *is* a collector in the truest sense of the word, and one really worthy of the name, *is continually going after stamps and not waiting for them to come to him.* This is the only way to make a collection grow.

As one's collection grows, so does one's knowledge of stamps and all things philatelic.—*The Haversack.*

GLEANINGS

—The Buckey Stamp Co., Dayton, O., has just issued its Special Price list No. 10, and it will be sent to anyone who may ask for it.

—F. H. Vallancey, publisher of *Stamp Collecting,* 89 Farringdon St., London, Eng., wishes the following back numbers of the WEEKLY:—Whole Numbers, 53, 60, 81, 170, 176, 650, 744, 974, 1149, 1150, 1152, 1154, 1155, 1157, 1158, 1160, 1161, 1165, 1167 and 1365. Will any subscriber who can furnish some of these advise this office? The papers are desired to complete a personal file of our publication.

—A. A. Leve of Syracuse, N. Y., sends out *Leve's Lively Little List,* to all who ask for it. Mr. Leve is sufficiently enthusiastic to list stamp publications that he is willing to accept subscriptions for.

—The Christmas number of *Stamp Collecting* is a bumper number of 72 pages and a remarkable feat in philatelic journalism. We congratulate Messrs. Vallancey and Ingram upon the enterprise manifested.

—Thomas Nixon, a Calgary subscriber, informs us that his prize collection of Canadian stamps was recently stolen at a fair held in that city. It had been placed upon exhibition and had attracted much favorable comment because of its completeness. Any information that will lead to the locating of this collection of Canada may be sent to the WEEKLY.

—*H. A. W.*—We do not know of any dealer who has advertising cancellations for sale.

—The Syracuse Stamp Club has elected the following officers for 1923: Pres., Harry A. Dunsmoor; Vice Pres., George H. Heindorf; Sec'y and Treas., R. C. Sabin. Directors, Messrs. McClusky, Fryer, Fulmer, Leve and Cox. Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 311 Montgomery St., Syracuse, N. Y.

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11 var. (81-91)	1.09	.35
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* 19 var. (413-431)	.60	.21
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* 1 var. (159)	8.00	2.75
* 11 var. (177-187)	2.33	1.25
* 3 var. (188-190)	.30	.15
* 5 var. (191-195)	1.45	.65
* 1 var. (200)	.45	.50
* 4 var. (202, 203, 205, 206)	.85	.35
* 1 var. (311)	5.00	5.00
* 3 var. (315-317)	.90	.40
* 6 var. (319-324)	1.20	.50
* 23 var. (114-138)	11.54	7.50
17 var. **Romanoff** (88-104) ..	2.59	.90
Off. in China, 1 var. (21) ...	5.00	2.05
1 var. (45)	.75	.29
4 var. (20-23)	33.50	20.00
18 var. (50-67)	51.02	29.00
1 var. (68)	..	35.00
***Saar,** 9 var. (21-30, 32)	1.91	.65
12 var. (41-53)	.99	.32
Schleswig, 14 var. (1-14)	1.24	.35
***South Russia,** 11 var. (61-71) ..	3.58	1.55
Switzerland, 3 var. (170-172) ..	.22	.10
***Upper Silesia,** 6 var. (1-6)	.33	.10
* 17 var. (15-31)	1.17	.40
***West. Ukrainia,** 9 var. (85-93)..	.57	.18
***Wurtemberg,** 4 va. (232,233,254,256)	.40	.13
* 6 var. (245-250)	.40	.12
* 13 var. (357-369)	.55	.17
* 10 var. (375-384)	.60	.20

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15kr, No. 28	.03
2kr, No. 29	.02
25kr, No. 34	*.10
50kr, No. 40	.35
20kr, No. 45	.04
1gld, No. 62	.06
50kr, No. 67	.03
*2gld, No. 69	.15
1900-13	
2h to 5h, Nos. 71-2-3, ea.	*.01
*6h to 25h, Nos. 74 to 77, each	.02
*30h, No. 78	.04
*40h, No. 79	.04
*50h, No. 80	.04
*60h, No. 81	.04
*35h, No. 85	.06
*10h to 25h, Nos. 105 to 108, ea.	.02
*30h, No. 109	.04
1h to 1k, Nos. 110 to 123, ea.	.01
2k, No. 124	.02
5k, No. 125	.10
5h, No. 130	*.03
10h, No. 132	*.03
25h, No. 135	*.05
*35h, No. 137	.20
1k, No. 140	*.35
72h, No. 144	.02
1916-18	
3h to 1k, Nos. 145 to 159, ea.	.01
*15h to 90h, Nos. 150 to 158, ea.	.03
2k, Nos. 160-a, ea.	.02
3k, No. 161	.03
*4k, No. 162a	.07
*10k, No. 163	.50
15h to 30h, Nos. 168 to 171, ea.	*.01
*2k, No. 172	.04
*3k, No. 173	.08
*4k, No. 174	.12
*10k, No. 175	.50
1918 Deuteschreich.	
*3h to 10h, Nos. 181 to 184, ea.	.01
*12h to 20h, Nos. 185-6-7, each	.02
*30h, No. 189	.02
*40h, No. 190	.02
*50h, No. 191	.04
*60h, No. 192	.03
*80h, No. 193	.03
*90h, No. 194	.04
*1k, No. 195	.05
*2k, No. 196	.10
*10k, No. 199	.60
1919-20	
3h to 1k, Nos. 200 to 211, ea.	*.01
*2k, No. 212	.02
3k, No. 213	*.01
4k, No. 214	*.04
10k, No. 215	*.02
*5h to 40h, Nos. 216 to 219, ea.	.01
25h to 15h, Nos. 223 to 237, ea.	*.01
1920-21	
80h to 4k, Nos. 238 to 244, ea.	*.01
5k, No. 245	*.02
*7½k, No. 246	.02
10k, No. 247	*.03
1922	
*1½k to 20k, Nos. 250 to 260, ea.	.01
*25k to 40k, Nos. 261-2-3, each	.02
*75k, No. 265	.03
*20k, No. 269	.02
*25k, No. 270	.02
*50k, No. 271	.03
*100k, No. 272	.04
*200k, No. 273	.06
*500k, No. 274	.08
*180k, No. 282	.02
240k, No. 284	.02
300k, No. 285	.02
Newspapers.	
*2h to 30h, Nos. 377 to 381, ea.	.01
*2h to 60h, Nos. 382 to 395, ea.	.01
*45h to 7½k, Nos. 402 to 409, ea.	.01
Special Delivery.	
*2h to 50h, Nos. 551 to 54-58, ea.	.01
1918 Air Post.	
1.50k, No. 575	.07
2.50k, No. 576	.10
4k, No. 577	.20
1914-18 Charity.	
5h to 10h, Nos. 601 to 605, ea.	.01
20h, No. 606	*.02
35h, No. 607	*.03
10h to 45h, Nos. 608-9-10, ea.	*.02
1921 Charity.	
*5h to 1k, Nos. 611 to 621, ea.	.01
*1½k to 3k, Nos. 622 to 625, ea.	.02
*4k, No. 626	.03
*5k, No. 627	.03
*7½k, No. 628	.05
*10k, No. 629	.05
*20k, No. 630	.06

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1915 K. U. K.	
*30h, No. 760	.30
*35h, No. 761	.22
*40h, No. 762	.25
*45h, No. 763	.22
*50h, No. 764	.22
*60h, No. 765	.09
72h, No. 766	*.22
1k, No. 767	*.35
2k, No. 768	*.30
3k, No. 769	*4.00
5k, No. 770	*3.00
1915	
1h, No. 772	*.01
2h, No. 773	*.03
3-5-6h, Nos. 774-5-6, each	*.01
10h, No. 777	.05
12h, No. 778	.03
20h, No. 779	.05
25h, No. 780	*.03
30h, No. 781	*.03
35h, No. 782	.03
40h, No. 783	.05
45h, No. 784	*.05
50h, No. 785	*.05
60h, No. 786	.03
72h, No. 787	*.05
1k, No. 788	.30
2k, No. 789	.15
*2k, No. 789	.25
3k, No. 790	.20
10k, No. 792	*.40
1916-17	
10h, No. 793	*.02
15h, No. 794	*.02
80h, No. 796	*.04
90h, No. 797	.09
1917, KARL.	
1h to 10h, Nos. 798a to 802, ea.	*.01
12h to 40h, Nos. 803 to 808, ea.	*.02
50h, No. 809	*.05
60h, No. 810	*.03
*80h, No. 811	.03
*90h, No. 812	.05
2k, No. 813	*.03
*3k, No. 814	.15
*4k, No. 815	.30
10k, No. 816	*.25
Military Newspapers.	
2h to 20h, Nos. 891 to 894, ea.	.02
1893 Postage Due.	
*1kr to 5kr, Nos. 925 to 928, ea.	.02
*6kr to 10kr, Nos. 929-30-31, each	.03
*20kr, No. 932	.05
*50kr, No. 933	.13
1900 Imperforate.	
1h to 10h, Nos. 934 to 940, ea.	*.01
*40h, No. 944	.04
1900-13 Perforate.	
1h to 12h, Nos. 946 to 953, ea.	.01
100h, No. 957	.03
1h to 10h, Nos. 958 to 962, ea.	.01
14h, No. 962a	*.02
25h, No. 964	.03
30h, No. 965	.03
50h, No. 966	.02
100h, No. 967	.03
5k, No. 968	.10
10k, No. 969	.06
*15h/2h, No. 971	.02
1916	
*5h to 20h, Nos. 973 to 976, ea.	.01
*25h to 50h, Nos. 977 to 980, ea.	.02
*1k, No. 981	.04
*5k, No. 982	.10
*10k, No. 983	.13
10k, No. 983	.07
1917 Surcharged.	
*15h to 50h, Nos. 985 to 987, ea.	.02
1919 Perforate.	
*5h to 1k, Nos. 1002 to 1011, ea.	.01
*5k, No. 1012	.03
*10k, No. 1013	.05
1919 Imperforate.	
*5h to 80h, Nos. 1014 to 1022, ea.	.01
1921 Perforate.	
*1½k to 20k, Nos. 1023 to 1028, ea.	.02
*7½k, No. 1029	.03
1922	
*1k to 50k, Nos. 1030 to 1038, ea.	.01
*10k to 100k, Nos. 1039 to 1045, ea.	.01
*150k, No. 1046	.02
*200k, No. 1047	.02
1919 Italian Occu.	
3h, No. 1151	.20
12h, No. 1155	.50
10c, No. 1177	*.03
20c, No. 1178	.03
*20h, No. 1187	.04
5h to 20h, Nos. 1233-4-5, each	*.02
*1c to 25c, Nos. 1241 to 1246, ea.	.01
*40c, No. 1247	.04
*45c, No. 1248	.04
*50c, No. 1249	.04
*60c, No. 1250	.05
*1cor, No. 1251	.08
*1cor, No. 1252	.25
*25c, No. 1262	.06
Postage Due.	
*5c, No. 1283	.01
*10c, No. 1284	.02
*20c, No. 1285	.04
*30c, No. 1286	.05

OFFICES IN TURKEY.

*2sld, No. 1	.03
*5sld, No. 3	.02
*25sld, No. 6	.05
*2sld, No. 8	.02
*20pa, No. 16	.03
*2pia, No. 18	.04
*5pia, No. 19	.06
*8pa, No. 20	.02
10pa, No. 21	.03
1pia, No. 23	.02
2pia, No. 26	.04
*1pia, No. 34	.03
*2pia, No. 35	.04
*5pia, No. 36	.05
*10pia, No. 37	.10
*20pia, No. 38	.15
20pa, No. 40	*.02
*10pa, No. 43	.02
*30pa, No. 45	.03
*10 to 20pa, Nos. 46 to 47, each	.01
*30pa, No. 48	.02
1pia, No. 49	.02
*60pa, No. 50	.03
*2pia, No. 51	.03
5pia, No. 52	*.05
*10pia, No. 53	.08
*20pia, No. 54	.20
20pa, No. 56	*.02
1pia, No. 57	*.03
Postage Due.	
*1pi on 20h (102)	.02
2pi on 40h (103)	*.04
5pi on 100h (104)	*.06
*1pia, No. 107	.04
*1½pia, No. 108	.03
*2pia, No. 109	.04
*5pia, No. 110	.06
*10pia, No. 111	.13
*20pia, No. 112	.25
*30pia, No. 113	.33

OFFICES IN CRETE.

*10c, No. 2	.03
50c, No. 4	*.10
*1fr, No. 5	.10
1fr, No. 5	.20
*2fr, No. 6	.15
2fr, No. 6	.40
*4fr, No. 7	.25
4fr, No. 7	.60
*10c, No. 9	.03
*25c, No. 10	.03
25c, No. 10	.10
*50c, No. 11	.06
50c, No. 11	.20
*10c, No. 13	.04
15c, No. 14	*.05
5c No. 15	*.02
*10c, No. 16	.02
15c, No. 17	*.02
*50c, No. 19	.05
50c, No. 19	.10
*1fr, No. 20	.08
1fr, No. 20	.25
10c, No. 21	.04
25c, No. 22	*.04

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5c, No. 2	1.00
10c, No. 3	.60
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30c, No. 5	.06
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5s, No. 10	.04
10s, No. 11	.15
15s, No. 12	.20
5s, No. 13	.06
5s, No. 22	.05

BAVARIA.

1849-75	
3kr, No. 2	.08
6kr, No. 3	.07
9kr, No. 6	.20
*18kr, No. 8	3.50
9kr, No. 18	2.00
12kr, No. 19	3.50
18kr, No. 20	4.50
1kr, No. 23	06
3kr, No. 24	.03
7kr, No. 26	.10
9kr, No. 27	*.06
10kr, No. 28	.20
1m, No. 31	5.00
*1kr, No. 33	.03
*3kr, No. 34	.03
1888-1900	
*10pf, No. 58	.04
*20pf, No. 59	.06
50pf, No. 61	.03
*3pf, No. 62	.04
*5pf, No. 63	.04
*25pf, No. 64	.10
*50pf, No. 65	.13
*30pf, No. 67	.10
*40pf, No. 68	.13
*80pf, No. 69	.20
1903-11	
*5pf, No. 72	.15
3pf to 20pf, Nos. 77 to 80, each	.01
25pf to 50pf, Nos. 81 to 84, each	.02
60pf, No. 84a	.04
80pf, No. 85	.04
1m, No. 86	.04
2m, No. 87	.18
*2m, No. 87	.50
3m, No. 88	.50
*3m, No. 88	.75
5m, No. 89	.80
*5m, No. 89	1.00
10m, No. 90	1.50
*10m, No. 90	2.00
20m, No. 91	*3.00
5(pf), No. 92	*.03
10(pf), No. 93	*.04
1914-16	
3pf to 60pf, Nos. 94 to 102, each	*.02
80pf, No. 103	*.03
1m, No. 104	*.04
2m, No. 105	.06
3m, No. 106	*.10
5m, No. 107	*.20
10m, No. 108	*.40
20m, No. 109	*.75
2½pf to 2pf, Nos. 110 to 114, ea.	*.01
Imperforate issue at same prices.	
1919 Bavaria surcharged Volkstaat.	
3pf to 25pf, Nos. 136 to 142, ea.	*.01
30pf to 60pf, Nos. 143 to 147, ea.	*.02
75pf, No. 148	*.03
80pf, No. 149	*.03
1m, No. 150	*.04
2m, No. 151	*.07
3m, No. 152	*.10
5m, No. 153	*.20
10m, No. 154	*.35
20m, No. 155	*.75
Imperforate Issue at same prices.	
1919 Germany surcharged Freistaat.	
2½pf to 25pf, Nos. 176 to 183, ea.	*.01
35pf to 75pf, Nos. 184 to 187, ea.	*.02
1m, No. 188	*.04
2m, No. 189	*.07
3m, No. 190	*.10
5m, No. 191	*.15
1919 Bavaria surcharged Freistaat.	
3pf to 25pf, Nos. 193 to 199, ea.	*.01
30pf, No. 200	.02
50pf, No. 202	.02
80pf, No. 205	*.03
1m, No. 206	.04
2m, No. 207	.07
3m, No. 208	.10
5m, No. 209	*.20
10m, No. 210	*.35
20m, No. 211	*.75
Imperforate issue at same prices.	
1920	
1.25 on 1m (231)	*.04
1.50 on 1m (232)	*.05
2.50 on 1m (233)	*.08
*20pf on 3pf (237)	.02
1920 Farewell Issue.	
5pf to 20pf, Nos. 238 to 241, ea.	*.01
30pf to 75pf, Nos. 242 to 246, ea.	*.02
1m, No. 247	.04
1¼m, No. 248	.05
1½m, No. 249	.05
2½m, No. 250	.10
3m, No. 251	.12
5m, No. 252	.20
10m, No. 253	.35
20m, No. 254	.75
1920 surcharged Deutsches Reich.	
5pf to 20pf, Nos. 256 to 259, ea.	*.01
30pf to 60pf, Nos. 260 to 263, ea.	*.02
75pf, No. 264	*.03
1m, No. 266	*.04
1¼m, No. 267	*.05
1½m, No. 268	*.05
*2m, No. 269	.08
2½m, No. 270	*.10
3m, No. 271	*.12
*4m, No. 272	.15
5m, No. 273	*.20
10m, No. 274	*.35
20m, No. 275	*.75
1919 Charity.	
10pf to 20pf, Nos. 251 to 253, ea.	*.02
Postage Due.	
*3kr, No. 401	3.00
*1kr, No: 402	.15
1916-17 Official.	
3-5-10pf, Nos. 509-10-12, each	*.01
7½pf, No. 511	.02
15pf, No. 513	.02
20pf, No. 514	*.05
25pf, No. 515	*.02
*30pf, No. 516	.03
60pf, No. 517	*.05
1m, No. 518	*.13
7½pf to 20pf, Nos. 519-21-22, each	.01
1919 Volkstaat.	
3pf to 20pf, Nos. 527 to 532, ea.	.01
25pf to 50pf, Nos. 533 to 536, ea.	.03
60pf, No. 537	.04
75pf, No. 538	.05
1m, No. 539	.08
1920 Official.	
5pf to 20pf, Nos. 540 to 543, ea.	.01
30pf to 50pf, Nos. 544 to 546, ea.	.02
60pf, No. 547	.03
70pf, No. 548	.04
75pf, No. 549	.04
80pf, No. 550	.04
90pf, No. 551	.05
1m, No. 552	.05
1¼m, No. 553	.05
1½m, No. 554	.06
2½m, No. 555	.09
3m, No. 556	.10
5m, No. 557	.18
Deutsches Reich.	
5pf to 60pf, Nos. 558 to 565, ea.	.01
70pf to 90pf, Nos. 566 to 569, ea.	.04

BAVARIA—Continued

1m, No. 570	.05
1¼m, No. 571	.05
1½m, No. 572	.06
2½m, No. 573	.09
3m, No. 574	.10
5m, No. 575	.18

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⅛gr, No. 2	.25
5gr, No. 6	.15
18kr, No. 11	*1.00
¼gr, No. 13	.40
⅓gr, No. 14	.06
*2kr, No. 20	.75
*½s, No. 24	.07
1870 Official.	
¼gr, No. 27	*.50
⅓gr, No. 28	.38
1gr, No. 30	*.05
*1kr, No. 32	.65
*2kr, No. 33	1.75
*3kr, No. 34	.60

German Empire.

1906-20	
3m, No. 93	.05
*3m, No. 93	.15
*5m, No. 94	.25
National Assembly.	
10pf to 30pf, Nos. 105 to 108, ea.	*.02
*1.25m, No. 112	.05
*1.50m, No. 113	.05
*2.50m, No. 114	.09
*1.25m/1m (115)	.05
*1.50m/1m (116)	.06
*2.50m/2m (117)	.20
*5pf to 30pf, Nos. 118 to 123, ea.	.01
*40pf to 60pf, Nos. 124-5-6, each	.02
*75pf-1¼m, Nos. 127 to 130, ea.	.03
*2m, No. 131	.05
*4m, No. 132	.09
1921 Surcharged.	
*1.60m/5pf (133)	.03
*3m/1¼m (134)	.04
*5m on 75pf (135)	.08
*10m/75pf (136)	.15
1921-22	
*5pf to 100pf, Nos. 137 to 146, ea.	.01
*120pf to 4m, Nos. 147 to 152, ea.	.02
*5m, No. 153	.04
*10m, No. 154	.08
*20m, No. 155	.15
*2, 4, 5m, Nos. 171-3-4, each	.02
1919-22 Air Post.	
*10pf, No. 201	.01
*40pf, No. 202	.02
*25pf to 5m, Nos. 203 to 211, ea.	.01
1919 Charity.	
*10pf+5pf (225)	.03
*15pf+5pf (226)	03
1920-21 Official.	
*10pf to 50pf, Nos. 252 to 257, ea.	.01
*1m, No. 258	.03
*1.25m, No. 259	.04
2m, No. 260	.03
*5m, No. 261	.10
*10pf, No. 262	.01
60pf, No. 263	*.02
2m, No. 273	*.03
1919 Belgian Occu.	
*1c to 15c, Nos. 301 to 305, ea.	.01
*20c, No. 306	.03
*25c, No. 307	.04
*35c, No. 308	.04
*40c, No. 309	.05
*50c, No. 310	.06
*1fr, No. 311	.10
1920 Eupen Issue.	
*5c to 25c, Nos. 328 to 332, ea.	.02
1919 Polish Occu.	
*5pf on 2pf (381)	.33
*5pf/7½pf (382)	.05
*5pf/20pf (383)	.04
*10pf/25pf (384)	.19
*10pf/40pf (385)	.08
*5pf on 2pf (386)	1.00
*10pf/7½pf(387)	1.00
Offices in Morocco.	
*60c/50pf (27)	.20
*1p on 80pf (28)	.20
*5c on 5pf (32a)	.20

ALLENSTEIN.

1920 First issue.	
5pf, No. 1	*.01
10pf, No. 2	*.02
15pf, No. 3	*.02
*15pf, No. 4	.10
20pf, No. 5	*.03
30pf, No. 6	*.03
40pf, No. 7	*.04
50pf, No. 8	*.06
75pf, No. 9	*.08
1m, No. 10	*.13
1.25m, No. 11	*.10
1.50m, No. 12	*.13
2.50m, No. 13	*.15
3m, No. 13	*.25
Second Issue.	
5pf to 15pf, Nos. 15 to 17, each	*.01
20pf, No. 19	*.02
30pf, No. 20	*.03
40pf, No. 21	*.03
50pf, No. 22	*.04
75pf, No. 23	*.05
1m, No. 24	*.06
1.25m, No. 25	*.08
1.50m, No. 26	*.08
2.50m, No. 27	.10
3m No. 28	*.13

DANZIG.

1920 on Germany.	
5pf to 20pf, Nos. 1 to 4, each	*.01
*30pf to 50pf, Nos. 6 to 8, each	.02
1m, No. 11	*.04
*1.25m, No. 12	.04
*2m, No. 14	.06
*2.50m, No. 15	.09
*4m, No. 17	.10
*5m, No. 18	.20
*5pf to 25pf, Nos. 19 to 21, each	.01
*60pf/30pf (22)	.03
*80pf/30pf (23)	.04
1m on 30pf (25)	*.05
*2m on 35pf (27)	.10
*3m/7½pf (28)	.15
*5m on 2pf (29)	.25
10m/7½pf (30)	*.30
5-15-20-25pf, Nos. 34-7-8-9, each	*.01
75pf, No. 45	*.04
1921	
*5pf to 40pf, Nos. 49 to 52, each	.01
*80pf, No. 53	.03
*1m, No. 54	.03
*2m, No. 55	.04
*3m, No. 56	.06
*5m, No. 57	.13
*10m, No. 58	.20
*60pf/75pf (62)	.03
*5pf to 1m, Nos. 63 to 73, each	.01
*1.20m, No. 74	.03
*2m, No. 75	.03
*3m, No. 76	.05
*5m, No. 77	.06
*10m, No. 78	.13
*20m, No. 79	.25
1920 Air Post.	
*40pf, No. 201	.02
*60pf, No. 202	.03
*1m, No. 203	.05
1921 Charity.	
*30pf+30pf (251)	.02
*60pf+60pf (252)	.02
*1.20m, No. 253	.04
1921-22 Postage Due.	
*10pf to 80pf, Nos. 401 to 405,ea.	.01
*120pf, No. 406	.02
*240pf, No. 407	.04
*400pf, No. 408	.06
*500pf, No. 409	.08
*800pf, No. 410	.09
*75pf, No. 411	.01
*200pf, No. 412	.02
*300pf, No. 413	.02

EASTERN SILESIA.

1920 Czecho Slovakia.	
*1h, No. 1	.30
*3h, No. 2	.02
*20h, No. 5	.05
*25h, No. 6	.10
*30h, No. 7	.07
*40h, No. 8	.05
*50h, No. 9	.05
*60h, No. 11	.18
*75h, No. 12	.05
*80h, No. 13	.05
*100h, No. 14	.08
*120h, No. 15	.10
*300h, No. 17	.13
*400h, No. 18	.20
*500h, No. 20	.30
*1000h, No. 21	.50
*1h to 15h, Nos. 22 to 25, each	.01
20h, No. 26	*.03
*25h, No. 27	.03
*60h, No. 29	.05
*200h, No. 30	.10
1920 on Poland.	
*5f to 50f, Nos. 41 to 45, each	.01
*1k, No. 46	.03
*1.50k, No. 47	.03
*2k, No. 48	.04
*2.50k, No. 49	.06
*5k, No. 50	.10
1920 Newspapers.	
*2h to 30h, Nos. 51 to 55, set	.08
1920 Special Delivery.	
*2-5h, Nos. 75 & 6	.03
Postage Due.	
*5h to 30h, Nos. 101 to 106, ea.	.01
*40h, No. 107	.03
*50h, No. 108	.04
*100h, No. 109	.07
*500h, No. 110	.25
*100h, No. 111	.50

MARIENWERDER.

1920	
*20pf, No. 26	.15
*75pf, No. 29	.13
*1m, No. 36	.10
*1.25m, No. 37	.10
*1.50m, No. 38	.10
*2.50m, No. 39	.18
*5m, No. 53	.20

LIECHTENSTEIN.

1912-18	
5h, No. 1	.03
10h, No. 2	.03
25h, No. 3	.08
3h to 25h, Nos. 4 to 9,each	*.02
*20h, No. 10	.03
1920 Surcharged.	
*5h, No. 11	.12
*10h, No. 12	.13
*25h, No. 13	.13
*40h on 3h (14)	.13
*1k on 15h (15)	.13
*2½k on 20h (16)	.15
1920 Imperforate.	
*5h to 15h, Nos. 18 to 20, each	.01
*20h to 40h, Nos. 21 to 24, each	.02
*1k, No. 25	.03
1920 Perforate.	
*5h to 10k, Nos. 32 to 46, each	.01
*50h to 2k, Nos. 47 to 49, each	.02
1920 Postage Due.	
*5h to 5k, Nos. 201 to 212, ea.	.01

GREECE.

1900-02	
*20l on 25l (129)	.19
1dr on 40l (134)	.25
30l, No. 172	.05
*40l, No. 173	.05
1dr, No. 175	.13
*2dr, No. 176	.15
*3dr, No. 177	.20
*5dr, No. 178	.40
25l, No. 180	.06
50l, No. 181	.06
1dr, No. 182	.30
1906	
1l to 20l, Nos. 184 to 189, ea.	.02
25l, No. 190	.03
30l, No. 191	.15
40l, No. 192	.10
50l, No. 193	.04
1dr, No. 194	.18
2dr, No. 195	.30
*3dr, No. 196	.90
*5dr, No. 197	1.25
1911-14	
1l to 10l, Nos. 198 to 202, ea.	.01
*20l, No. 203	.13
*30l, No. 205	.13
1dr, No. 208	.05
2dr, No. 209	.30
5dr, No. 211	*.63
10dr, No. 212	1.25
20l, No. 219	.03
40l, No. 222	.04
1916 Surcharged.	
*20l, No. 230	.03
30l, No. 232	*.04
1dr, No. 235	.10
2dr, No. 236	.20
3dr, No. 237	.25
5dr, No. 238	.50
1917 Venizelist.	
25l, No. 244	.05
50l, No. 245	.10
1dr, No. 246	.13
2dr, No. 247	.25
1918-22	
1dr, No. 254	.05
*25dr, No. 259	2.00
1917-18 Surcharged.	
1l on 1l, No. 293	.10
1l on 3l, No. 295	.02
3l on 3l, No. 296	.03
5l on 1l, No. 297	.06
5l on 20l (298)	.05
*5l on 40l (299)	.06
*5l on 50l (300)	.06
*5l on 1d (301)	.06
*10l on 30l (302)	.08
*30l on 30l (303)	.13
*5l on 25l (304)	.05
*5l on 40l (305)	.05
*5l on 50l (306)	.08
*1l on 10l (310)	.04
*1l on 80l (311)	.08
*5l on 10l (312a)	.18
*5l on 60l (314)	.18
*5l on 60l (314a)	.25
*5l on 80l (315)	.20
*5l on 80l (315a)	.25
*10l on 70l (316)	.15
*10l on 70l (316a)	.30
*10l on 90l (317)	.20
*10l on 90l (317a)	.25
*20l on 40l (319)	.20
*20l on 50l (320)	.13
*20l on 80l (321)	.25
*20l on 90l (322)	.13
*1l on 50l (326)	.08
*5l on 10l (327)	.10
*5l on 10l (328)	.08
*10l on 50l (329)	.20
*10l on 50l (330)	.25
*20l on 2d (331)	.38
*1l on 10l (333)	.05
*10l on 50l (336)	.15
*5l on 10l (339)	.06
1902 Postage Due.	
*1l to 10l, Nos. 448 to 452, ea.	.02
*20l to 40l, Nos. 453 to 456, ea.	.03
50l, No. 457	*.05
*1dr, No. 458	.10
*2dr, No. 459	.20
*3dr, No. 460	.25
*5dr, No. 461	.50
1912 Samos.	
1l, No. 624	*.10
5l, No. 625	*.10
*10l, No. 626	.13
25l, No. 627	*.15
50l, No. 628	*.20
1l, No. 630	.03
5l, No. 631	.04
10l, No. 632	.05
25l, No. 633	.08
Turkey Occupation.	
40l, No. 708	.2
2dr, No. 731	.2
3dr, No. 732	.3
5dr, No. 733	.6

POLAND.

1918 German Occu.	
5pf on 2½pf (16)	.04
5pf on 3pf (17)	.13
5pf, No. 18	.05
10pf, No. 19	.03
15pf, No. 20	.03
20pf, No. 21	.08
25pf on 7½pf (23)	.03
30pf, No. 24	*.03
40pf, No. 25	.05
60pf, No. 26	.05
1918 Lublin.	
10h, No. 27	.10
20h, No. 28	.10
45h, No. 29	.10
1919 Cracow.	
*5-10-15h, Nos. 63-5-6, each	.01
*20h, No. 67	.02
*25h, No. 68	.02
*50h, No. 69	.03
*70h, No. 70	.03
*1k, No. 71	.04
1919 Perforate.	
*3f to 25f, Nos. 93 to 98, each	.01
*50h, No. 99	.02
*1m, No. 100	.02
*1.50m, No. 101	.04
*2m, No. 102	.04
*2.50m, No. 103	.05
*5m, No. 104	.10
1919 Imperforate.	
3h to 50h, Nos. 105 to 111, ea.	*.01
1k, No. 112	*.03
*3h to 50h, Nos. 117 to 123, ea.	.01
*1k, No. 124	.03
*1.50k, No. 125	.05
*2k, No. 126	.06
*2.50k, No. 127	.08
*5k, No. 128	.10
10f to 20f, Nos. 129 to 131, ea.	*.01
25f, No. 132	*.02
50f, No. 133	*.03
1m, No. 134	*.03
*20f, No. 135	.04
1920-21	
*15-40-25f, Nos. 137-8-40, each	.01
*1m, No. 139	.03
*3m, No. 144	.04
*6m, No. 145	.04
*10m, No. 147	.05
*20m, No. 148	.10
1m to 8m, Nos. 149 to 152b, ea.	.02
10m, No. 154	.03
15m, No. 155	.0
20m, No. 155a	.0
*2m to 4m, Nos. 156 to 158, ea.	.0
*6m No. 159	.0
*10m, No. 160	.0
*25m, No. 161	.0
*50m, No. 162	.1
25m, No. 163	.0
50m No. 164	*.0
100m, No. 165	.1
1922 Upper Silesia.	
*5f to 4m, Nos. 170 to 180, ea.	.0
*5m, No. 181	.0
*10m, No. 182	.0
*20m, No. 183	.0
1919 Charity.	
*5f to 15f, Nos. 301 to 303, ea.	
*25f+5f, No. 305	
*50f+5f, No. 306	
*5f to 15f, Nos. 313 to 315, ea.	
*25f+5f, No. 317	
*50f+5f, No. 318	
1921 Charity.	
*5m+30m, No.319	
*6m+30m, No.320	
*10m+30m (321)	
*20m+30m (322)	
1920 Official.	
*3f to 150f, Nos. 351 to 358, ea.	
1919-22 Postage Du	
*2f to 100f, Nos. 413 to 420, ea.	
*500f, No. 421	
*2h to 50h, Nos. 423 to 429, ea.	
*100h, No. 430	
*500h, No. 431	
*6m on 25h (435)	
*1m to 6m, Nos. 439 to 442, ea.	
*8m, No. 443	
*20m, No. 445	
*50m, No. 446	
*100m, No. 447	
1916 German Occu	
40pf, No. 511	
60pf, No. 512	
1921 Levant.	
*1m, No. 613	
*2m, No. 614	
*3m, No. 615	
*4m, No. 616	
*6m, No. 617	
*10m, No. 618	
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Editorial.

Contributions to this dept. are now in order, so if you can shake a humorous self filler don't be backward about coming forward with your best efforts, either prose or poetry as you may elect.

They say, that he who can grow a smile where a smile never grew before deserves credit, therefore, as we want to grow miles of smiles, we must have lots of credit-ors.

Tickling the funny-bone has been the means of putting many big things over, and it will help to make Philately more attractive and boost our hobby, so please remember this—

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley—but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush, if you can't be a tree.
If you can't be a sun, be a star—
Be the best little booster whatever you are.

A FELLOW asked me.
"WHY DO YOU collect stamps?"
SO I asked him:
"WHY DO YOU collect your salary
EVERY Saturday night?"
AND HE SAID—that's—different—
I COLLECT my salary because
IT PROVIDES food for
MY stomach.
I SAID—I collect stamps because
STAMP collecting provides
FOOD FOR my brain,
BUT YOU wont miss anything
BY FAILING to adopt
THE HOBBY.
HE MUFFED it.
I WAS afraid he would.
THERE ARE two kinds of men.
ONE KIND runs to
STOMACH and
THE OTHER kind runs
TO HEAD.
THIS BIRD runs
TO stomach.
WHICH BRINGS me to a subject
THAT I HAVE been intending to get
OFF MY CHEST for a long time.
IT IS this;
OCCASIONALLY, I read in a
STAMP publication, apologetical
STATEMENTS in which the writer seeks
TO JUSTIFY stamp collecting.
I NEVER try to justify my
INTEREST IN the hobby.
I COLLECT stamps because
I WANT to. That's all
THE justification I need.
I LIKE TO travel, and I have
DONE A lot of it. I have covered the
WHOLE ROUTE from Baffins Bay
TO Panama; From Amsterdam to
HONG KONG; from the most northern
POINT IN Siberia to Jerusalem and
BAGDAD and I've doubled back to
PERSIA and Afghanistan.
I HAVE sauntered in on
MORROCCO and have braved the
BURNING SANDS of the
SAHARA desert, and washed my throat
AT A THOUSAND youth-giving springs
THAT LIE between the Cameroon
AND CAPE of Good HOPE.
AND MY purse has not been that of
A ROCKEFELLER, either.
MY GOOD ships have been the maps
THAT LIE before me.
MY COMPASS and my guide have been
THE VOLUMNES of History upon the
SHELVES OF my little den.
BUT WHEN man travels happily,
MAN MUST have a goal,
STAMPS HAVE been my goal and
I HAVE searched the
WIDE WORLD for them, and I have
FOUND A few—just a few, but
WHAT I have, I prize.
FOR PURSUIT of them has led me
THRU A thousand alluring paths.
THEY WERE imaginations paths, 'tis true.
BUT GOD pity the man who has no
IMAGINATION and who, in his
STAMP COLLECTING, cannot close
HIS EYES and enjoy the
SEA BREEZE as his ship goes
FROM PORT to port.
JUSTIFICATION for
STAMP collecting
WHO wants
JUSTIFICATION.

J. W. F., Ohio.

News Item—A new 11c postage stamp, Peacock blue, with a portrait of Rutherford B. Hayes, will be placed on sale Oct. 4th, at Fremont, Ohio.

PEACOCK BLUE.

An eleven cent stamp hez cum tew town,
  Peacock Blue.
Portrayin' a man of grate re-noun,
  Peacock Blue.
It couldn't look worse in ultra-marine
Than it duz in thet thare dirty green,
It's the durndest stamp I've evur seen,
  Peacock Blue. My wurd;—How absurd.

It's a bird, thare iz no doubt,
  Peacock Blue.
Yew'll hear lots of things sed about
  Peacock Blue.
It makes yew creep, it makes yew shiver,
It gets right in an shimmys yure liver;
Yew'll all admit thet it's a flivver,
  Peacock Blue. My wurd;—How absurd.

Why not print it in blue—syn-thet-ic?
  Peacock Blue.
Instead of this horrid shade—pa-thet-ic
  Peacock Blue.
S'nuff tew make Hayes turn in hiz grave,
But jest lissen tew th stamp fans rave
About this grate man who didn't shave,
  Peacock Blue. My wurd;—How absurd.

This 'leven center iz sure sum sticker,
  Peacock Blue.
Hayes looks like he'd bin drinkin licker,
  Peacock Blue.
Volsteads a dead one down in old D. C.,
Must be th reasun for this a-troc-i-tee,
But this 'leven center looks like Volstead tew me,
  Peacock Blue. My wurd;—How absurd.

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By JOHN L. PARKER.

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Valley has at last precancelled higher values than the 1c and 2c. The 12, 15, 20, 30c normal and inverted, Special normal and 1c Due Inverted have appeared in red ink. The 1c double inv. and 2c Due are new items in the black ink varieties. Without doubt Valley will use all values this coming Xmas season, so keep your eyes open for the elusive 13 cent.

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By F. R. A. M'Cormick.

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As I write this article, we are in the midst of a postal strike in this country, and all the postal and telegraph services are suspended, but I am getting this letter posted by a friend of mine who is going across to England in the morning, and I hope that it arrives all right.

Since I sent my last lot of notes, all values have appeared with the new overprint by Thom's—at least, I should say, all the values up to the 1sh; please goodness they will leave the high values alone, as it's bad enough to try and get a collection of all the present stamps anything like complete. But as a matter of fact I expect that we shall see these high values also in time, as Dollards are gone out of the limelight, and if the present supplies get short I expect they will be done by Thoms.

The ½d, 5d and 10d values were issued quickly after the 9d and other values which I recorded in my last notes, and last week the 2½d and 4d appeared in red like the 9d.

The Dollard printings are almost all sold out now, and are getting harder to lay hands on every day, in my opinion the 10d will be the best of these printings, especially in used state, and the control of the same value will be even better. I expect that there were fewer of this than any other of the low values overprinted.

With regard to the controls of the new printings, I can add the following to my previous lists:—

½d, T22, perf. and imperf.
1d, S22, perf. and imperf. T22, perf.
2½d, red opt. T22, imperf.
4d, red opt. T22, perf.
5d, T22, imperf.
10d, S22, perf.
1sh, T22, perf.

Some of the first of these new overprints were very faint, especially noticeable on the ½d and 3d values. These sheets were printed from the old Thom plates and showed some of the old R/S, etc., varieties, but the later printings and the ones that are now appearing are very much heavier, somewhat like the Harrison opts., and show some new varieties, at least the varieties are still of a similar kind to the old ones but occur in different positions on the sheets. It appears that there are at least two new plates in use, as also are the old plates. I will call the two new plates for the present, plates 3 and 4.

The more important varieties on these new plates may be classified as follows:—

Plate 3:
Row 6. Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 show the R over Se variety.
Row 9. Nos. 5 and 6 show the R over Se and E over 1 variety.

Plate 4:
Row 1. No. 9 has no bottom to the S of Sealadac.
Row 6. No. 1 has the R and i of Rialtas joined.
Row 9. Nos. 5 and 6 show the word Sealadac shifted to the left (in the R/S it shifts to the right) so that the "R" is nearly over the "ea," and also it is almost an "E" over "1" variety.
Row 17. No. 8 shows broken "s" in Rialtas.
No. 9 shows broken "1" in same word.
No. 12 shows the bottom of the "s" in the word Rialtas gone.

There are a few other minor varieties that I have found on both plates, but as yet I am not quite sure if they are constant.

The two plates can also be recognised on the controls, if in strips of three, as follows:—

Plate 3: On the first stamp, the first "a" in Sealadac has a small dot on the inside of the right limb near the top, and the measurement from the "S" in the first stamp to the "S" in the second stamp is 20¾ mms.

Plate 4: The measurement of the overprint as above is only 20 mms. instead of 20¾ mms., showing that the spacing of the overprint varies in the two plates on the first two stamps.

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Guaire—Gorey.
Ceanannus Mor—Kells.
Corcaigh—Cork.

The Dublin machine postmark now lacks the note re the Tailtean Games, as also does the Cork postmark, as a matter of fact I have several entires lately from Cork showing the old postmark, but with evidence of spaces having been put in where the words "Tailtean Games August" once appeared.

I have seen part of a sheet of the new 3d Thom overprint with inverted and reversed watermark. It was discovered by a friend of mine who has the control—T22, imperf—and also the R/Se and E/1 varieties, it is printed off the plate that I have called plate 3.

I might add a few notes here about the proposed definite issue. These stamps are to be printed by a Governmental printing works to be erected in Dublin Castle, where, by the way, the Irish Treasury notes will also be printed. The dies are, I believe, being made by an English firm, and the paper has been, or is in the process of being manufactured by an Irish firm, and the Government is supplying them with the "Dandy Roll" for the watermark.

I have seen some used copies of the 2d, Die II, with the Harrison overprint, and also managed to get a short strip of them unused. They are in the delivery top-end-first make-up, but, unfortunately, if one required to get a roll of them, one might buy half the stock of the G. P. O. before you chanced to hit on a roll of Die II as they can only be bought wrapped up and sealed in complete rolls.

The stamps in roll form seem to be used in many of the larger Dublin Houses now, especially the 1d and 2d values, but one does not find many used copies of the ½d or 1½d, and even the 1d and 2d values, when you do get them used, they are generally perforated with the firms initials, which makes them useless from the philatelist's point of view.

I might also note that a few sheets of the last printings by Dollard on the 4d value were in "carmine" ink, instead of the usual vermilion ink.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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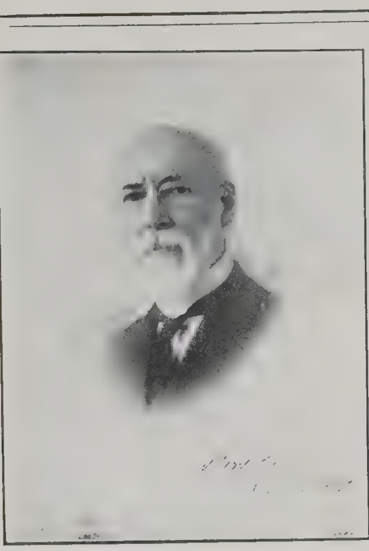

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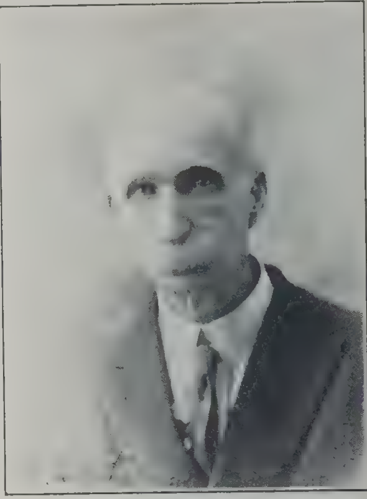

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A new generation of stamp collectors has arisen since the first number of the Weekly appeared on January 7th, 1891; and to the collector of to-day who does not concern himself with philately's past, it seems as though the paper has always existed. When the first number of the Weekly was distributed, one thousand, six hundred and seventy-two weeks ago, it was hailed as a daring and novel venture by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company of St. Louis, a large corporation, but the projectors of the enterprise had every confidence in its ultimate success and expended in the aggregate thousands of dollars in firmly establishing the paper. Naturally, there were many predictions by the more conservative collectors that a weekly stamp publication could not attain permanency under conditions as they prevailed thirty-two years ago, but it was not long before all philatelists were impressed by the intelligent perseverance that was manifest in the management of the paper and the general disposition was to regard the Weekly as a fixture.

The editor of the Weekly was I. A. Mekeel whose genius later had its fruition in the general publishing field; and at the time of his death in February, 1913, Mr. Mekeel had attained a national eminence as a publisher and successful business man. One of the early contributors to the Weekly was C. E. Severn of Chicago, and in 1894, he became the paper's Chicago correspondent. In those days, a column or so of notes each week from the different stamp centers was a feature of the paper. Several years later, business vicissitudes were encountered by the corporation that published the Weekly that made a readjustment of its business necessary; and by an order of court, I. A. Mekeel became the buyer and owner of the Weekly. Soon, Mr. Mekeel's acumen led him to measure the advertising possibilities of the paper and he determined to launch a campaign that would thoroughly test them. He proposed to Mr. Severn that he become editor and part owner of the Weekly and early in 1898, Mr. Severn's alliance with the Weekly as editor and partner was made. The paper was edited from Chicago, but published from St. Louis, and Mr. Mekeel, free to give his undivided attention to the business department, found a congenial occupation in expanding the advertising prestige of the Weekly.

For several years the paper flourished under these conditions, but it was not long before Scott F. Redfield of Smethport, Pennsylvania, who was publishing a weekly stamp paper at that period, merged his paper into the Weekly and became a part owner of the corporation which had been formed under the laws of the State of New York to conduct the Weekly. For a time the Weekly was printed at the plant of Mr. Redfield at Smethport, Pa., published by Mr. Mekeel in New York and edited by Mr. Severn in Chicago. At this period, the Boston correspondent of the Weekly was Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, Mass., and so capably did he discharge his duties that he was recommended to the notice of the owners. After Mr. Wylie had proved his ability further by planning special issues from start to finish, he was invited to become one of the corporation. In the meantime, the Weekly had purchased W. W. Jewett's *Weekly Philatelic Era*, an excellent publication that almost divided with the Weekly the regard of the collecting public and Mr. Wylie was placed in charge of the *Era* as a separate publication. By his conduct of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, Mr. Wylie further emphasized his fitness for philatelic newspaper work, and when the *Era* was consolidated with the Weekly, Mr. Wylie, who had bought a tenth interest in the company, was made managing editor.

The interests of Mr. Mekeel in a general publishing sense were becoming more and more important and such were the demands made upon his time by affairs of magnitude that he could not give freely of his services to the corporation, although the paper continued to hold its warm place in his affections. It was advisable to re-incorporate the company under Massachusetts laws and publish the Weekly from Boston under Mr. Wylie's direction; and it was at this time, or in 1904, that W. W. Jewett entered into a contract with the publishers of the Weekly whereby he was to print the paper in his plant at Portland, Maine.

At the death of I. A. Mekeel in 1913, the controlling interest in the company became vested in the estate of I. A. Mekeel and two years later, the two-hundred and fifty-one shares were acquired by Messrs. Severn, Wylie and Jewett.

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Charles E. Severn has grown up with the Weekly and knows it in every phase. His long service in the Weekly's cause in itself is proof that it is something of a labor of love for him to devote the most of his time to the paper's welfare.

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Mr. Charles J. Phillips in taking up his residence in New York, stole a march upon the philatelic forces of Great Britain. *Stamp Collecting* in announcing the step taken acknowledges the fact that in this instance it was compelled to go to an American paper to find a bit of home news. The English press has given utterance to expressions of regret which must be sincere when Mr. Phillips' great work for philately is considered.

The United States welcomes him with open arms and with the many good things coming to our shores he can be assured none are more welcome than the enthusiasm, energy and philatelic learning that he has brought. On another page will be found a picture of Mr. Phillips recently taken, and we give him a place of honor in recognition of the great service that he has rendered philately.

Mr. Phillips was born May 15, 1863, and started stamp collecting ten years later. In 1890, he purchased the stamp business of E. Stanley Gibbons, the purchase price being 25,000 pounds. He was the founder of the Birmingham Philatelic Society in 1886 and was Honorary Secretary until he left that city. Later he formed the Philatelic Protection Association and acted also as Honorary Secretary for a number of years.

As editor of Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* and *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly*, he holds a secure fame as editor, while his books on Fiji and Paraguay and his specialized studies contributed to various publications mark him as an erudite philatelic writer. From the standpoint of dealer it can truthfully be said that he has a knowledge of stamps surpassed by few if any and a mere enumeration of the collections that he has purchased would fill a large amount of our space.

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"International Silk Exposition, Grand Central Palace, February 5 to 15, 1923."

It was on December 1 that mail canceled in the New York post-office first carried this advertising. Fourth Assistant Postmaster General H. H. Billany informs *Printers' Ink* that it is planned to use this same cancellation mark until February 15, 1923, at the New York post-office.

In an endeavor to ascertain why the silk industry should be so seemingly favored in having the mail of great numbers of people and businesses carry its advertising, *Printers' Ink* made inquiry through the Postmaster General. H. H. Billany, fourth assistant postmaster general, made the following answer to that inquiry:

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"Mr. Charles H. Green, manager of the Second International Silk Exposition, requested some time ago the privilege of operating dies in the New York City office advertising the Silk Exposition, which request was granted.

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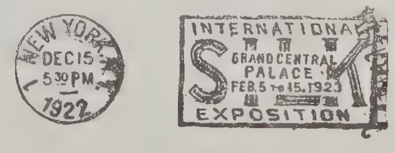

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—*Printers' Ink.*

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB.

On October 23rd last, a gathering of stamp collectors met at the "Green Lantern" in Halifax and organized the "Nova Scotia Stamp Club," the following officers being elected:—Pres.—Mr. H. L. Hart; Vice-Pres.—Rev. Noel H. Wilcox; Sec.-Treas.—Mr. W. R. Pearce; Sales Supt.—Mr. W. S. Hart. Any resident of Nova Scotia is eligible for membership and to date some 40 collectors have joined.

The Sales Dept. is in full swing, many members taking advantage of it. The Club meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Church of England Institute, Barrington St., Halifax. Constitution and By-Laws have been drawn up and approved. Juniors under 18 years are admitted at a special rate. W. R. Pearce Sec.-Treas., may be addressed No. 71 So. Kline St., Halifax.

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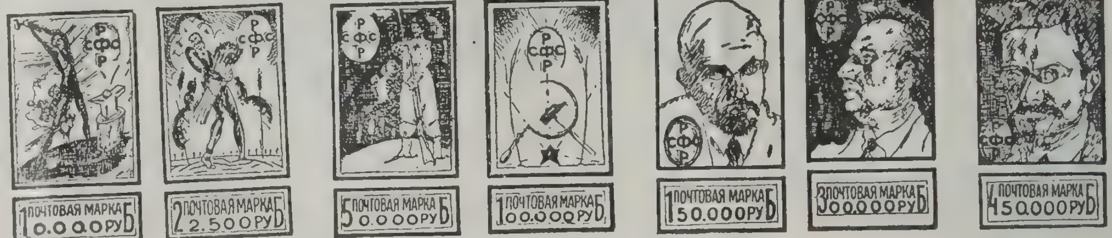
R. Roberts, the well-known London dealer in new issues, takes goodly space in this number to announce a removal. In the future he will be found at 430 Strand. The change is due to the widening scheme that has been under consideration for a long time and which has now been brought to a head rather suddenly, owing to the policy adopted by the British government of providing as much work as possible for the unemployed. We are assured that the new quarters are superior to the old in every respect, and we congratulate this well-known dealer who not only gets the new issues, but delivers them to his subscribers.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RUSSIAN NEW ISSUES CONTAIN A SET OF SEVEN SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

There seems to be much philatelic activity in this country. Nearly every month we have something to chronicle or to write about. Unfortunately, many of these new things appear in the market or are reported in the philatelic press without any reliable information as to their antecedents. This month we chronicle a set of seven stamps which we have received from a prominent European dealer. We do not doubt that he believes these stamps to be genuine and officially issued, but we cannot overcome a feeling of distrust of them. They are so inferior in design and execution to all Russian stamps that we have previously known that it does not seem probable that they are a government issue. We present them in our chronicle with the hope that attention may be attracted to them and information elicited. It does not seem possible that these crude labels can be part of the promised issue to commemorate the five years of Soviet rule in Russia. In addition to that issue it is reported that another series of fourteen stamps, with designs by prominent Russian artists is being prepared. We also hear of a further issue of charity stamps for the benefit of the famine victims. This issue will show various methods of transporting the mails in Russia.

In April of this year four famine relief stamps were designed and printed in Rostov-on-Don and used there and in several other cities of South Russia. They are said to have depicted the Soviet arms, peasants, etc. The stamps were printed by lithography, the four values on one sheet, made up of 54 stamps of 2,000r green, 28 stamps of 6,000r green, 27 stamps of 2,000r rose and 24 stamps of 4,000r rose. The total value of a sheet was 426,000 rubles and 740 sheets (98,420 stamps) were printed. We have these details from the *Berner Briefmarken Zeitung*. The *Philatelic Magazine* also describes this issue and states that it was made by order of the Commissary of Posts and Telegraphs for South Eastern Russia. Apparently the issue was not sanctioned by the Government at Moscow, by whose order it was withdrawn, after it had been in circulation for a fortnight and about 14,000 copies of all values had been sold.

In the September *Journal* we referred to a set of stamps which were being sent out from Italy with the claim that they were famine relief stamps issued in Odessa. We then gave reasons for doubting that this was an official issue. Our suspicions are now confirmed by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie,* from which we translate a declaration published by the "Central Official Bureau of the Government of the Soviets for the sale of Russian stamps," from its office at Mannheim:

"Large quantities of so-called 'famine stamps of Odessa' are now being offered. We are authorized, in the name of the Government of the Soviets, to denounce these stamps as common forgeries.

"They are not of Russian origin and have not been issued or authorized in any part of Russia. They are bad pictures (waste paper) without any postal value. Made by speculators without scruples, who discount the sympathies of the philatelic world for the Federal Socialist Republic of the Soviets, they merely serve to take without shame money from the pockets of collectors.

The only 'famine stamps' that exist at present are:

"1. The 6 provisional stamps on the Kerensky issue;

"2. The 4 stamps for the famine in the Volga;

"3. The famine stamps of Rostov.

"On the 19th of August, 1922, there was added to these another series intended to aid the famished. Those are the stamps of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 kopeks which bear a black surcharge in four lines which reads 'R. S. F. S. R., Day of the Philatelist, 19-8-22.' These stamps were issued on that day in small numbers (the value attributed to each kopek was 10,000 rubles) in behalf of works of succor for the famished and for children.

"Other famine stamps do not exist."

We call attention to the inclusion of the Rostov issue among the official charity stamps. Apparently the Moscow government does not repudiate those stamps, though it ordered their sale to be discontinued.—*Scott's Monthly Journal.*

ARGENTINE 16c ORANGE.

By H. H. HALL.

A member of our club recently attended an auction in the west, of stamps of the above country. Many stamps were sold at decent prices, but he found only four mint of the 16c orange, 1899, and states "he has never seen a genuinely used copy;" and, as it is a country he is interested in, I take his statement as being worth something. This stamp is catalogued by Stanley Gibbons 5s either way, but could they supply a good used copy? Have they many mint? I may be wrong; but, judging by fruitless efforts I made about twelve months since to obtain one, mint or postally used, I doubt if *half-a-dozen* copies could be *bought in London.* It would be very interesting, I think, if inquiries could be made generally, and so find out the real scarcity of this stamp; and for a comparatively recent issue, and, one might say, an ordinary stamp, I should think it one of the most glaring cases of mistake in catalogue prices—if, as I think is the case, £5 would be nearer its value.

Just by chance, at the time I was busy trying to get a copy, a City friend, on my pointing out its rarity, obtained *two used copies,* and I possess one, and also a mint copy.

I wish I could interest you in this stamp, and so get information—viz., number of this stamp issued and why so scarce, and where they are; then perhaps we should get, at a later date, the real value of this "16c orange."—*Stamp Collecting.*

AN UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL.

The C. S. Watson Co. during the past year advertised under a 5,000-line contract, but used much more space than the contract called for. At the beginning of the year we wrote the firm asking for a renewal of contract for 1923. It is not our practise to publish the many communications that come to us week by week, commending the WEEKLY as an advertising medium, but we feel warranted to publish the reply that Mr. Watson made us. We quote his entire letter:—

"Acknowledging your letter of the 29th, I wish to state that I have considered my contract as binding until you were otherwise advised; therefore, automatically, you will renew our 5,000-line contract from year to year, and at any time you are prepared to quote special rates on even larger contracts, we are in the market. We believe last year our advertising totaled nearer 10,000 lines, than 5,000, and this during a year when six months were rather meagre. Now that things are booming in old-time style, I see no reason why the stamp business in general should not warrant the support of every dealer through your medium, if not through others."

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PHILATELIC NOTES FROM FRANCE.

By Lowell J. Ragatz.

Years ago, in the days of my philatelic infancy, I chanced upon a Richard Harding Davis story which spoke of the open-air stamp market of Paris. This struck my romantic fancy, and in order to learn more of it, I wrote to the editor of the stamp department of *St. Nicholas*, which was at that time my sole medium for gaining information regarding postage stamps.

I can well remember the joy I felt upon receiving a personal instead of the expected information-column reply, in which the editor then, whose name I have, alas, forgotten, gave me in a more than a page closely written letter, a detailed account of a visit he had himself once made to the bourse. Then and there I made up my mind that when I came to Paris, I should myself see it, and though years have intervened, when I came to make out my schedule upon taking up my residence in the metropolis three months ago, I placed the stamp bourse high up on the list. Since then I have visited it a score of times, and continue to find it of unfailing interest.

All collectors have, of course, read accounts of Paris' stamp bourse at one time or another, but I do not believe that there has been one in the Weekly in recent years, and as younger collectors are continually joining the ranks of readers, and as the nature of the bourse is said to have considerably changed since the war, I think that a description of it as it exists today will not be without interest.

It is commonly said that the bourse is held on the Champs Élysées. This is not quite correct and may have led others, like myself, to walk the whole length of the Champs Élysées from the Place de la Concorde to the Étoile, searching in vain for anything, even faintly resembling a congregation of fellow-collectors.

The exact location is the corner of the Rue Gabriel and Avenue Marigny. This is one block to the right of the Grand and Petit Palaises, when walking up the Champs Élysées. First one passes the Folies Marigny, then a children's Punch and Judy show and the children's goat and donkey "riding academies." The vacant corner, shaded by a dozen large trees, is given over to members of the great order of philately.

There, under the trees, are arranged according to the hour, from ten to forty collapsible tables, displaying as many stocks. Sessions are held on Sundays and on Thursday afternoons. Sunday mornings are comparatively dull, but in the afternoon, and on Thursday, the national school vacation day, there is a throng of buyers, numbering as high as three hundred at a time. The merchants are chiefly old men and women who have no connection with down-town stamp shops. The customers range from children, accompanied by nurses, through the schoolboy and schoolgirl age to old men who hobble along at a slow pace supporting themselves on canes.

The average stock consists of very cheap stamps. Enormous cards are mounted with stamps at 5, 10 and 25 centimes each and sets at from 25 centimes to 5 francs. Each merchant is generally supplied with a counterbook containing from 5,000 to 10,000 varieties, and with a pocket-stockbook containing a miscellaneous lot of better quality items. Each generally also has a large pasteboard box containing stamps at 5 centimes a copy and another at 10 centimes each. Most of these are unused low values war issues and postally used current stamps with a sprinkling of higher-priced damaged ones. Hinges are generally available, and, in a few cases, tongs, glasses and catalogues can also be purchased.

Most of the businesss is conducted on a small basis. Customers are given fibre trays and such stamps as they choose are placed on these. The average sale seems to run below a franc. Of course, buyers are numerous and for the majority of the goods sold from the cards and boxes, the percentage profit is rather high. French colonials and Neurope are reigning favorites, and greatly please the young collectors who are delighted to be able to get twenty or perhaps even thirty brightly coloured stamps, often unused, for a franc.

One wholesaler seems to supply a considerable number of the merchants with their unused Neurope and the like. I have seen this individual on many a Sunday morning before the rush has begun, opening two bulky suitcases full of sheets of German, Austrian, Jugo-Slovakian, Czecho-Slovakian, Polish, Lithuanian, Latvian, German occupation of Belgium, Ukranian, Hungarian stamps and Seebeck issues and dispose of say 50 varieties in half sheets here and another similar lot there. Another individual supplies the merchants from literally bales of low-value French colonials at 15% over face.

The counter-book stamps are of the quality found in the average small stamp shop. The prices are half or less of catalogue, and it is here that the older collectors do much of their buying. As always in France, French and French colonial stamps are in great demand and bring the best prices. British colonials seldom are priced at over half of Yvert's, which results that to the dollar purchaser, many come at face or actually below. This of course, applies chiefly to current issues.

It is from the pocket-stockbook goods, however, that the advanced collector is able to make the most profitable purchases. Prices here average about 50% of catalogue, excepting only France and colonies. Superb American and British North American issues and other British colonials can be picked up almost regularly at half list. I have found any number of bargains in United States stamps from the 1847 issue through the classic period.

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Incoming lots of any kind are invoiced, catalogued, advertised and displayed, and are finally placed on actual sale. Thus the visitor will find some half a dozen rooms of display goods and five or six sales going on in other rooms on any day. Goods are changed throughout the establishment in the course of about ten days, hence one can visit it repeatedly and never fail to find new and interesting things. Most goods are bought by the hundreds of antique shop dealers, whose shops are found scattered throughout the city, but many tourists would not think a visit to Paris complete without being able to carry away with them some choice item secured by them at public sale in the Hotel Drouot.

I have attended, I suppose, thirty sales since coming here. Among them were nine stamp sales, and as WEEKLY readers are primarily interested in things philatelic, I will try to give them some idea of what French stamp auctions are like.

The stamp sales I have attended so far have all been held in Halls 8 and 9, on the second floor. Both rooms are rather small, and cannot comfortably accommodate more than about 100 persons, both seated and standing. Three long tables are arranged so as to complete a hollow rectangle with one of the side walls. Bidders' chairs are placed the length of these tables.

In the center of the square are the auction stand, the clerk's and cashier's desk, and a table on which lots to be disposed of during the sale are placed. So far as I have been able to learn, there are no night sales. Those I have attended have begun at two and at four. The average sale contains from 700 to 800 lots, and runs less than three hours.

Auction methods in the Hotel Drouot are wholly different from those which the auction buyer in Philadelphia or New York is acccustomed to. A lot number is called, an assistant walks the length of the tables displaying it, and meanwhile the bids are being received. There is almost no speaking. When an initial bid is received, as say 10 francs, the auctioneer questions "Ten fifty?" The bidder of this amount merely raises his hand, and the process is continued until the lot is sold. The auctioneer does about one-third of the talking of an American auctioneer, and few bidders make direct offer bids as such.

Once a lot is sold, the purchaser gives his name to the clerk, and is given the lot, for which he must settle on the spot, plus the government war tax. So while a lot is being sold, the one or two sold previous to it are being paid for. This results in endless confusion. There is a hurrying back and forth from buyers to the cashier on the part of assistants. There is a chronic shortage of proper change after fifteen minutes, buyers engaged in the strenuous endeavor to get a lot just purchased paid for frequently miss out in getting the next one, there is inter-borrowing of proper amounts among buyers themselves, and then there is always the question of tips, for securers of lots are in every case supposed to remember the assistants who bring them to them and collect. The resulting chaos seems rather ridiculous to one accustomed to the orderly conduct of American sales. Particularly preposterous does it seem that constant buyers, who constitute the great majority of those present, should be forced to go through the process of making perhaps as many as fifty separate payments a sale with the invariable scramble for change to cover each individual lot.

Prices are quite low, averaging less than a half of catalogue except in the case of France and colonies. What United States stamps are offered are normally procurable at what we from America consider a song. An exception to the low prices is, of course, to be found in the case of exceptionally rare items of all countries. Still sometimes even they do not bring what might be expected. For example, a week ago an 81p blue Moldavia 1858, listed at 40,000 francs, brought only 18,000.

A new crop of 24 varieties of provisionals, covering eight colonies, has been placed on sale at the colonial stamp bureau. To provide temporary supplies of 1, 2, 4 and 5 centime stamps, current 15 centime ones have been surcharged as follows:—Haute Volta on Haut Senegal and Niger, 1, 2 and 5 centimes on 15; Somali Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5 centimes on 15; Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5 centimes on 15; Martinique, 1 and 2 centimes on 15; French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5 centimes on 15; Establishments in India, 1, 2, 5 centimes on 15; Wallis and Futuna Islands on New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4 centimes on 15; New Caledonia, 5 centimes on 15. No restrictions have been placed on their sale, though I found that purchasers were expected to purchase at least a moderate supply of ordinary colonial stamps as well. The set of 24 varieties is being retailed at from 1 franc to 1 franc 50 centimes, that is, from seven to ten cents. Further varieties are looked for.

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This adds from 1500 to 3000 francs to mailing bills, an item of some consequence for many of them. Enterprising German publishers are offering to print French stamp papers in Germany, and to mail them there at the equivalent of 1½ centimes postage each. So far I have not heard of the offer having been accepted here, but one Italian stamp paper is now appearing from a German press.

It may be stated that German printing establishments are bidding on much catalogue work throughout the world. Catalogues from three American book companies have been received in my mail within recent month, all bearing a Leipzig mailing address. At Nice some months ago I met the representative of a Berlin printing house, who had come from the Orient but a few weeks ago with enormous orders covering pricelists of export houses in Japan and China.

Because of the relatively lower postage rate of France, all League of Nations mail is being transported across the Swiss border and mailed under French stamps. The Swiss postal administration has entered a formal protest.

Swiss stamps of the current issue are being liberally offered with the "Societe des Nations" overprint. They are available only in cancelled to order shape and would be invalid for postage if unused. No one seems to be able to explain what their exact status is.

Crude lithographed labels of the general design of the last German colonial series are being offered in a variety of colours covering all the colonies at about 5 cents the complete series wholesale. I have noted them in increasing numbers on the outside of packets made up for the boy trade and on sale at tobacco shops and kiosks. They will doubtless appear on cheap sheets in America in due course if they have not already done so. They are of German origin. Sample sets have come to me from Weimar and Berlin.

Buying for the American market in any line has been unusually exciting during the past month by reason of the great variation in exchange. Following the payment of a series of interest coupons by England in French francs to save the position of the pound, the franc tumbled to 12 to 16.50, quote with payments at 16.25, in four days. There was a rush of buy cables from America, and the franc has since gone back to 13. Thousands profited by the momentary depression. The French government has started criminal action against a number of foreign bankers for complicity in England's action. A considerable natural drop is expected about the first, when France herself meets a heavy foreign held bond issue. A little knowledge regarding impending payments of this kind and keeping an eye on the money market will often enable the holder of dollars to save 20% on the actual cost price to him. This is, of course, clear profit.

An important trade change took place four weeks ago when Emile Pavoille, the proprietor of a stamp shop on the rue de Rennes, purchased the well-known and long-established business of A. Forbin on the rue Saint-Lazare and amalgamated the two firms with headquarters at the old Forbin stand. The old Pavoille shop will be closed shortly.

The new 1 franc Monaco stamp of the promontory city of Monaco type, was put on sale late in December. At the time I secured my supply, it was available only at Monte Carlo. The stamp is issued in sheets of 25, and in its dark color against tinted background, is the most beautiful stamp issued in many months.

Considerable speculation is taking place with the 25 centime Prince Albert Monaco stamp which was suppressed after having been on sale for two weeks. The stamp was issued from a special plate of 25 subjects and comes with

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His interest in stamps increased and a little later he found a box in which were stowed away in the back of his father's carpenter shop bundles of old letters upon which were stamps as early as the 1847 issue. There were also locals and other stamps that would be valuable today. The stamps were sold for about $25, which was a lot of money for a boy to have in those days. It is worthy of mention that young Handshaw took $5 from the amount received and settled an outlawed bill owed by one of the family to an old storekeeper living in Smithtown. Mr. Handshaw's sense of honesty compelled him to meet the obligation though the bill was outlawed.

Mr. Handshaw says:—"I remember going over barrels of old letters and papers that were stowed away in the upper room in an old store. They cost me nothing and their sale to Durbin, Sterling, Brown, Mercer, Scott, Gambs and others brought me quite a bit of spending money. Soon I began the publication of a little paper called the *Monthly Press* and my interest grew to that extent that I became a full-fledged stamp dealer. Here and there I invested a little money, which often brought in good returns, but my first really large deal was the purchase from Mr. J. W. Scott of over one million unused assorted Cuban stamps. I had to raise the money from a friend to put this through. Mr. Pinkham, who at the time published the *Eastern Philatelist*, secured a large number of these stamps and used them for premiums.

The first dealer of note that I bought out was Mr. Knudson, who owned the Columbian Stamp Co., doing business on E. 23rd St., N. Y. City. After this as time passed, I bought out various other dealers, including Calman and the Empire Stamp Co. The purchase of the entire stock and goodwill of the J. W. Scott Co. is of so recent occurence as to be well known to most of the WEEKLY readers, but other stocks purchased included those of S. M. Bixby & Co., and Stanley Gibbons 20th Century, and now the old stock of the late George J. Carter."

When the Holton Stamp Co., of Boston, was in the public eye as one of the great stamp concerns of the country, Mr. Handshaw purchased a large slice of the stock of that firm. The Managing Editor recalls the visits that Mr. Handshaw used to make to the Hub and during the seven years in which he dealt in stamps he patronized Mr. Handshaw whenever he visited Boston and found him a very satisfactory man to do business with.

Probably no man in the stamp business has worked harder than Mr. Handshaw. He has played the game honestly and his business life has been successful. In connection with his business he has made several trips to Europe and we take pleasure in publishing this brief sketch of his career in this special number of the WEEKLY, which has during its lifetime covered so large a part of Mr. Handshaw's dealing activities.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Miss Marion C. Deane of Tacoma, Wash., and a shut-in to whom many of our readers sent tangible Christmas greetings, acknowledges the courtesies received. She writes: "You gave me a very merry Christmas, indeed, and philatelists are the very nicest people in the world. I would like everyone to know what a very happy Christmas I had and how very grateful I am for the many kindnesses. It isn't half bad to be a shut-in when so many letters come from all over the country wishing one a Merry Christmas."

—*J. T. E.*—We answer your question publicly, as being of more than ordinary interest, but suggest that where a personal reply to a question is desired a stamped envelope should accompany the query. We are unable to single out the advertisers in our publication who are "especially well calculated to fill want-lists." We only suggest that you try them all out, when you can easily decide this matter.

—Wholesale and Retail Price-List No. 66 has just been issued by the Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Can. The number of the list speaks well for the stability of the firm, but coupled with this their membership in the A. P. S., A. S. D. A. and Paris and Berlin stamp dealers' associations is added proof. The list before us seems more pretentious than any of the previous ones. A large variety of stamps is priced per 1, 10, 100 and 1,000, while there is a profusion of packets and mixtures to accommodate dealers. A fine line of accessories is also offered.

—U. S. collectors will be interested in the establishment of the Galbraith new issue service. In keeping with the progress that this country is making in all branches of philatelic endeavor, it is eminently fitting that the furnishing of new issues should not be left to British dealers. Mr. Galbraith will supply these stamps at 10% over face value to regular customers and 30c to the shilling to transients and upon occasional orders. The margin of profit in the conduct of a business of this kind is so small that any dealer who may attempt it may well be regarded as a benefactor to the hobby.

—An advertising cancellation is being used at Kingston, Jamaica, reading as follows:—"Come to Jamaica, W. I., The Ideal Tourist Resort." Specimen from A. A. Wasserscheid.

—Edward E. Goodchild, of Montreal, is receiving the congratulations on his appointment as commissioner of the Supreme Court for the district of Montreal, Can. Mr. Goodchild believes that Class M, Section 5, in the coming International Stamp Exhibition "Objects of postal and philatelic interest" was established for his benefit. It is his intention to exhibit his already famous collection of covers of Soviet Russia.

—Will the party residing at 102 W. 134 St., N. Y. City, who ordered Barbados stamps from W. F. Ferguson and omitted to sign his name please forward the same to Mr. Ferguson? His order will then be filled.

—Keene, N. H., has a philatelic mayor in the person of R. T. Kingsbury and we are indebted to L. H. Haselton of that city for an account of the mayor's career. Mr. Kingsbury is a member of the A. P. S. and his collection consists of U. S. only. All his family are devoted philatelists. His sister, his wife and four children all have their collections, and in addition there is a general family collection. Mr. Kingsbury has the local Scott agency.

—Frank A. Goldsmith has shown us a new advertising cancellation from Manhattan, Kans., reading:—"Farm and Home Week, Manhattan, Feb. 5-10, 1923."

—Carl H. Morrill shows us a new advertising cancellation:—"Winter Carnival, Greenfield, Mass., Jan. 12-13-14."

—Joseph Gallant, Hempstead, N. Y., is sending out a wholesale and retail pricelist of stamps in sets and packets. The list is a very complete one and will be sent to anyone applying for the same. We note that Mr. Gallant gives a three months' subscription to the WEEKLY with every order, amounting to $5 or more.

—D. D. Sweetser, Box 764, Portland, Me., is sending out a very pretty calendar of a convenient size. It carries with it a philatelic flavor with a fine picture of a Cape triangular. A 2c stamp will probably secure a specimen.

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We are pleased to state that J. O. Moore Inc., has contracted to use 4000 lines during the year 1923. Mr. Moore, the owner of this business, has been a regular advertiser in the WEEKLY for many months and the taking of this large amount of space is evidence that his business relations with the WEEKLY have been very satisfactory. He writes: "We find that in the majority of cases larger space gives us appreciably better returns than the ordinary space."

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90c	20.00	35.00
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ROMANCES OF CHINA'S POST OFFICE.

(From *The North-China Daily News,* Shanghai, China.)

The annual report of the Chinese Post Office is indeed a unique publication and one which, if issued in a *de luxe* edition, might well be treasured in anyone's library. A snapshot reproduced on the stereotyped official cover is but an introduction to chapters of romance within. It presents a distinctly unpleasant-looking Mongol pirate—which is probably a gross libel—as untamed in appearance as the four-legged diminutive mass of hair which he bestrides, the caption being: "Mounted courier on day and night service through Gobi Desert." He and the pony are each but one of many extraordinary servants and means of transportation in probably the most amazing postal service in the world. The greatest single country in the world, and one with a past civilization rivalling anything achieved by the Egyptians, the Incas or the Aztecs, in the midst of civilization it is now, away from the coast, amongst the most backward and undeveloped countries. Yet, with such a handicap, a postal service is maintained to every corner of it—necessarily slow in parts, perhaps, but comparatively reliable. Mails are lost and robbed, but so they are even in New York.

The Post Office report is generously illustrated with photographs, and after inspecting them one wonders, although, of course, there are other countries using every means of transport here shown, whether there is any other using all of them. There are the mail trains, to begin with, then there are the Shanghai motor lorries and a company of cyclists, there are mail steamers and launches and there are aeroplanes, although probably the Post Office will not care to boast too much about the latter after the incident of the military lord of Tientsin who said he was not going to have the wretched things dropping letters down on him, for how was he to tell whether they had bombs in them or not! After that we come to the really romantic. While the hairy gentleman on the cover is careering across the Gobi Desert, camels are taking the heavy mail, post-junks are shooting the Yangtze rapids, a picturesque courier is hee-hawing through Kuangtung with mails slung on either end of a bamboo yoke and a jolting Peking cart with a pair of ponies harnessed as in a Moscow sleigh is making time through the swampy wilds of Sinkiang. In Anhui they are so primitive that the courier crosses rivers in what is no more than an enlarged edition of the homely washtub—only a slight advance on the ancient Briton's coracle. Shensi receives its heavy mails by a litter slung between two ponies or by bullock cart, but Honan, slow but fairly sure, gives a preference to the ubiquitous wheelbarrow.

Antedating even the washtub boat is the buffalo skin raft on which mails are taken across the Yellow River, and in Manchuria they are transported over the icefields on those quaint steel-shod rafts so popular on the Tientsin river, the man standing at the stern and punting with the pole between his legs. In Szechuan or Honan, a person fuming over a delayed letter might well spare a thought for the faithful courier in the former province who crosses a wide and deep gorge by a cable not even fitted with a breeches-buoy, or in the other for the "fast" postman who sticks at nothing to justify his claim to the title and so scales a city wall by means of a rope. One wonders why this latter performance is necessary, for surely the gates in Honan city walls are not so far apart that the Post Office people are compelled in their hurry to go creeping about the walls.

By such means, then, do we get our letters from the interior and in such ways does the Post Office, in default of the existence of the better means of transport available in the countries of the West, go on year by year assisting in developing China and building up its trade. There may be typhoons or floods, revolution or peace, Hsu, Li, Yuan or Sun, or any two or more of them in power, but, from mail train to washtub boat, from European Director-General to humble, half-civilized coolie of the interior, the work continues and the mails are delivered. If one thinks it out, considering all the obstacles that are successfully surmounted every day, even when only the most primitive means are at hand, and remembering that there are many competent men at the head, the Chinese Post Office will probably give us just as good a service as anything we have been having from the international offices. After all, it does the same and more work with the same people and its experience is much wider.

Amongst other features in the report there is an intensely interesting historical survey which is as good reading as many a modern novel and there is in it one sentence which very aptly describes the work of the Post Office and conveys a sense of appreciation which could scarcely be bettered:—

"When the last stage courier on the long line—the longest in the world (4,400 miles)—which connects Peking and Kalgan with Tihwa in Chinese Turkestan, arrives—

> ' . . . . the herald of a noisy world,
> News of all nations lumbering at his back',

perchance it may occur to the dwellers in that far-off isolated community to regard him as an outward and visible sign of the happiest method of peaceful penetration." We in Shanghai might think the same.

The Directorate-General of Posts, in its report for last year, tells us that there was a time, in the early days of its career, when the Chinese name of the department, Yu Chêng-chü, was uttered in derision. We are not told why, and, not having learnt the Chinese subtle gift of scorn, such as enables one to call a person a tortoise and shrivel him to impotent shame or goad him to maniacal fury, we cannot understand the cause for such derision. However, the Post Office has long since lived down any cause for derision and the Chinese must, as foreigners do, look upon it as one of the very few honestly and capably controlled public services they have.

The service is making such rapid strides that during the year 4,184 additional places were provided with postal facilities, which again is a striking increase, considering that the year closed with 35,459 places so provided for. And all this has come about in 25 years, a record of which any country might well be proud, and it must not be forgotten that this period takes us back to before the Boxer trouble, when the development of the country was as nothing compared to even the poor condition of it now, and it carries on through all the turbulent years that have followed the First Revolution in 1911, since when there has not been one whole year of civil peace, whilst now, at a time when, candidly, the conditions seem worse than ever, the Post Office finds itself faced with daily improving records.

What seems the most amazing part of the story is the fact that this gigantic work is being carried through by a staff very little larger than the foreign population of Shanghai. At the end of last year there were but 115 foreigners all told in the service and 31,843 Chinese (as against 30,424 in 1920). The force scarcely seems to be sufficient to have dealt with the year's increase of itself, apart from the huge figures represented in the gross.

Philatelists will find the Post Office annual report a useful work to include in their libraries, for there is a generous section, with illustrations, giving notes on early and current specimens, overprints, surcharges, and so on, going back to 1878.

RARITIES

I make a speciality of **BRITISH COLONIAL RARITIES.** Below are a few taken at random from my stock—the pick of many fine collections. If the stamps mentioned below do not interest you, let me know your requirements, I am sure to have something you need. Only stamps in the **FINEST POSSIBLE CONDITION** will be found in my books. I do not offer damaged or third rate copies.

Prices Are Very Reasonable **Selections Willingly Sent on Approval**

All Numbers are from **Scott's** 1923 Catalogue.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—Postage Due, 1909, 10sh Mint, No. **138**.
Postage Due, 1909, 20sh Mint, No. **139**.
BARBADOS—1878, 1d on ½ of 5sh Used, No. **57**.
1878, 1d on ½ of 5sh Mint, No. **58**.
1892, ½d on 4d, Double Surcharge, red and black, Used, No. **69C**.
BECHUANALAND—1887, £5 Mint, No. **22**.
(Protectorate) 1888-89, 10sh Mint, No. **58**.
BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA—1891, £2 Mint, No. **12**.
1891, £5 Mint, No. **13**.
1891, £10 Mint, No. **14**.
1895, £25 Mint, No. **31**.
1896, £25 Mint, No. **42**.
1897, £10 Mint, No. **52**.
1903-4, £10 Mint, No. **69**.
1907, 2d Mint, No. **71**.
1907, 4d Mint, No. **72**.
BRITISH COLUMBIA—1865, imperf., 10c Mint, No. **4**.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA—1898, 20Rs Mint, No. **108**.
50Rs Mint, No. **109**.
BRITISH HONDURAS—1888, 50c on 1sh Grey, Mint, No. **25**.
1891, 5c on 3c, Double Surcharge of "Five" and bar. Mint, No. **35A**.
BRUNEI—1906, 1c Black Surcharge, Mint, No. **1A**.
CANADA— 1851, Laid Paper, 12d Black, Mint, No. **3**.
1852, 3d Red, Double Transfer, Used, No. **4C**.
1869-72, 1c Yellow, **PRINTED BOTH SIDES.** Mint block of 4, Extremely rare.
1899, 2(c) on ⅔ of 3c, Used on Entire, No. **85C**.
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE—1863-4, 1sh Emerald Green, Mint corner block of 4, **No. 15.**
1882-3, 5sh Orange, Mint, **No. 38.**
CEYLON—1857, Imperf., 4d Rose, Used, **No. 5.**
1857, Imperf., 8d Brown, Used, **No. 8.**
1857, Imperf., 9d Lilac-brown, Used, **No. 9.**
1857, 1s9d Green, Mint, **No. 12.**
1861, 8d Brown, Used, **No. 29.**
1872, Imperf., 96c Mint block of 4, No. **73A**.
1879, 2Rs 50c Mint, No. **82**.
1912, 100Rs Black, Mint, No. **218**.
1912, 500Rs Green, Mint, No. **219**.
COOK IDS—1892, 1d Mint pair, Imperforate between, No. **1A**.
EAST AFRICA & UGANDA—1903, 50Rs Mint, No. **16**.
1904-7, 50Rs Mint, No. **30A**.
1912, 100Rs Mint, No. **57**.
1912, 500Rs Mint, No. **58**.
GOLD COAST—1889, £1 Green and Red, Mint, No. **24**.
GRENADA—1888-9, 4d on 2sh Mint, No. **33**.
INDIA—1922, ¼ on ½a, **Mint Pair, one stamp without surcharge.**
Official, 1866, 8as Used, No. **219**.
Official, 1883-97, ½as Mint pair, one without surcharge, No. **236A**.
JAMAICA—1890, Official, ½d Double Surcharge, one Inverted, Used, No. **251C**.
LABUAN—1905, 25c Slate Blue, Mint, No. **119**.
5 Dols. Red Violet, Used, No. **121**.
LAGOS—1875, 1sh Mint, No. **12**.
1884-6, 2s6d Mint, No. **23**.
1884-6, 5sh Mint, No. **24**.
1884-6, 10sh Mint, No. **25**.
(I also have Nos. 23, 24 and 25 in superb used condition.)
1904, 10sh Mint, No. **49**.
MALTA—1919, 10sh Mint, No. **65**.
MAURITIUS—1848, 1d Red-Orange, Used, No. **4C**.
1861, Imperf., 1sh Green, **Mint Block of 4, No. 21.**
1863-4, Imperf., 2d Mint, No. **33A**.
NATAL—1891, 2½d on 4d, Double Surcharge, Used, No. **77C**.
1891, 2½d on 4d, Inverted Surcharge, Used, No. **77D**.
1904-8, £1 10sh Purple & Orange Brown, **MINT, No. 109.**
NEVIS—1882-3, 6d Green, Mint, No. **25**.
NEWFOUNDLAND—1857, 2d Scarlet-Vermilion, Used, **No. 2.**
1857, 4d Scarlet-Vermilion, **Unused, No. 4.**
1860, 4d Orange, Used, No. **12**.
1910, 1c Mint Pair, **IMPERFORATE BETWEEN.** No. **87C**.
1920, 2c on 30c Inverted Surcharge, Mint, No. **127A**.
1919, Hawker Air Stamp, 3c **Used on Entire, No. 201.**
NEW SOUTH WALES—Sydney Views. A superb lot, including many pairs.
NIGER COAST—1893, ½d on ½ of 1d Violet Surcharge, Unused, No. **7A**.
1893, 10sh on 5d, Mint, No. **39**.
NOVA SCOTIA—1851-53, 1sh Reddish Violet, Used, **No. 6.**
1851-53, 1sh Dull Violet, Used, **No. 7.**
NYASALAND—1908, £10 Mint, **No. 11.**
1913-15, £10 Mint, **No. 24.**
PAPUA—1907, 6d Double Surcharge, Mint, No. **24A**.
RHODESIA—1890, £10 Mint, No. **15**.
1906-8, £2 Brown, Mint, No. **82**.
1909, £2 Brown, Mint, No. **100A**.
1909, £5 Blue, Mint, No. **100B**.
ST. CHRISTOPHER—1887-88, 1d on 2½d **Inverted Surcharge,** Used, No. **20A**.
ST. LUCIA—1860, 6d Green, **Mint block of 4,** No. **3**.
1883-4, 1sh Orange, Mint, No. **23**.
1884, Perf. 12, 4d Mint, No. **24**.
1892, ½d on 3d, **Inverted Surcharge,** Used on Piece, No. **39C**.
1892, 1d on 4d, **Inverted Surcharge,** Used on Piece, No. **41C**.
ST. VINCENT—1880-81, 5sh Rose, Mint, No. **29**.
1880-81, 4d on 1sh Mint, No. **33**.
(I have a very fine stock of this Country.)
SEYCHELLES—1901, 3c on 16c, Inverted Surcharge, Mint, No. **30B**.
1901, 6c on 8c, Inverted Surcharge, Mint, No. **32A**.
SOMALILAND—1902, 3Rs **Inverted Surcharge,** Mint, No. **11A**.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1896, £5 Brown, Mint, No. **112**.
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—1894, (3c) on 32c, without Surcharge, Mint, No. **80A**.
1899, (4c) on 5c WITHOUT SURCHARGE, Mint, No. 90A.
1904, 25 Dols., Mint, No. **120A**.
1908-11, 25 Dols., Mint, No. **145**.
1915, 100 Dols., Mint, No. **168**.
1915, 500 Dols., Mint. No. **169**.
JOHORE—1904-8, 50 Dols., Mint, No. **73A**.
1904-8, 100 Dols., Mint, No. **73B**.
NEGRI SEMBILAN—1899, 4c on 8c, Red and Green Surcharge, Mint, **No. 16.**
SUDAN—An exceptionally fine lot in stock. Practically all the errors and rarities.
TOBAGO—1879, £1 Violet, Mint, **No. 6.**
1882-84, 6d Mint, **No. 18.**
1886-92, ½d on 6d, **Inverted Surcharge,** Mint, No. **26A**.
TRANSVAAL—1902, £5 Violet and Orange, Mint, No. **267**.
1908, Wmk. Anchor, 1d Carmine, Used No. **285**.
TURKS IDS—1873-9, 1sh Violet, Used, No. **6**.
ZANZIBAR—1913, 100Rs Mint, No. **139**.
1913, 200Rs Mint, No. **140**.
ZULULAND—1888, ½d Green, **Mint Pair, one without surcharge.**
1894-96, £5 Violet and Black on Red, Mint, **No. 23.**

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A DAY ON THE ISLAND OF MALTA.

By W. E. HUGHES.

To wake up at half past six on a bright May morning and find one's self at anchor in Valletta Grand Harbour is a pleasant experience, and one I enjoyed last year. Our steamer carried explosives, so that we were placed far from the madding crowd and as near the head of the harbour as possible. Still, there were compensations, as near us were surrendered enemy undersea boats, tied up in rusty bundles, while close by was one of our own submarines which had made history beneath the six tiers of mines in the Dardanelles, winning the V. C. for its gallant commander and a niche in the temple of fame for itself. Over there, near a coal store, we could see a strange battered contraption, which turned out to be a stern-wheeled steamer, drawing about eighteen inches of water, which had been a hospital ship on the Tigris.

Malta is a beautiful place, and its history is still to be told. In the old days of small sailing craft, its fine natural harbour must often have been a refuge for Phœnician, Greek, Carthaginian, Roman, Norse and Venetian seamen as they voyaged from coast to coast, enjoying the trade winds. All these races, and many others, have helped to build up Malta, and each has left its impress. The forts, erected by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, give one a sense of power, and the Cathedral of St. John is one of the lesser known wonders of the world. The forts and Grand Harbour are shown on the old 4d stamp.

No mention of Malta is complete without reference to the shipwreck of St. Paul. It is true that the incident is said by some people to be merely a legend, but after one has been to Malta and studied the topography of the Mediterranean, one is less inclined to scoff at the story. The scene of the wreck is depicted on the old 10sh stamp.

Speaking generally, Malta is a poor country. It depends on the industry of its inhabitants, and without the British Fleet it would lose a large part of what prosperity it has. It is a rocky island, and it is said that all the soil has been brought from abroad. Certainly the islanders cultivate every inch of their fatherland. The Maltese think in farthings. They are compelled to do so by necessity. A large number of stamps are used for fiscal purposes. Every price list in a shop window has a stamp stuck on it.

The Colony or State of Malta includes also the island of Gozo, where much of the famous Maltese lace comes from. This island has also given its name to a special type of craft, called the Gozo fishing smack. It is to be seen on the old 5d stamp.

To take the lift that climbs the face of the rocky cliff between the Harbour and the town and to walk along the promenade which skirts the Upper Barracca Gardens, is to look upon one of the most wonderful views in the British Empire. Beneath us are the ancient forts, with their massive walls, which beat back the ravening Turk, while float on the water great battleships and cruisers, which from the height on which we stand look like toy boats. The White Ensign. It is a naval base of the first magnitude and a bright jewel in the diadem of Britain.

Malta is not now a Colony in the old sense, but a self-governing community among the peoples of the British Empire. It is likely to be a heavy burden for a people so few in numbers, and one can only wish them good luck.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

MICHIGAN STAMP CLUB.

By HERMAN W. BOERS.

The Michigan Stamp Club for several years held meetings at Fraternity Hall, Detroit, but hereafter all meetings will be held at G. A. R. Hall on Grand River and Cass, more centrally located, more convenient and a better locality.

At present the Club has a membership of 70. It is one of the big branches of the A. P. S. These meetings are held on the first and third Saturdays of the month, and any collector who should happen to be in Detroit is welcome to the meeting.

The meetings of this season have been unusually good, an average of 35 members have been present, and new members have been added. The Auction and Sales Departments have taken a new life, more enthusiasm is shown. The officers are trying to make this a good season, and the Publicity Department has had the daily papers give special notices of meetings and doings, all of which has helped to build up the society.

A SAMPLE LETTER.

Dear Mr. Fennell:

I do not think enough credit can be proffered you for the campaign you have launched on repaired stamps. Our views on this matter certainly coincide, and I want to tell you that for the past two years I have marked every repaired copy that has come into my possession not alone with the letter "R" but with the full word "Repaired."

Personally, I feel that a fine appearing repaired copy has a place in Philately. I will, in a great many instances, pay more for a superb-looking, expertly-repaired copy than I would for a perfectly sound, off centered, heavily cancelled one.

As I look upon it, the great trouble with repaired copies, even if sold as such without being marked, lies in the fact that a stamp might pass through several hands, acquire an accumulation of hinges, and upon being soaked by the purchaser, who is not adept enough to discover fine repairing, the stamp falls apart.

In lieu of this I have, for the past 60 or 90 days, been stamping all repaired copies that come into my hands with a small rubber stamp "Repaired—Do Not Soak" which I am showing you in the margin at the left.

I really feel that this movement should be taken up by the various Dealers' Associations and pushed to the limit. I can assure you that if I can be of any assistance to you in helping you foster such a campaign against that which seems to be a growing menace to our high-class hobby, I do not want you to hesitate to call upon me.

With Best Wishes for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,
N. B. PAULSON.

CHICAGO.

THE LINN STATIONERY.

It is a rather unusual thing for a firm to take space in the WEEKLY to advertise anything other than stamps, but the fact is, the Linn Company has a rather unusual offer of stationery at a price ridiculously cheap. We have seen specimens and the stock and printing are both of the highest class. Note the attractive advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

BRITISH COLONIES

The following are in first class postally used condition unless otherwise indicated and priced very reasonable considering the class of goods offered.

BAHAMAS

	Cat.	Net
1901, 1d, No. 33, o. g.	.15	.08
1906, 1d, No. 45	.05	.03
2½d, No. 46	.40	.22
1911, 1d, No. 48, o. g.	.12	.06
1912, 2d, No. 50a, o. g.	..	.06
4d, No. 52, o. g.	..	.12
6d, No. 53, o. g.	..	.16
Sp. Del., No. 102, o. g.	.60	.35
Charity, No. 201, o. g.	.10	.06
No. 202, o. g.	.10	.06
War Tax, No. 302, o. g.	.30	.15
No. 303, o. g.	.75	.35
No. 306, o. g.	.65	.35
Nos. 307-8, o. g.	.16	.10
No. 310, o. g.	.75	.40
No. 311, o. g.	.50	.18
No. 312, o. g.	.25	.13

Have above W. Tax used also.

BARBADOS

	Cat.	Net
1882, 2½d, No. 62	.18	.10
4d. No. 65	.30	.15
1892, ½ on 4d, No. 69, o. g.	.10	.05
1899, 2d, No. 88	.35	.20
1904, ¼ & ½d, o. g.	.20	.10
2½d, No. 94	.18	.09
1906, 1d Olive Blossom	.15	.10
1912, ¼, ½ & 1d	.30	.12
2½d, No. 120	.30	.15
1916, ¼, ½ & 1d	.09	.04
4d, No. 133, scarce	.50	.30
1920, ¼, ½ & 1d	.13	.06
1d, No. 151	.06	.03
1921, ¼, ½, 1 & 2d	..	.14
War Tax, No. 251	.08	.04

BERMUDA

	Cat.	Net
1865, 1d, No. 1	.60	.30
1884, 1d, No. 17	.65	.30
2d, No. 21	.30	.18
2½d, No. 22	.08	.04
3d, No. 23	.40	.22
1sh, No. 24, o. g.	1.25	.65
1901, ¼ on 1sh, No. 25	.05	.03
1902, ½d, No. 26	.35	.20
1d, No. 27	.08	.04
3d, No. 28	.60	.40
1903, 6d, No. 29, o. g.	.50	.30
1906, ½d, No. 31	.30	.20
1d, No. 32	.12	.05
2d, No. 33	.65	.35
2½d, No. 34	.85	.45
1908, ¼d, No. 35	.12	.07
½d, No. 36	.85	.40
1908, 1d, No. 37	.10	.05
2½d, No. 38	.65	.30
4d, No. 39, Scarce	.50	.35
1910, ¼, ½ & 1d	.08	.04
2 & 2½d	.16	.09
3d, No. 45	..	.08
4d, No. 46	..	.12
6d, No. 47	..	.15
1sh, No. 48	..	.25
1920, ¼, ½, 1 & 2½d	.31	.18
1921, ¼, ½, 1 & 2½d	.31	.18
War Tax, No. 101, o. g.	.20	.10
No. 102, o. g.	.08	.04

BRITISH GUIANA

	Cat.	Net
1898, 1c, No. 147	.25	.15
2c, No. 148	.30	.16
2c on 10c, No. 153	.35	.20
2c on 15c, No. 154	.25	.15
1900, 2c, No. 156, o. g.	.15	.07
1905, 5c, No. 163	.60	.35
1907, 4c, No. 174	.25	.14
War Tax, No. 402	.10	.05

BRITISH HONDURAS

	Cat.	Net
1904, 1c, No. 62	.30	.16
5c, No. 64	.50	.25
10c, No. 65	.50	.30
25c, No. 67	2.25	1.15
1909, 5c, No. 73	.35	.18
1911, 25c, No. 74	1.50	.85
1915, 1c, No. 85	.50	.22
2c, No. 86	.20	.10
5c, No. 87	.30	.16
War Tax, No. 201	.10	.05
No. 202	.10	.05
No. 203	.25	.12
Nos. 204-5	.20	.09

CAYMAN ISLS.

	Cat.	Net
1900, 1d, No. 2, o. g.	.25	.12
1905, ½d, No. 8	.30	.16
1d, No. 9	1.00	.50
2½d, No. 10	.85	.42
6d, No. 11, o. g.	2.25	1.20
1sh, No. 12, o. g.	3.50	1.90
1907, ½d, No. 21	.12	.06
1d, No. 22	.40	.20
2½d, No. 23	.60	.35
3d, No. 24	.60	.35
6d, No. 26	.75	.40
1sh, No. 27	1.25	.65
1913, 3d, No. 43, scarce	.85	.45
1sh, No. 44, scarce	1.00	.60

Can supply a number of other items from above countries but have quantities too small to list. What do you need in Br. West Indies?

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FRANCE	1917, Nos. 203 to 209*	.60
	1917, 5fr+5fr, No. 210*	1.20
FRANCE	1916, 3c-1fr 25c, Nos. 415-425*. A scarce set	1.35
ANJOUAN	1892, 1, 2, 4, 5c*	.13
	1892, 10c lavender, No. 5	.10
ANJOUAN	1892, 25c rose, No. 8*	.38
	1892, 30c brown, No. 9*	.50
ANJOUAN	1892, 75c orange, No. 12*	.60
	1892, 1fr green, No. 13*	.75
ANJOUAN	1900, 10c, No.14, used or *, ea.	1.50
	1900, 15c, No.15, used or *, ea.	1.25
ANJOUAN	1900, 25c blue, No. 16*	1.75
	1900, 50c brown, No. 17	1.75
ANJOUAN	1906, 35c yellow, No. 18*	.85
	Others in stock.	
ANNAM & TONKIN	1888, 1 on 4c, No. 2*	.40
	1888, 5 on 10c, No. 3	.60
BENIN	1892, 5c green, No. 4	.75
	1892, 10c lavender, No. 5	1.90
BENIN	1892, 15c blue, No. 6*	1.25
	1892, 15c blue, No. 14	2.00
BENIN	1893, 1, 2, 4, 10c*	.58
	1893, 40c red, No. 29*	.28
BENIN	1893, 50c red, No. 30*	.30
	1893, 75c orange, No. 31*	.85
CAMEROONS	1915, ½p-8p, Nos. 50-61*	6.00
	1915, 5c, No. 119	.65
CAMEROONS	1915, Nos. 101-129 on hand.	
	1915, 1c-5fr, Nos. 130 145*	1.75
CAMEROONS	1921, 1c to 5frs*	1.40
	Other Cameroons on hand.	
CASTELLORIZO	20pi, No. 28*	17.00
	Nos. 37 or 38, each*	30.00
CILICIE	2pi, No. 105*	.75
	Nos. 110 to 114*	3.25
CILICIE	Nos. 124, 125*	.70
	No. 126*	1.45
CILICIE	100pi, No. 127*	4.75
	Surcharged on Turkish issues, nearly complete.	
DAHOMEY	1904, 40c vermilion, No. 11*	.75
	1906, 1c to 1fr*	3.25
DAHOMEY	1906, 2frs, No. 30*	1.35
	1906, 5frs, No. 31*	2.75
DAHOMEY	1912, Nos. 32-41* except 40	.95
	1913, 1, 2, 5frs*	1.00
DAHOMEY	1922, 5c to 50c*	.18
	1922, 60 on 75c*	.08
DAHOMEY	1906, Dues, 5c to 1fr*	1.35
	1914, Dues, 5c to 1fr*	.38
DIEGO SUAREZ	1894, 40, 50, 75c, 1fr	1.95
	1892, Dues, 1, 2, 3, 4c.ea.	1.75

FRENCH CHINA AND OFFICES

These have always been good stamps and advanced sharply in value during past few years. Few collectors have them, or few dealers any stock of them. Most of our unused items are mint and not pasted all over with hinges from collections, etc.

CHINA	1894, No. 1, or No. 2, each	.13
	1894, 15c blue*	.35
CHINA	1894, 25c black*	.15
	1894, 1fr green	.17
CHINA	1900, 5c, No. 11a*	.45
	1902, 75c orange, No. 29*	.75
CHINA	1902, Nos. 32 to 36*	.65
	1902, 1fr, No. 40*	.50
CHINA	1904, 1c 40c, Nos. 46 53* exc. 47g	1.95
	1901, 16 on 25c, No. 17*	3.50
CANTON	1901, Nos. 1, 1a*, each	.08
	1901, Nos. 3 or 5*, each	.12
CANTON	1901, 1fr, No. 13*	.65
	1903, 1c to 10c, Nos. 15-19*	.30
CANTON	1903, 25c blue*	.25
	1906, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c*	.75
CANTON	1906, 15c or. brown*	.50
	1906, 20c, 35c each*	.30
CANTON	1906, 25c blue*	.25
	1906, 30c brown*	.40
CANTON	1906, 40c, or 50c, each*	.60
	1906, 1fr green*	1.00
CANTON	1906, 2frs orange*	2.00
	1906, 5frs red lilac*	2.75
CANTON	1906, 10frs orange*, No. 47	5.50
	1908, Nos. 48 to 59*	.88
CANTON	1918, Nos. 65 to 81 comp.*	9.50
	Other Cantons in stock.	
HOI-HAO	1901, Nos. 1 to 4*, each	.20
	1901, 15c gray*	.15
HOI-HAO	1903, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c*	.28
	1903, 20c red*	.25
HOI-HAO	1903, 25c blue*	.20
	1903, 30c brown*	.28
HOI-HAO	1904, 25c rose*	.35
	1906, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c*, each	.30
HOI-HAO	1906, 15c br. orange*	1.20
	1906, 20c, 30c, 40c, each*	.50
HOI-HAO	1918, Nos. 67-84*, scarce	9.50
	Other Hoi-Hao in stock.	
KOUANG-T-WAN	1906, 1, 2, 4c*, each	.40
	1906, 5c green*	.35
KOUANG-T-WAN	1906, 10c red*	.45
	1906, 15c orange br.*	1.00
KOUANG-T-WAN	1906, 20, 30,35,40c*, ea.	.60
	1906, 25c blue*	.45
KOUANG-T-WAN	1906, 50c brown*	.80
	1906, 75c orange*	3.75
KOUANG-T-WAN	1906, 1fr green*	1.90
	1906, 2fr brown*	2.75
KOUANG-T-WAN	1908,5,10,15,25,75c,1fr*	.90
	1908,10frs purp.&blk.*	3.50
MONGTZE	1903, 1c black*	.25
	1903, 2, 4, 5, 10c*	.38
MONGTZE	1903, 20c red*	.18
	1903, 30c brown*	.25
MONGTZE	1906, 1, 2, 4c, each*	.20
	1906, 5c, 10c, each*	.25
MONGTZE	1906, 15c or. brown*	.75
	1906, 20c red*	.35
MONGTZE	1906, 30, 35, 40c, each*	.45
	1906, 75c orange*	1.75
MONGTZE	1908, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 50, 75c, 1fr*	1.35
	1908, 2frs green & black*	.65
MONGTZE	1908, 10frs purple & black*	3.75
	1918, Nos. 51 to 68*, rare	9.75
PAK-HOI	1903, 1c black*	.25
	1903, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c*	1.00
PAK-HOI	1903, 40c red*	1.25
	1903, 75c orange*	1.25
PAK-HOI	1903, 5frs red lilac*	2.75
	1904, 25c rose*	.18
PAK-HOI	1906, 1c, 2c, each*	.25
	1906, 10c carmine	.30
PAK-HOI	1906, 15c or. brown*	.50
	1906, 20c red*	.35
PAK-HOI	1906, 25c blue*	.30
	1906, 30, 35c each*	.45
PAK-HOI	1906, 40c black*	.50
	1906, 50c brown*	.60
PAK-HOI	1906, 75c orange*	1.50
	1906, 1fr green*	1.25
PAK-HOI	1906, 2frs brown*	2.50
	1906, 5frs red lilac*	3.75
PAK-HOI	1908, 1c to 1fr*	1.50
	1908, 2frs green & black*	.75
PAK-HOI	1908, 5frs blue & black*	1.75
	1918, Nos. 52 to 69, rare*	9.75
TCHONGKING	1903, 2, 4, 5, 10c*	.38
	1903, 30c brown, used	.30
TCHONGKING	1904, 25c rose*	.25
	1906, 1,2,5,10c, used or*,ea.	.30
TCHONGKING	1906, 15c or. brown*	.85
	1906, 20c red*	.35
TCHONGKING	1906, 25, 30, 35, 40c*, ea.	.45
	1906, 50c brown*	.70
TCHONGKING	1906, 1fr green*	1.75
	1906, 2frs brown*	1.75
TCHONGKING	1908, 1c to 1fr*	1.50
	1908, 5frs blue & black*	1.75
TCHONGKING	1918, Nos.51 or 67*, scarce	9.75
	Other Tchongking in stock.	
YUNNANSEN	1901, 1c black*	.25
	1901, 2, 4, 5, 10c*	.45
YUNNANSEN	1901, 30c brown*	.25
	1901, 75c orange*	.85
YUNNAN-FOU	1906, 1, 2, 4c*, each	.30
	1906, 5, 10c, each*	.25
YUNNAN-FOU	1906, 15c or. brown*	.85
	1906, 20, 30, 35, 40c, ea.*	.45
YUNNAN-FOU	1906, 25c blue*	.30
	1906, 50c brown*	.60
YUNNAN-FOU	1906, 75c orange*	2.25
	1906, 1fr green*	1.35
YUNNAN-FOU	1906, 2fr brown*	2.00
	1906, 5frs red lilac*	3.00
YUNNAN-FOU	1908, 1fr red & black*	.35
	1908, 2frs green & black*	.75
YUNNAN-FOU	1908, 5frs blue & blk.*	1.75
	1908, 10frs purp. & blk.*	3.50
	1918, Nos. 36-53, rare*	9.75

We will be pleased to see your want lists of any other French Offices in China that you want and do not see offered here.

CRETE	Offices, 1902, 1c to 1fr*	.65
	Offices, 1902, 2frs*	.35
ALEXANDRIA	(Egypt) 1902, 30c-1fr*	.45
	(Egypt) 1902, 5frs*	.90
ALEXANDRIA	1921, Nos. 31, 33, 38, ea.*	.13
	1921, Nos. 36, 37, each*	.30
ALEXANDRIA	1921, No. 42*	.40
	1921, No. 34*	.60
ALEXANDRIA	1921, No. 32*	.75
	1921, No. 35*	.85
ALEXANDRIA	1921, No. 39*	1.10
	1921, No. 40*	1.00
ALEXANDRIA	1921, No. 41*	1.20
	1921, No. 43*	5.75
ALEXANDRIA	1921, No. 45*	45.00
	1921, No. 44a*	8.00
	1921, No. 46*	38.00
PORT SAID	1902, 1c to 1fr*	.45
	1902, 5frs*	.85
PORT SAID	1921, Nos. 33 to 45*	52.50
	1921, No. 41*	3.25
PORT SAID	1921, No. 42b*	4.00
	Nos 57 to 61, rare*	35.00
PORT SAID	1921, 12m on 10c, No. 301*	2.50
	1921, 15M on 5c, No. 302*	10.00
PORT SAID	1921, 30M on 20c, No. 303*	9.75
	1921, Nos. 305 to 309*	6.00
PORT SAID	1900, 25 on 10c, No. 16, rare stamp	3.00
MOROCCO	1891, 1fr, No. 6*	.85
	1902, Nos. 11 to 14*	.20
MOROCCO	1915, Nos. 267 to 272*	.35
	1915, Nos 273-276*	.35
TURKEY	(Offices) 1902, 5c to 4pia*	.50
	(Offices) 1902, 8pi, No. 34, used	.40
TURKEY	(Offices) 1902, 20pi, No. 35*	.75
	(Offices) 1921, 75pi, No.49, used	.40

CAVALLE	1902, 5c to 8pi*	.65
	1893, 5c*	.50
DEDEAGH	1893, 5c*	.75
	1902, 5c to 8pi*	.65
ZANZIBAR	1894, ½a, No. 1	.25
	1896, 20a, No. 27*	1.75
ZANZIBAR	1902, 3a on 30c*	.35
	1904, 25c, No. 55	2.95
FR. COLS.	1859, 80c rose	1.00
	1879, 20c red	.50
FR. CONGO	Earlier issues on want list.	
	1892, 5c green*	.25
FR. CONGO	1900, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75c*	1.00
	1900, 10c red, No. 48	.12
FR. CONGO	15c gray, No. 49*	.85
	25c blue*	1.25
FR. CONGO	50c brown, No. 51*	1.50
	Send us list of others wanted.	
FR. GUIANA	1892, 1fr green, No. 30*	3.00
	1892, 75c violet, No. 43*	1.20
FR. GUIANA	1892, 1fr green*, No. 44	.60
	1902, 2frs violet	.27
FR. GUIANA	1905, 1c to 2frs*	.90
	1905, 5frs black*	.60
FR. GUIANA	1912, Nos. 68 to 73*	.70
	1922, Nos. 75 to 80*	.20
FR. GUIANA	1915, 10c, No. 201*	.95
	1915, 10c, No. 202*	.05
FR. GUINEA	1892, 1, 2, 4, 5c*	.35
	1892, 10c lavender*	.35
FR. GUINEA	1892, 20c red*	.35
	1892, 25c rose	.12
FR. GUINEA	1900, 15c gray*	7.75
	1900, 25c blue*	1.50
FR. GUINEA	1900, 50c brown*	2.00
	1904, 1c to 15c*	1.20
FR. GUINEA	1904, 20c, 30, 40, 75c,1fr,ea.*	2.50
	1904, 50c brown*	3.00
FR. GUINEA	1904, 2frs red*	3.50
	1904, 25c blue	1.25
FR. GUINEA	1906, 1c to 1fr*	1.75
	1906, 2frs blue*	.80
FR. GUINEA	1906, 5frs carmine*	1.65
	1912, Nos. 48 to 62	1.90
FR. GUINEA	1913, 1c to 2frs*	.90
	1913, 5frs black & vio.*	.80
FR. GUINEA	1922, 5c to 50c, Nos. 80-85*	.15
	1922, 5frs blue & black*	.60
FR. GUINEA	1922, 60 on 75c*	.08
	1905, Dues, 5c to 1fr*	1.10
FR. GUINEA	1906, Dues, 5c to 1fr*	1.10
	1914, Dues, 5c to 1fr*	.38
FR. INDIA	1892, 1, 2, 3, 5c*	.18
	15c blue*	.12
FR. INDIA	1892, 40c vermilion*	45
	1892, 50c carmine*	.50
FR. INDIA	1892, 75c violet*	.75
	1892, 1fr green*	.75
FR. INDIA	1900, 10c red	.17
	1903, 40 on 50c, No. 21*	5.50
FR. INDIA	1906, 35c yellow*	.60
	1906, 45c green*	1.75
FR. INDIA	1922, 2c to 50c*	.17
	1922, 5frs*	.60
FR. INDIA	1915, 15c, No. 101*	.25
	1916, 15c, No. 102*	.95
FR. INDIA	1916, 15c, No. 103*	.15
	1916, 15c, No. 104*	.10
FR. OCEANICA	1892, 1, 2, 4, 5c*	.17
	1892, 20c red*	.25
FR. OCEANICA	1892, 30c brown*	.30
	1892, 50c carmine*	.45
FR. OCEANICA	1892, 75c violet*	.60
	1892, 1fr green*	.55
FR. OCEANICA	1900, 10c red	.12
	1900, 15c gray*	.60
FR. OCEANICA	1900, 25c blue	1.35
	1900, 50c brown*	8.00
FR. OCEANICA	1906, 35c yellow*	.60
	1906, 45c green*	1.75
FR. OCEANICA	1913, 5frs, No. 37*	.60
	1916, 10c, No. 38*	.25
FR. OCEANICA	1922, 5c to 50c*	.17
	1915, 15c, No. 101*	.65
FR. OCEANICA	1915, 15c, No. 102*	.50
	1915, 15c, No. 103*	.30
FR. SOUDAN	1892, 10c lavender*	.45
	1892, 40c vermilion	.85
FR. SOUDAN	1892, 1fr green*	.60
	1900, 10c, 15, 25c, each*	1.25
FR. SOUDAN	1900, 50c brown*	.75
	1921, 1c to 2frs*	.80
FR. SOUDAN	1921, 5frs vio. & black*	.60
	1922, 60 on 75c*	.08
GABON	1886, 25 on 20c*, No. 3	1.75
	1904, 25c blue*	35
GABON	1904, 50c, 75c, each	1.00
	1906, 35c yellow	1.50
GABON	1910, 20, 25, 35c*	.70
	1910, 30, 40, 45c, each*	.60
GABON	1910, 50c*	.85
	1911, 30c to 2frs*	.85
GABON	1922, 5c to 50c*	.20
	1916, 15c, No. 201*	1.50
GABON	1916, 15c, No. 202*	1.70
	1917, 15c, No. 203*	.05
GRAND COMORO	1897, 1c to 50c*	2.75
	1897, 75c violet*	.85
GRAND COMORO	1897, 1fr green*	1.00
	1900, 15c gray*	1.50
GRAND COMORO	1900, 25c blue*	1.25
	1900, 50c brn., used or*	1.75

GUADELOUPE	1889, 15 on 20c, No. 4*	.45
	1892, 30c brown*	.30
GUADELOUPE	1892, 50c carmine	.40
	1892, 75c violet*	1.00
GUADELOUPE	1892, 1fr green	.80
	1900, 25c blue*	8.00
GUADELOUPE	1900, 50c brn., used or *	2.95
	1903, 40 on 1fr, No. 48*	.25
GUADELOUPE	1905, 1c to 2frs*	.90
	1905, 5frs*	.60
GUADELOUPE	1922, 5c to 50c*	.17
	1905, Dues, 5c to 1fr*	.37
INDO CHINA	1892, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25c	.40
	1892, 20c, 30c, each	.25
INDO CHINA	1892, 40c vermilion	.30
	1892, 75c violet; used or *	.50
INDO CHINA	1900, 10c red	.20
	1900, 15c gray	.08
INDO CHINA	1900, 50c brown	.45
	1904, 1fr green*	.40
INDO CHINA	1907, 15, 20, 35, 40c*	.35
	1907, 75c used	.17
INDO CHINA	1907, 5frs blue & black*	1.50
	1907, 10frs purp. & black*	3.00
INDO CHINA	1912, Nos. 60 to 64*	.50
	1915, Nos. 302 304*	.18
INDO CHINA	1905, 5 on 40c, No. 402*	.40
	1908, Dues, 2c to 60c*	.95
INDO CHINA	1908, Dues, 1fr gray*	.35
	1908, Dues, 2frs brown*	.70
INDO CHINA	1908, Dues, 5frs red*	1.50
	What else do you want?	
IVORY COAST	1892, 1, 2, 4, 5c*	.30
	1892, 20c red	.35
IVORY COAST	1892, 25c rose	.18
	1892, 1fr green*	.60
IVORY COAST	1900, 10c red*	4.50
	1900, 15c, used or *	.75
IVORY COAST	1900, 50c brn., used or *	2.50
	1906, 1c to 1fr*	1.90
IVORY COAST	1906, 2frs blue*	.80
	1906, 5frs carmine*	1.85
IVORY COAST	1912, Nos. 37-41*	.75
	1913, 1c to 2frs*	.85
IVORY COAST	1922, 5c to 50c*	.17
	1922, 60 on 75c*	.08
IVORY COAST	1906, Dues, 5c to 1fr*	1.20
	1914, Dues, 5c to 1fr*	.38
MADAGASCAR	1895, 5frs violet, No. 22*	1.80
	1892, 1c to 50c*	2.00
MADAGASCAR	1892, 75c violet*	.37
	1892, 1fr green*	.45
MADAGASCAR	1900, 25c, 50c, each*	1.80
	1902, 10c on 5frs*	.45
MADAGASCAR	1902, 15 on 75c, No. 53*	.08
	1902, 5 on 30c, No. 60*	2.00
MADAGASCAR	1903, 1fr green*	.75
	1903, 5frs blk.*(special)	1.75
MADAGASCAR	1921, 30 on 40c, No. 105*	.08
	60 on 75c, No. 107*	.15
MADAGASCAR	1fr on 5frs, No.109*	.20
	25 on 35c, No.113*	1.25
MADAGASCAR	1922, 5c to 50c*	.17
	1922, 60 on 75c*	.08
MADAGASCAR	1908, Dues, 5c to 1fr*	.37
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MARTINIQUE	1886, 5 on 20c, No. 1*	.85
	1890, 5 on 75c, No. 17	.45
MARTINIQUE	1888, 1 on 4c, No. 12*	.17
	1892, 20c red	.35
MARTINIQUE	1892, 1fr green	.40
	1900, 25c, 50c, each*	1.50
MARTINIQUE	1903, 2frs*	1.25
	1904, 10 on 30c, No. 53*	.45
MARTINIQUE	1904, 10 on 5frs, No. 54*	.60
	1904, Nos.55,56,57,58,59*, ea.	.45
MARTINIQUE	1904, No. 60*	4.50
	1906, 35c yellow	.60
MARTINIQUE	1912, 10 on 40c, No. 80*	.22
	1922, 5c to 50c*	.17
MAURITANIA	1906, 1c to 1fr*	3.50
	1906, 2frs blue*	1.35
MAURITANIA	1906, 5frs carmine*	3.00
	1913, 1c to 2frs*	.85
MAURITANIA	1913, 5frs*	.60
	1922, 5c to 50c*	.17
MAYOTTE	1892, 1, 2, 4, 5c*	.25
	1892, 40c vermilion*	.45
MAYOTTE	1892, 75c violet*	.75
	1900, 25c blue*	1.25
MAYOTTE	1892, 5frs red lilac*, rare	3.50
	1906, 35c, used or *	1.00
MAYOTTE	1906, 45c green*, rare	1.35
	1912, Nos. 23 to 31*	.60
MOHELI	1906, 20c red*	.45
	1906, 35c, used or *	.45
MOHELI	1906, 40c vermilion*	.75
	1906, 50c brown*	.85
MOHELI	1906, 75c violet*	1.25
	1906, 1fr green*	1.35
MOHELI	1906, 2frs violet*	1.50
	1912, Nos. 17 to 22*	1.50
NEW CALEDONIA	No. 14*	30.00
	Nos. 15*, 16*, each	25.00
NEW CALEDONIA	Nos. 20, 21*, each	4.00
	20c, No. 16, used or *	4.50
NEW CALEDONIA	4c, No. 22*	5.00
	40c, No. 31*	5.00
NEW CALEDONIA	1892, 5 on 75c, No.38*	.35
	1900, Nos. 53, 54, ea.*	.18
NEW CALEDONIA	1901, 5 on 2c, No. 60*	.25
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	1902, 6p, No. 37, used or * ..	.60
AHAMAS	1906, 6p brown, No. 47* ...	.40
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AHAMAS	1919, 3p brown & bl.*	.08
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AHAMAS	1918, 2sh, No. 60*	.60
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ARBADOS	1912, 2½p blue	.15
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	1873, No. 5, or 6, each	1.45
ERMUDA	1902, 3p, No. 28*	.30
	1906, 2p, No. 33*	.45
ERMUDA	1906, 2½p, No. 34*	.45
	1908, 4p br. & blue, No. 39*	.28
ERMUDA	1910, ¼p to 4p*	.35
	1910, 1sh*	.30
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	1890, No. 146*	.30
R. GUIANA	1890, No. 146b ($2)	.65
	1905, 48c, No. 167	.80
R. HONDURAS	1902, 1c, No. 58*	.55
	1902, 20c, No. 61*	.85
RUNEI	2 on 3c, No. 2*	.45
	4 on 12c, No. 5*	.30
RUNEI	5c blue & black, No. 17*	1.35
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CYMAN IS.	1902, 1sh, No. 7*	2.00
	1907, 1p rose, No. 22*	.20
CYMAN IS.	1907, 2½p blue, No. 23* ..	.30
	1907, 3p violet, No. 24* ..	.35
CYMAN IS.	1907, 6p violet, No. 26* ..	.45
	1907, 5sh, No. 28*	2.75
CYMAN IS.	1912, 3p, No. 43	.45
	1912, 1sh, No. 44*	.75
CYMAN IS.	1921, 5sh, No. 62*	1.50
	1921, 10sh, No. 63*	3.00
CYMAN IS.	1917, 1½p, No. 101*	1.65
	1917, 1½p, No. 102*	.35
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CYLON	1886, 25c bistre, No. 130*	.40
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CYLON	1903, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c*	.65
	1903, 30c vio. & green*	.30
CYLON	1903, 75c blue & orange*	1.20
	1910, Nos. 192, 193, 194*	1.20
CYLON	1913, 1r violet, No. 220*	.85
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COK IS.	Nos. 48 to 60* (no No. 54) ..	1.90
	1920, ½p to 1sh*	.60
MINICA	1907, 1p, No. 36	.20
	1916, ½p, No. 151*	.09
MINICA	1918, 3p, No. 154*	.15
	1919, 1½p, No. 155*	.07
AT AF. & UG.	Nos. 34, 35, 36, each*	.30
	20r, No.55, Fiscal used	3.00
KLAND IS.	1886, 1p, No. 5*	1.50
	1886, 4p olive, No. 6* ..	.45
KLAND IS.	1892, 1sh bistre*	.50
	1918, 1sh, No. 103*	.45
FIJI	1878, 2p on 3p, No. 41*	.40
	1903, ½p green, No. 59*	.10
FIJI	1903, 1p violet, No. 60*	.20
	1903, 2p violet & orange, No. 61*..	.15
FIJI	1903, 2½p violet & blue, No. 62*..	.38
	1903, 3p purple & violet, No. 63*..	.22
FIJI	1903, 4p violet & black, No. 64* ..	.28
	1903, 5p violet & green, No. 65* ..	.35
FIJI	1906, 1, 2½, 6p*	.50
	1906, 1sh green, No. 76*	.60
GAMBIA	1880, ½p orange*	.40
	1898, 3p violet & blue	.65
GAMBIA	1902, 2p orange & purp., No.30*	.40
	1902, 2½p blue, No. 31*	.85
GAMBIA	1904, 2½p blue, No. 43*	.45
	1909, 1, 2, 3p*	.85
GAMBIA	1909, 4p black & red*	.45
	1909, 5p orange & violet*	.60
GAMBIA	1909, 6p dull violet*	.75
	1909, 7½p brown & blue* ...	.75
GAMBIA	1909, 10p green & rose*	.85
	1912, Nos. 75, 76, 81*	.55
GERMAN E. AF.	½p, No. 201*	.50
	1p, No. 202*	.25
GIBRALTAR	1886, 1sh, No. 14	7.50
	1886, 6p, No. 13	4.00
GIBRALTAR	1886, 2½p, No. 11	.25
	1889, Nos. 25, 26*, each ..	.15
GILBERT & ELLICE	1911, 1p carmine*	.20
	1911, 2½p blue* ..	.20
GOLD COAST	1884, Nos. 12 to 18*	1.25
	1902, 2½p, No. 41*	.55
GOLD COAST	1904, 2p, No. 51*	.25
	1907, Nos. 56 to 59*	.55
GOLD COAST	1907, 6p, No. 61*	.35
	1913, 3, 6p, 1sh	.20
GOLD COAST	1913, 2sh violet & blue..	.30
	1913, 3p violet, No. 81*..	.15
GRENADA	1863, 1p green, No. 3	.75
	1863, 6p vermilion, No. 5 ..	1.25
GRENADA	1873, ½p purple, No. 8* ...	.50
	1913, 2p orange*	.08
GRENADA	1913, 1sh green, No. 85* ...	.30
	1914, 3p violet, No. 89*	.25
GRENADA	1921, 2½p blue, No. 94* ...	.35
	1892, 2 on 6, No. 306	.62
HONG KONG	1863, 6c lilac	.45
	1863, 48c rose	.50
HONG KONG	Nos. 11 or 19, each	.30
	96c, No. 20	.50
HONG KONG	Nos. 36, or 39, each	.45
	Nos. 42, 43, 44, each	.20
HONG KONG	1903, 12c, No. 66*	.15
	1904, Nos. 77, 78, 79*	.33
HONG KONG	1912, $2 red & black	.85
	Other Hong Kong on hand.	
INDIA	1897, 2½a, No. 47*	.15
	1895, 3r, 5 rupees	1.75
INDIA	1900, 2a violet*	.40
	1900, 2a 6p blue, No. 59*	.30
INDIA	1902, 5rup, 10rup	1.50
	1911, 2a 6p, No. 84*	.10
INDIA	1912, Off. 5 rup., No. 278	.30
	Chamba, Nos. 3, 4, 6*	.75
INDIA	**Faridkot**, Nos. 102, 104*	.45
	Faridkot, 3a, No. 204*	60
INDIA	**Faridkot**, 8a, No. 207*	.75
	Gwalior, 2a, No. 33*	.15
INDIA	**Gwalior**, 3p, No. 30*	10.00
	Gwalior, Nos. 41 to 43	.70
INDIA	**Gwalior**, 1r, No. 45	.45
	Gwalior, Nos. 102 to 104*	.40
INDIA	**Gwalior**, Nos. 112 to 122	1.35
	Faridkot, 1r, No. 209*	6.00
INDIA	**Gwalior**, 2a 6p, No. 39*	2.40
	Jhind, Nos. 49 to 57*	3.75
INDIA	**Jhind**, 1r, No. 59*	1.00
	Chamba, 4a, No. 78*	8.00
INDIA	**Jhind**, Nos. 80, 81, 82, each* ...	.10
	Jhind, 1r, No. 214*	1.60
INDIA	**Jhind**, Nos. 217 to 225*	3.20
	Jhind, Nos. 226, 227*	.25
INDIA	**Nabha** 1885, ½a, No. 7*	.15
	Nabha 1885, 1a 6p, No. 14*	28
INDIA	**Patiala**, Nos. 182 to 191	.65
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JAMAICA	1871, Nos. 10, or 11, each ..	.50
	1905, 5p, No. 45*	2.50
JAMAICA	1906, 3p violet, No. 53*	.37
	1906, 6p violet, No. 55*	.45
JAMAICA	1906, 2sh, No. 57*	.75
	1911, Nos. 58, or 59, each*..	.15
JAMAICA	1912, 3p violet, No. 71*	.17
	4p, No. 72*	.25
JAMAICA	1919, 2½, 3, 4p	.20
	1919, 1sh orange	.35
JAMAICA	1916, 3p violet, No. 303*	.75
	1919, 3p, No. 311*	.12
LAGOS	1874, 6p green, No. 5	2.40
	1904, 2½p vio. & blue*	.45
LEEWARD IS.	1897, ½p, No. 9*	.50
	1902, 3p violet & bl.* ...	.55
LEEWARD IS.	1902, 6p violet, No. 25*	.40
	1907, 1p carmine*	.13
LEEWARD IS.	1907, 2p gray*	.40
	1907, 2½p blue, No. 40*	.22
LEEWARD IS.	1907, 3p violet, No. 41*	.30
	1907, 6p, No. 42*	.95
LEEWARD IS.	1907, 1sh green, No. 43*	1.00
	1912, 2½p blue*	.12
LEEWARD IS.	1912, 3, 6p, 1sh*	.53
	1912, 2s 6p, No. 54*	.75
LEEWARD IS.	1912, 5sh, No. 55*	1.50
	Other Leewards on hand.	
MALTA	1903, 2½p, No. 24*	.80
	1903, 3p, No. 25*	.13
MALTA	1903, 4p, No. 26*	.75
	1904, 2p, No. 31*	.30
MALTA	1904, 2½p, No. 32*	.35
	1907, 1, 2, 2½, 4p*	.40
MALTA	1907, 1sh, No. 47	.30
	1914, 2p, No. 52*	.20
MAURITIUS	1876, ½p, No. 46*	.40
	1912, 25c, No. 160*	.85
MESOPOTAMIA	Nos. 1 to 25 on hand.	
	1918, ¼a-1r, Nos.26-35*	1.75
MESOPOTAMIA	1918, ¼a, No.26, used or*	.13
	1918, 8a, No. 33	.17
MESOPOTAMIA	1918, 12a, No. 34	.20
	1918, 1r, No. 35	.38
MESOPOTAMIA	1918, 2r, No. 36	.42
	1918, 5r, No. 37	1.75
MONTSERRAT	1902, 3p, No. 16*	.75
	1904, 2p, No. 24*	.20
MONTSERRAT	1904, 3p, No. 26*	.30
	1904, 6p, No. 27*	.50
MONTSERRAT	1916, 2, 3, 6p, 1sh*	.60
	1916, 2sh 6p blk. & red*	.75
MONTSERRAT	1916, 5sh green & yel.*	1.50
	1922, 2sh (script)*	.60
NATAL	1902, 2p green & red*	.30
	1902, 2½p, 3p, each*	.15
NATAL	1902, 4p brown & red*	.35
	1902, 5p orange & black*	.40
NATAL	1902, 6p maroon & blue*	.25
	1902, 30sh, No. 97	5.00
NATAL	1904, 4p brown & red*	.40
	1904, 5p orange & black*	.65
NAURU	1916, ½p to 1sh*	.80
	1916, 10sh blue*	3.50
NEVIS	1867, 1p red, No. 9*	2.50
	1867, 4p, No. 10	5.00
NEW BRITAIN	1p on 3p, No. 1*	7.00
	2½p on 10pf, No. 5* ...	5.75
NEW BRITAIN	5p on 50pf, No. 37* ...	15.00
	Others on hand.	
NEW HEBRIDES	Nos. 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, 13, ea.*	.20
	Nos. 4, 15, each*	.35
NEW HEBRIDES	6p, No. 5*	.50
	1sh, No. 9*	1.00
NEW HEBRIDES	1sh, No. 16*	.45
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NEW HEBRIDES	1920, Nos. 27, 30, ea.*	.75
	'20, Nos. 28, 29, 133, 110, ea.*	.62
NEW HEBRIDES	1908, Nos. 101 to 105*	1.75
	1921, 5 on 40c, No. 139*	3.00
NEW ZEALAND	1915, 4p yel., No. 150*	.35
	1915, 7½p brown* ...	.20
NIGER COAST	1894, 2½p blue*	.65
	1894, 5p purple*	.45
NIGERIA	1914, 6p, 1sh	.20
	1914, 2s 6p	.37
NIUE	1917, 1p red, No. 19*	.50
	1920, ½p to 1sh*	.60
NO. BORNEO	1887, Nos. 35 to 42*	.95
	1886, 3c on 4c, No. 16* ..	2.35
NO. BORNEO	1886, 5c on 8c, No. 18* ..	2.35
	1916, Nos. 100 to 102* ..	1.10
NO. BORNEO	1918, Nos. 432 to 445* ..	8.50
	1918, $2, No. 446*	3.25
NO. NIGERIA	1902, Nos. 11, 12, 13* ...	.50
	1902, 6p, No. 15*	.80
NO. NIGERIA	1902, 1sh, No. 16*	.75
	1905, 2p vio. & or., No. 21*	.40
NO. NIGERIA	1910, 2, 2½, 3p*	.60
	1910, 5p vio. & green* ..	.30
NO. NIGERIA	1910, 6p violet*	.50
	1910, 1sh green*	.75
NO. NIGERIA	1910, 2sh 6p, No. 36* ...	1.35
	1910, 5sh green & red*..	2.50
NO. NIGERIA	1910, 10sh green & red ..	3.00
	1912, 9p vio. & red*	.40
N. W. PAC. IS.	Nos. 18, 19*	.50
	Nos. 39, 40, each	8.00
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	1903, 2p, No. 63*	.20
PALESTINE	1918, 1pi, No. 1a	.25
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PALESTINE	1918, Nos. 8 to 13, used...	2.10
	1920, Nos. 26 to 29*	.30
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	1907, 4p, No. 38*	.28
PAPUA	1907, 4p, No. 45*	.65
	1907, 1sh, No. 47*	.45
PAPUA	1907, 6p, No. 39*	.45
	1917, Nos. 71, 73, 74, 77*	.65
PENRHYN IS.	1903, 3p brown, No. 8*..	.30
	1920, ½p to 1sh*	.60
RHODESIA	Nos. 138, 139, each*	.38
	1sh, No. 140	.75
ST. HELENA	1908, Nos. 56, 57, 58*	.65
	1871, 2p, No. 29	2.50
ST. HELENA	1912, 4p, No. 71*	1.20
	1912, 6p, No. 72*	.50
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	1920, 6p, 1sh, 2sh*	1.05
ST. KITTS	1920, 2sh 6p red & black*..	.75
	1920, 5sh red & green*	1.50
ST. LUCIA	1864, 6p violet, No. 13	2.40
	1904, 2½p, No. 52*	.45
ST. LUCIA	1907, 6p violet, No. 61*	1.25
	1914, 4p, No. 73*	.25
ST. LUCIA	1904, 6p, No. 54*	.75
	1916, 1p, No. 201, rare*	1.50
ST. VINCENT	1885, 1sh vermilion*	.65
	1892, 5p on 6p*	.30
ST. VINCENT	1907, 2p orange, No. 92*	.50
	1909, 1sh green, No. 97*	.85
MALTA	1860, ½p buff, No. 1*	7.00
	1903, 2½p, No. 24	.65
ST. VINCENT	1909, 6p violet, No. 1[illegible]	.35
	1913, 2½, 4, 5, 6p, 1sh*..	1.15
ST. VINCENT	1913, 2sh violet & blue*	.60
	1913, 5sh rose & green*	1.50
SAMOA	1914, 1p on 10p, No. 103	1.95
	1914, 9p on 80pf	10.00
SAMOA	1914, Nos. 111 to 116, used or *	.30
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The WEEKLY celebrates its thirty-second birthday by preening itself a bit and indulging in a self-approving hour. No undue sense of delicacy restrains the publishers of a newspaper from self-advertising when the record of the years is such that it may be referred to with some satisfaction; and it would ill become us to let others do the shouting for us as we might find that they had lost their voices.

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On one point, we take pride. We have proven the permanency of philately. From 1891 to 1923, the WEEKLY has not missed an issue despite the interruptions of wars, financial upheavals and the contingencies that arose during this long period of time. Those who have to do with class publications know how crises have to be met occasionally, and on the printed pages there is no reflection of the inner turmoil. The fact that the WEEKLY has progressed all through these years shows that the support of readers has never been lacking and time has proved that the day of faltering steps in philately has been passed; and we congratulate all philatelists, as well as ourselves, that such is the case.

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Now that our firm conviction that philately is in an unshakable condition has been established, we shall speak of the future. Plans for better service by the WEEKLY have been adopted and their application will be manifest as coming issues appear. It is our aim to cover the news of the world through arrangements that are being perfected and a number of loose ends that are flying about will be tied into a sustaining knot. The experience gathered through many years should show to better advantage and while developments may be slow in coming, they will not be lost sight of. Our book publishing department will be cultivated as we feel that the distribution of our books has a stabilizing effect on collecting. Every publication that is placed in the hands of a collector gives a little stability to philately as the book is not cast aside so easily as a newspaper. While the WEEKLY essentially is a mail-order proposition, we are about to experiment again after a lapse of years by placing the WEEKLY on a few newsstands in a large city to see if there is now any general demand for a philatelic newspaper. If there is any response to speak of, an opportunity for circulation increase will not be neglected.

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The radio is to give its assistance in spreading the glad tidings of philately; and to the Burt McCann Company of Minneapolis, we credit the enterprise that will allow all and sundry to listen in on the night of January 19th; and though the notice of the first air advertising of collecting has been received too late for action this time, we expect to have further particulars of coming events of the kind. We are asked by the Burt McCann Company to "watch for W L A G Minneapolis broadcasting talk on stamps by a local member of the American Philatelic Society, January 19th, 6 to 7 P. M., East Central Time." Other radio talks on philately are on the *tapis*.

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In the course of his letter, Mr. S. Hyman, Chicago, says: "Our concern, a prominent shoe house, sent a shipment to Mexico consisting of fifty cases, postage $109.00. For some reason, the goods were refused and the shipment returned. The postage due amounted to $109.00 and one of the shipping cases had 218 of the 50c postage due. I have removed a block of sixty for your inspection, showing the style of cancellation by roller stamp. As the fifty-cent postage due is used by the thousands here daily, I think that it catalogues too high, now." Some time ago we told how the fifty-cent postage due came to be used in sheets of one hundred stamps to cover the postage due arrears, in the aggregate, of the large mail-order houses, but Mr. Hyman's citation is interesting as putting on record about the largest straight postage due assessment that we have heard of, on a single consignment.

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One of our readers, Mr. A. S. Yount, who is especially interested in the first stamp of Spain, the 6c, black, tried his hand at finding these Number Ones in the land that gave them birth. The following letter was received by Mr. Yount from the leading dealer of Spain: "Replying to your favor, dated Nov. 21st, I am very sorry to have to inform you that I am unable to quote prices for Spain No. 1, which you would like to buy because I hold no stock of these stamps that are particularly scarce, and in fact, quite difficult to be traced at all." From Paris, too, we have heard that Spain's first stamp has become much sought after, as well as "one of the lower priced U. S. of somewhat over fifty years ago."

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Evidently, Turkey has cleaned out Thrace, judging from the slump that has been noticed in prices of Thracian stamps, under Greek occupation, of the evidences of the Grecian occupancy; and it is understood that correspondence only in Turkish or French is allowed in mail for Eastern Thrace. Many of the stamps of Thrace are now being marketed at concessions from the former prices.

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We have been informed that the death of George Douglas Mekeel took place at Omaha, Nebraska, recently; and thus the third of the philatelically famous Mekeel brothers, who established the old C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company has passed from the scene of earthly endeavors. G. D. Mekeel after leaving philately engaged in the insurance business and we saw him last in Minneapolis, Minn., about five years ago. He made a name for himself in the insurance world and we understand that he was singularly successful in his field. Mr. Mekeel had a personality that was engaging and while quiet and unassuming, he possessed a force that soon became apparent. Twenty-five years ago, Mr. Mekeel was sales superintendent of the American Philatelic Society, a position in which his aptitude for clerical work stood him in good stead. While perhaps G. D. Mekeel was not a thorough student of stamps, he understood them well in their commercial aspects and his faith in the market possibilities of stamps never wavered. Mr. Mekeel was somewhat over fifty years of age and his removal from our sphere is recorded with sincere regret.

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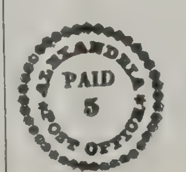
An interesting letter has been received from a correspondent who is in a position to furnish us with material that could well be shared with our readers and we hope to hear from him again. He says: "Do you know that the government's stamp collection had its inception in 1891, when Postmaster-General Wanamaker asked from Congress an appropriation of $1,000 for 'miscellaneous expenditures' for a postal museum and for the sum of $1,200 'for a competent man to put in charge of it?' Mr. Wanamaker, with aid of postmasters generally, and with accumulations in the museum of the dead-letter office, collected a good bit of material for the collection which is now one of the philatelic sights of Washington. I understand that due to the canvas made by the department then, some rare old stamps were turned in by the Nasbys of the time."

MR. BECK RETIRES.

Max Beck has retired from the stamp business, after using the WEEKLY for many months. We take pleasure in quoting the letter written this office, which is self-explanatory:—

"I am sorry that the pressure of other business prevents me from longer continuing in the stamp business. You will therefore receive no further copy, as I am gradually winding up my affairs, and expect to have disposed of my entire stock by the end of January.

"I wish to express my appreciation of the very courteous and considerate treatment you have always accorded me, and also wish to say that the WEEKLY was the best advertising medium I could find, and I had tried practically all other philatelic periodicals that could be considered worthy of the name. I assure you that should I at any future date be able to again devote my time to stamps, the WEEKLY will certainly carry my ads."



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WHO WAS WM. BROWN?

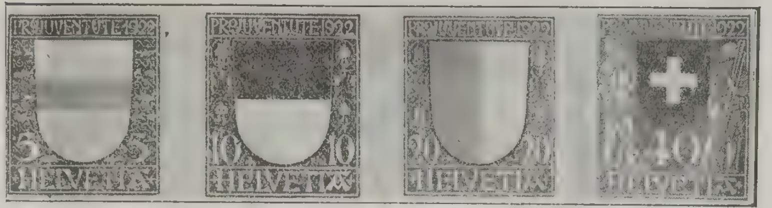
By EDGAR METZER.

n response to your request for in-cmation regarding one "W. Brown" vose portrait appears on the 20 Peso tnp of the issue of 1891 of the Ar-etine Republic, I am pleased to advise h some time ago I looked up the aious characters whose portraits ap-er on the stamps of the Argentine Re-lic. The information I was able to tin regarding W. Brown is rather gre and is as follows:—

William Brown was an Irish merchant aain but a fighting demon. During h Argentinian War for Independence ewas placed in command of a few hs at Buenos Aires and won a victory nhe sea for the Patriots."

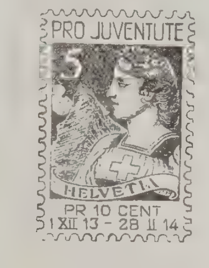
THE YULE-TIDE STAMPS OF YOUTH.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.



In December each year, the Swiss Postal Administration, in conjunction with the "Pro Juventute" foundation of the Société Suisse d'utilité publique, issue a small set of stamps in special designs "for the children." They come as heralds of Christmas, and betoken the spirit of charity, peace and goodwill, which pervades the season of Yule. The stamps are sold at a surtax of 5 centimes over their postal value, the supplementary *sou* being collected in aid of institutions for the protection and care of children.

This happy idea was originated in 1913, with a single stamp of the denomination 5 centimes in a design by the French stamp artist, Auguste Grasset, who designed the Swiss postal jubilee stamp of 1900, and the French Indo-Chine of 1904. The design shows a half-length female figure, emblematic of Helvetia, with the Matterhorn in the background. It was surface-printed in green on white wove paper, with unbleached red and blue silk fibres in its substance, watermarked cross, and perforated 12½x11½ (not 11½ by 11½ as given in the Zumstein catalogue).



5 (+ 5) centimes, green.

The dates on the stamp indicate the period of their currency from December 1st, 1913, to February 28th, 1914.

For the specialist there are flaws to be found in the stamp, and a variety in which the letters "PRO" are thick.

At the Geneva Stamp Exhibition this year the "Pro Juventute" Foundation made an interesting exhibit in sheets of 100 of all issues, from which it appears that they issued labels the previous year, showing a group of children, with value and inscriptions expressed in three separate editions, "10 Rp.", "10 Cts." and "10 Cmi", and at the bottom "Viel Sonnenschein im neuen Jahr," "Soleil et santé a tous," and "Un anno di sole." The sale of these, which had no postal franking power, was undertaken by the Swiss post-office, and netted 127,000 francs (1,275,939 were printed), for the fund, which was devoted to the work of combating the ravages of tuberculosis among the young.

The 1913 stamp, illustrated above, was printed to the number of 3,314,060; it also sold for 10 centimes, of which half went to the Post Office for the postal service rendered, and the other half, 165,000 francs, was divided to give 4½c to the "Pro Juventute" fund, and ½ centime to the benefit of the Swiss postal employés. Thus the postal revenue was 165,703 francs, the proceeds for the postal employés fund, F. 16,570,30, while the "Pro Juventute" foundation netted F. 149,132,70, which was devoted to the fight against tuberculosis.

The following Christmas found the whole of Europe in the throes of the Great War, and the Pro Juventute stamps for that year (1914), were withheld on account of the financial stress occasioned by the war. But for Christmas, 1915, the plan was proceeded with, and on December 1st two stamps were issued in designs by Wilhelm Balmer, of Berne, engraved on steel, by J. Sprenger, of Bienne, were printed in Berne at the Federal Mint, on buff paper, perforated 11½. The buff paper for this and all the subsequent issues shows tiny fibres of unbleached silk in its substance. The designs show a lad of Appenzel and a maid of Lucerne.

5 (+ 5) centimes, green on *buff*.
10 (+ 5) centimes, red on *buff*.

The 5c was printed in the usual sheet form (35 000 sheets), and also with the *tête-bêche* arrangement adopted for the booklets (18,000 sheets).

2,895,951 of the stamps were sold (1,958,593 of the lower and 937,358 of the higher value) netting Frs. 145,000 for the fund, applied to general uses for child welfare. The actual printing of the 10c was 3,000,000.

In 1916 the plan was extended to a set of three denominations, 3, 5 and 10 centimes, in similar designs by Balmer, showing children of the Cantons, by the same engraver and printed at the Mint as in the previous year. On the 3c is a maid of Freiburg, on the 5c a Bernese boy, and on the 10c a vineyard girl of Vaud. The new denomination 3c was sold at 5c, the surtax being only 2c.

3 (+2) centimes, violet on *buff*.
5 (+5) centimes, green on *buff*.
10 (+5) centimes, red on *buff*.

There are some plate flaws, including a broken E in HELVETIA in the 3 and 5c.

The total sold of the three was 3,754,655, from which the net receipts for the fund were Frs. 154,000, which amount was devoted to the protection of the young from moral dangers. The figures for the separate values are 1,114,253 (3+2c), 1,754,910 (5+5c), and 885,502 (10+5c).

The period during which the stamps were valid for use in the mails was extended this time — and for subsequent years—to April 30th, though the actual sale at the post offices is still confined to the month of December.

Although chiefly reserved for postal matter circulating within Switzerland, by special agreement with the countries concerned, the stamps were valid for use on letters, etc., passing to Denmark, Italy, Hungary and Portugal.

In 1917 another three designs by Balmer, engraved by Sprenger and printed at the Mint, depict a girl of Valais (3c), a girl of Unterwald (5c), and a girl of Tessin (10c). As in the previous year, the 3c was sold at a supplement of 2c, the others at a supplement of 5 centimes.

3 (+2) centimes, violet on *buff*.
5 (+5) centimes, green on *buff*.
10 (+5) centimes, red on *buff*.

There are plate defects on all three values.

4,013,362 of the stamps were sold, yielding a net amount of Frs. 168,000 to the fund, which was devoted this time

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*24	6p red lilac,pr.Tete-beche	1.20	.75
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1864	(13)	15 centavos, blue	3.50
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1849	(2)	20 cents, blue	.90
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*1869	(14)	500 centavos, black	15.00
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*1856	(3)	7 grote, yellow	5.00
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1871	(301)	2sk, blue	1.00
1871	(301a)	2sk, ultramarine	1.50
1871	(303)	16sk, green	2.00
		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	
*1862	(1)	½ reales, no gum	8.00
		GIBRALTAR	
*1886	(6)	6 pence, violet	6.00
1886	(7)	1sh, bistre br.	14.00
1886	(14)	1sh, bistre	7.50
		GOLD COAST	
1876	(6)	2 pence, green	.90
1876	(8)	6 pence, orange	.80
1887	(21)	1p on 6p orange	4.50
		GREAT BRITAIN	
1880	(77)	2sh pale brown	20.00
		GREECE	
*1861	(1b)	1L red brown, N. G.	8.00
		HANOVER	
1859	(24)	10 groschen, green	20.00
		HAWAIIAN ISLANDS	
*1859	(15)	1c black, no gum	10.00
*1859	(18)	2c black, no gum	40.00
*1859	(26)	2c blue, no gum	7.50
*1882	(41)	15c brown, no gum	1.00
*1883	(46)	12c red lilac, no gum	1.00
1883	(47)	25c dark violet	1.25
1883	(48)	50c red	2.50
*1893	(69)	12c red lilac	4.00
*1893	(73)	1 doll. rose red	1.50
		ICELAND	
*1873	(1)	2sk ultramarine	3.50
*1873	(5)	3sk gray, no gum	2.00
1897	(21)	3a on 5a green	3.00
		HUNGARY	
1871	(2)	3kr light green	13.00
1871	(4)	10kr blue	2.00
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		LIBERIA	
1860	(1)	6 cents, red	3.00
1860	(3)	24 cents, green	2.00
*1864	(7)	6c red, no gum	3.50
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		LUXEMBURG	
*1859	(4)	1c buff, no gum	1.00
*1859	(5)	2 cent., black	1.00
*1859	(6)	4 cent., yellow	1.50
*1859	(8)	12½c, thin spot	1.50
*1859	(9)	25c brown, no gum	2.50
1859	(10)	30c rose lilac	1.50
1859	(12)	40c red orange	3.00
1865	(13)	1 cent., thin spot	1.00
1874	(26)	1fr on 37½c	2.00
1874	(27)	4 cent. green	1.40
		MALTA	
*1863	(3)	½p buff, no gum	1.00
		MAURITIUS	
1849	(9)	4 pence, cut close	5.00
1859	(18)	6 pence, blue	2.00
1879	(65)	38 cents, violet	3.00
		MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN	
1856	(3)	5s blue	6.00
1864	(6)	5s bistre brown	6.00
1865	(8)	3s orange yellow	4.00
		MONTSERRAT	
1884	(8)	4 pence, blue	9.00
		NETHERLANDS	
1852	(1)	5 cent., blue	1.00
1852	(1c)	5c dark blue	1.00
1852	(3)	15 cent., orange	3.50
1864	(6)	15 cent., orange	2.00
		NEVIS	
1867	(9)	1 pence, red	3.00
*1876	(14)	1 pence, red	1.50
1876	(17)	1sh gray green	4.50
		NEW BRUNSWICK	
1851	(1)	3 pence, cut close	4.00
		NEWFOUNDLAND	
Scott's Nos.			
*1857	(1)	1 pence, brown violet	2.50
1857	(3)	3 pence, green	5.00
*1857	(5)	5 pence, violet brown	2.00
1857	(5a)	5 pence, brown violet	6.00
1862	(20)	6 pence, rose	2.00
1862	(21)	6½ pence, cut close	4.00
*1862	(21)	6½ pence, rose	2.50
1866	(26)	10 cents, black	1.60
*1868	(33)	5 cents, black	5.00
1876	(35)	1 cent, brown lilac	2.00
		NEW SOUTH WALES	
1854	(31)	1sh pale red	5.00
		NIGER COAST PROTECTORATE	
1892	(6)	1sh green	1.25
1893	(10)	2 pence, green	1.50
1893	(12)	5 pence, gray lilac	.75
1893	(13)	1sh black	1.50
1894	(46)	2½ pence, pale blue	.60
		OLDENBURG	
1852	(3)	1/10 thaler, yellow	4.50
*1858	(7)	2gr rose, no gum	30.00
*1861	(9)	¼gr orange, no gum	8.00
*1861	(12)	½gr brown, no gum	14.00
1861	(13)	1gr blue	9.00
*1861	(14)	2gr red	15.00
1861	(14)	2gr red, used	15.00
		PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	
*1855	(6)	5c vermilion, no gum	45.00
*1872	(44)	16 cent. blue	5.00
		PORTO RICO	
1890	(89)	80 cent., yellow green	12.00
		ROMAN STATES	
*1852	(13)	50b dull blue, no gum	12.00
		ROUMANIA	
*1859	(10)	80pa red, no gum	8.00
1866	(30)	5pa dark blue	5.00
1869	(37)	5 bani, yellow	2.00
1869	(38)	10 bani, deep blue	1.00
1869	(39)	10 bani, ultramarine	1.25
1869	(40)	15 bani, vermilion	.80
1869	(41)	25 bani, orange & blue	1.00
1869	(42)	50 bani, blue & red	1.50
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		SAXONY	
*1855	(14)	10n g blue, no gum	12.00
		SIERRA LEONE	
*1859	(2)	6 pence, dull violet	5.00
*1859	(2a)	6p imp., Yvert cat. fr. 1000	45.00
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1850	(2)	12 cuartos, lilac	8.00
*1850	(3)	5 reales, red	18.00
1850	(4)	6 reales, blue	20.00
1851	(7)	12 cuartos, lilac	4.75
1851	(9)	5 reales, rose	5.00
1851	(10)	6 reales, blue	18.00
1851	(11)	10 reales, green	14.00
1852	(13)	12 cuartos, brown lilac	3.25
1852	(14)	2 reales, pale red	110.00
1852	(15)	5 reales, dull green	2.00
1852	(16)	6 reales, greenish blue	10.00
1853	(20)	12 cuartos, red violet	4.75
1853	(21)	2 reales, vermilion	70.00
1853	(23)	6 reales, deep blue	12.00
1854	(24)	2 cuartos, green	10.00
1854	(27)	1 real, indigo	6.00
1854	(28)	2 reales, scarlet	2.50
1854	(33)	1r cut close at left	100.00
1854	(29)	5 reales, green	2.50
1854	(30)	6 reales, blue	5.50
1860	(52)	19 cuartos, brown	11.00
1862	(58)	19 cuartos, carmine	2.25
1864	(64)	19 cuartos, violet	3.50
1865	(69a)	12c frame inverted	50.00
1865	(70)	19 cuartos, brown & rose	14.00
1865	(71)	1 real, yellow green	1.00
1865	(73)	2 reales, rose	2.00
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1865	(74)	2 cuartos, rose	1.60
1865	(77)	19c brown & rose	18.00
1865	(79)	2r brown violet	4.75
1866	(84)	19 cuartos, brown	5.50
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1870	(171)	1e 600m dull lilac	4.00
1870	(172)	2 escudo, blue	3.75
1870	(174)	19 cuartos, yellow green	4.00
1872	(185)	4 pesetas, red brown	3.75
1872	(186)	10 pesetas, deep green	10.00
1873	(199)	4 pesetas, red brown	4.50
1873	(200)	10p violet brown	10.00
1874	(209)	4 pesetas, carmine	3.75
1875	(221)	10 pesetas, ultramarine	5.25
1878	(241)	10 pesetas, blue	3.75
		SWEDEN	
1855	(3)	6 skilling, gray	8.00
1855	(5)	24 skilling, red	30.00
1858	(7)	9 ore, violet	2.00
1862	(15)	17 ore, gray	9.00
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1850	(15)	2½r black & red	37.00
1851	(24)	5r light blue & red	.75
1855	(34)	5 rappen, gray	2.50
1855	(40)	1fr lavender	2.00
		TRINIDAD	
*1855	(13)	1p rose, no gum	2.75
1864	(48a)	1 pence, lake	.60
1872	(55)	4 pence, gray	.60
*1883	(72)	1sh orange brown	.60
1896	(80)	1sh green & or. br.	.50
		TURKEY	
1863	(1)	20 paras, yellow	1.30
1863	(2)	1 piastre, violet	1.20
1863	(4)	2pia greenish blue	2.00
1863	(6)	20 paras, yellow	1.75
1863	(7)	1 piastre, gray	1.25
1884	(73)	25pia black & gray	5.00
		TUSCANY	
1851	(2)	2 soldi, brick red	85.00
1853	(18)	1s on piece of cover	18.00
		TWO SICILIES, (NAPLES)	
1858	(2)	1 grana, pale lake	.60
1858	(4)	5 grana, pale lake	1.00
1860	(9)	½ tornesi, blue	125.00
		(SICILY)	
*1859	(12)	1gr olive green	4.75
1859	(13)	2 grana, blue	.90
*1859	(14)	5 grana, vermilion	9.50
*1859	(16)	10 grana, dark blue	9.50
*1859	(17)	20gr gr. viol., no gum	9.50
*1859	(18)	50gr br. red, no gum	16.00
		URUGUAY	
*1856	(1)	60 cent blue, no gum	65.0
*1856	(3)	1r vermilion, no gum	30.00
*1858	(5)	180c green, no gum	10.0
*1858	(6)	240 centavos, vermilion	10.0
1859	(7)	60 centavos, lilac	6.0
1859	(10)	120 centavos, blue	5.0
*1859	(12)	240c vermilion, no gum	10.0
1860	(13)	60 centavos, dull lilac	2.0
*1860	(14)	80 centavos, yellow, no gum	4.7
1860	(15)	100 centavos, rose	5.7
1860	(16)	120 centavos, blue	2.5
*1860	(17)	180 centavos, green, no gum	12.0
*1864	(21)	8 centavos, green, no gum	2.5
1864	(22)	10 centavos, yellow	2.2
*1866	(35)	5 centavos, blue	.5
*1866	(37)	15 centavos, yellow	1.0
1889	(82)	1 peso, lilac	1.5
1894	(94)	7 centavos, green	1.0
1894	(97)	25 centavos, vermilion	1.2
1894	(98)	50 centavos, lilac	1.5
1894	(99)	1 peso, light blue	2.0
1894	(100)	2 peso, carmine	4.0
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1851	(1)	1 kreuzer, buff	2.0
*1851	(6)	18kr, no gum	12.0
*1875	(62)	2 Mark, yellow	18.0

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to the care of the mothers, nourishment, and holiday centres for the young. Totals for the separate values, 1,079,244 (3+2c), 1,727,433 (5+5c) and 1,206,685 (10+5c).

With the "Pro Juventute" series of Christmas, 1918, there was instituted a new artistic theme at the hands of the Bernese heraldic artist, Rudolf Münger. From this time onwards we get a succession of issues in beautiful heraldic designs of the arms of the Cantons, in their correct colours, forming a new and attractive link between Philately and Heraldry.

The two denominations issued in December, 1918, show the Arms of the Cantons of Uri (10+5c), and of Geneva (15+5c).

10 (+5) centimes, red, yellow, black, on *buff*.
15 (+5) centimes, violet, black, yellow and carmine on *buff*.

There are various plate flaws on each value.

3,888,004 stamps were sold, netting Frs. 169,000, which sum was applied to the general uses of the foundation.

In 1919 the heraldic series was supplemented by a set of three values, presenting the Arms of the Cantons of Nidwalden (7½+5c), Vaud (10+5c), and Obwalden (15+5c), by the same artist, and produced by multicoloured typography as before.

7½ (+5) centimes, red, black and grey on *buff*.
10 (+5) centimes, green, black and red on *buff*.
15 (+5) centimes, red, black and purple on *buff*.

2,400,000 of each were printed.

5,058,982 of the stamps were sold, representing a heavy advance on the previous years' sales, and netting Fr. 253,000, which was devoted to the welfare of motherhood and nourishment of the young. Of the separate values the figures were 1,650,601 (7½+5c), 1,491,793 (10+5c), 1,916,588 (15+5c).

Three more cantonal arms designs were added in 1920, the work of the same artist, and of the same printing establishment, and presenting on the lowest value (7½+5c), the heraldic device of Schwyz, one of the three original Cantons, and the one which gave its name to the country we now know as Switzerland. In the frame of the design is repeated the figure of a hand uplifted in the act of taking the oath, symbolising the lead this canton took in the struggle for independence. On the 10+5c is the blue and argent shield of Zurich within a frame decorated with cogwheels, emblematic of the industrial importance of this canton. The third of this group, 15+5c, has the shield of Tessin in a frame in which are numerous bricks symbolical of the architectural skill of the Tessinois.

7½ (+5) centimes, grey and red on *buff*.
10 (+5) centimes, red, blue and black on *buff*.
15 (+5) centimes, violet, red and blue on *buff*.

There are plate flaws of all three, including F for P in PRO (7½+5c).

5,289,665 of the stamps were sold, yielding Frs. 264,000, which was applied to the protection of youth of school age. Of the separate values the sales were 1,613,057 (7½+5c), 1,674,251 (10+5c), and 2,002,357 (15+5c).

The Congress of the Universal Postal Union at Madrid, in 1921, agreed to the recognition of the validity of the "Pro Juventute" stamps in the international mails, and from the issue of December, 1921, the stamps were valid for postage on letters, etc., originating in Switzerland and destined for any country in the Union. Three values again added three more subjects to the heraldic series. On the 10+5c, the artist presents the Arms of Valois, on the 20+5c of Berne, and on the 40+5c, the federal arms of Switzerland. In his original drawing for the 40+5c, M. Münger took some artistic licence with the federal cross, representing it with long and narrow arms, but the more familiar cross was substituted in the engraving of the stamp.

10 (+5) centimes, green, red and black on *buff*.
20 (+5) centimes, violet, red, orange and black on *buff*.
40 (+5), blue and red on *buff*.

5,143,921 stamps were sold, yieldin Frs. 291,000, which was devoted to th protection of youth of the after-schoo age.

The total number of stamps sold sinc the initiation of the enterprise up to an including the 1921 issue is 34,000,00 from which the Pro Juventute foundation has received Frs. 1,736,000.

Issued on December 1st, this year, th latest set comprises four stamps, by th same artist, and continuing the heraldi theme. On the 10 centimes are the arm of Zug, on the 10 centimes the arms o Freiburg, 20 centimes, the arms of Lucerne, and on the 40 centimes the federa arms, similar to the preceding 40c stamp

5 (+5) centimes, red, blue and black o *buff*.
10 (+5) centimes, green and black o *buff*.
20 (+5) centimes, violet, blue and blac on *buff*.
40 (+5) centimes, blue and red on *buff*

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YALE GETS STAMPS.

NEW HAVEN, CT., Jan. 15—The Yal University library has received a set o printers' proofs of five postage stamp issued by the Soviet government of Hun gary, during the brief régime of Bel Kun in 1919. Each proof is signed b the designer of the stamp.

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HOLLAND.—Mr. Gordon Wimberley tates that the ½ cent is to be abolished n Holland, with consequent alteration n stamps bearing values in which the ½ ent figures. It is suggested that such values may be raised to the cent next bove, e. g. 2½ to 3c, etc.—*S. G. Month-y Circular.*

LITHUANIA.—The Y. Souren Co. reort the following new surcharges: Nos. 0, 51, 52, 53 and 54 with "1 Cent" in wo lines in black; Nos. 55, 56 and 57 vith the overprint "2 Cent" in like nanner, also Nos. 58, 59 and 60 with "3 ent" as the others.

MARTINIQUE.—Mr. Pollitz of the Frank . Brown Co. reports the following proisionals for this colony: "0.01" in black, 0.02" in blue, "0.05" in red on the 15c urrent issue.

MEMEL.—The Y. Souren Co. report he following new air mail set of stamps: 0pf on 40c, 80pf on 45c, 1m on 40c, m25pf on 60c, 1m50pf on 45c, 2mks on frs, 3mks on 60c, 4mks on 2frs, 5mks n 1fr, 6mks on 2frs, 9mks on 5frs. he surcharge is "Flugpost" from the pper left to the lower right corner, in lue.

MOZAMBIQUE.—The Economist Stamp o. submit the following values in the ew shades: 12c, 15c, 60c, 80c, 2e.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The 15c has been verprinted "0.05" in red. Mr. Pollitz f the Frank P. Brown Co. has subnitted a copy for chronicle.

RUSSIA.—We have received from Y. ouren & Co. a set of five values that they dvise are a Jubilee issue. The stamps re imperforated and printed on white aper. The design shows what appears be a metal worker with hammer upised, while at the top are some native tters and below "1917 1922." Values e as follows: 5r yellow and brown, r brown and grey, 25r dark purple and rey, 27r red, brown and grey and 45r lue and grey.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS.—he Economist Stamp Co. have sent for ronicle the 3c, 4c, 4¼c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 12c, c and 30c in the same colors as noted r Cape Verde above. Also 40c light lue, 60c dark blue, 80c rose red, 1e se and 2e dark violet.

SENEGAL.—Mr. Pollitz of the Frank Brown Co. has shown us the 15c rrent type with the surcharge "0.01" black, "0.02" in blue, "0.04" in green, d "0.05" in red respectively.

SOMALI COAST.—The 15c current issue s been overprinted in the following nner, "0.01" in black; "0.02" in blue; 04" in green and "0.05" in red. Mr. llitz of the Frank P. Brown Co. has own us copies of the above.

WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS.—Mr. llitz of the Frank P. Brown Co. has own us the 15c stamp overprinted in ree ways, viz.; "0.01", "0.02" and "0.05" the same manner and color as the ove mentioned surcharges in other ench Colonies.

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THE STAMP MARKET.

By the time these lines are in print the new Gibbons Part I will be in the hands of our readers. After a lapse of two years it will be interesting to see whether the general anticipation of a sharp upward tendency in the prices of many recent issues has been realized.

Many stamps that have been on sale and obsolete again since 1920 are listed for the first time. An interesting case in point is in the last issue of Batoum, in British Occupation. The set of from 1-50 roubles when first issued was sold at very high prices of from £2 to £3. Later it was offered at a special bargain at 10sh, the 7sh6p, and recently as low as 3sh6d.

Statistics of numbers of numbers issued show that this set is better than the previous one, and once Continental stocks are absorbed, a considerable appreciation should occur from the present low prices. It is a pity that the early imperfs. were not issued with the same amount of spacing as occurs in these and other modern imperforate issues! Superb copies of the early classics would then be quite frequent, and they would have been within the reach of a much larger circle of collectors. As it is, more and more are turning their attention to that really fascinating group of stamps of the same degree of financial soundness, that we discuss here from time to time—20th Century Colonial Issues—at present prices a sound investment, on which no Income Tax is payable, could not be imagined.

The overprinted Irish series has remained in use much longer than was expected, and used copies of most values are getting comparatively common, a large number being preserved, a still further reduction in market prices appears likely. Of course the overprints on the 2½d and 4d in the old first colours are now getting scarce and the high values are not often met with yet, but it is understood that those used on telegraph forms are to be sold later to the trade, instead of being defaced and destroyed as is the usual practice in this country, and if so they will become much commoner than at present.

A fair number of inverted Free State provisionals have been on the market lately, and the prices asked have been decidedly stiff, as more than one sheet of some exist and have been bought up. As a comparison, of the Turks Is. War stamp with inverted overprint only 120 were printed, and it sells for about 30sh. So buyers of the Irish varieties at boom prices may find they have not such a good thing as was thought.

Quite a fair number of the high values of Togo on Gold Coast have been on the market lately in used condition, so that prices have been low and they are well worth picking up at recent figures, as they have been obsolete some time. The high values of the current Gold Coast series itself keep up their prices, as not many come on the market. The 10sh is one of the best, as several quite marked shades occur. The variety with pale olive back will probably turn out one of the best, the emerald being current but still very scarce used, as is also the new 15sh duty, but both will get commoner when they have been in use for a time.

If Egypt had remained a British Protectorate it is probable that some of the recent issues would be fetching a higher price than is the case. With its tranferance to Part II. of Gibbons', a certain number of collectors ceased to take much interest in or collect its new issues. The 10c Postage Due, new type, in blue, created a stir when first issued, but prices have now eased considerably. The pictorial set was always a good seller, and the new overprinted set may produce some scarce varieties.

One of the most popular of the Pacific Island Dependencies is that of the British Solomon Islands. Used copies of any of the issues are worth more than mint, as the postmarking to order scandal which prevailed in the New Hebrides group at one time did not exist here. The first series of 1907, of course, is much the best, as very small numbers were issued, particularly of the 6d and 1sh, and the remainders were all destroyed. The quaint design and crude lithographic production with its minor varieties makes them very attractive to the erudite philatelist, and these are particularly hard to get in well-centered state.

The small ship type is on the up-grade again, and of the 1st K. George issue the 1d Postage-Postage is a good little stamp.

A distinctly healthy tone has been evinced in the London stamp market, where prices are brightening up again. It is noteworthy, however, that the number of dealers who go in for the better class trade has increased enormously in the last ten years. This has tended to make competition keener and prices and profits lower, which is a good thing for the collector, but until their number and buying capacity has increased in the same ratio there are bound to be some grumblers of bad trade! There was, probably, never more money being spent in this country on postage stamps than at the present time, unless during the boom War years, but is much more scattered than in pre-War times.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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2c 1869	.40	.25
*3c 1869, unused	1.50	.40
6c 1869	..	1.50
10c 1869, very fine	..	2.00
10c 1869	2.50	1.25
*12c 1869, unused	5.00	1.50
12c 1869, very fine	..	2.90
12c 1869	2.50	1.25
15c 1869, No. 118	6.00	2.25
15c 1869, No 119, fine	..	2.25
15c 1869, No. 119	..	1.25
*24c 1869, unused	17.50	5.00
24c 1869	8.00	4.00
30c 1869, fine	..	3.50
30c 1869	..	2.25
90c 1869	25.00	15.00
90c 1869	25.00	7.50
15c 1871, No. 152	1.25	.45
90c 1871, No. 155	2.50	1.00
*1c 1873, unused pair	2.00	.60
*2c 1879, unused block 8	2.40	1.25
*6c 1879, unused	4.00	1.00
*15c 1879, unused pair, o. g. fine	..	1.25
$2.00 1894	7.00	4.00
$5.00 1894	12.50	4.00
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On the following morning a visit to the store was in order. One can hardly describe the beauty of the entrance hall and staircase of this establishment. It is very high and built in the olden style which gives it a refined and distinctive appearance. The whole suite of rooms through which I was conducted caused me to think that it was some old residence which had been converted into a place of merchandise.

Theodore Champion, the head of the firm, is by no means a figure-head. I met him in his private office, where he greeted me very courteously and cordially, and I was made to feel at home immediately. Later the manager accompanied me through all the rooms and I was made acquainted with the ramifications of the business that was being done.

It was in 1902 that Mr. Champion founded the firm which bears his name, and there is doubtless no stamp business in the world on a better financial footing. He has created a *Monthly Bulletin* that takes first place for early and correct information, and only recently we reviewed his latest production, an air mail catalog. Then, too, Mr. Champion has a leading part in the pricings made in the Yvert-Tellier Champion Catalog, a work which is justifiably popular. It is interesting to note that this catalog has appeared regularly since 1897, no break being made necessary by the devastation of war.

I was surprised at the large number of employees carried by the firm. Some twenty men and more than that number of young ladies were found scattered through the rooms engaged in making packets and approval sheets, while others were busily arranging huge accumulations for stock.

Mr. Champion is himself an active collector, possessing a great many good things in stamps. In May, 1920, he purchased a mint 2d blue Post Office at a Paris auction for what was then a record price, 116,000 francs exclusive of the French Government tax. Correspondence is conducted in every European language and it is interesting to note that the major portion of the staff, both male and female, have been in the employ of the firm for over fifteen years.

Some months ago a brochure was issued by the firm and mention of it was made in the WEEKLY. We are using one of the cuts shown in that number in connection with this article, and another will be reproduced later on. It will pay the subscriber to write the firm for a copy of this booklet, which will be gladly sent. Among other things it pictures the fine reference library open to all dealers and collectors who may wish to avail themselves of its privileges. Another room is the reception room, elegantly furnished in every respect. It will readily be seen that words are wanting in paying proper tribute to this great business. It requires a visit in order to appreciate the splendid equipment.

Mr. Champion has advertised in the WEEKLY for many, many years, and all through the world war kept his name before the public as an active dealer. Even when the German forces were close on Paris, there was no suspension of the Champion publicity and it is a fitting tribute to the energy and personality which has established and developed so wonderful a business.

NOTES FROM FRANCE.

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enormous sheet margins. If the stamp is to be re-issued, it will be in the customary sized sheet, divided into panes of 25. In that event, the 25 subject sheets will be in the same category as are the small sized sheets of the 50 centime Albert of Belgium issue of two years ago. Such 25c Monaco sheets as are being offered are sold at from 50 to 75 francs a sheet. There was no restriction placed on the sale of this stamp during the first few days of its use at least. I secured 40 sheets at face, and could doubtless have secured as many more. The present speculative price seems quite excessive.

The Ferrari philatelic library is now on sale in a number of the Paris stamp shops. The prices are exceedingly low, and I secured a number of interesting items during December. Unfortunately, there is no bookplate, and the purchaser must content himself with having the dealer inscribe the copies he selects, "from the Ferrari library." It is interesting to note that a number of the catalogues, as those of telegraph stamps and envelopes, are checked against the collection itself.

The value of stamp collecting as a hobby for an invalid is well illustrated by the case of a young Englishman, John Vincent Hanrette, a patient in the Alexian Brothers' Hospital at Kraiburg, Bavaria. This young man, in his early twenties, was born in South Africa and was educated in a Catholic college in Ireland. He has long suffered from congenital heart trouble, and has for months past been seeking relief in the quiet little brotherhood hospital in its out-of-the-way corner of Germany. The problem of how to pass the time became a serious one as he was obliged to remain quiet and could not, of course, study all of the time. He turned to stamp collecting and through the purchase of packets and the kindly aid of members of the order, he has built up an attractive and very interesting little collection, which gives him much pleasure.

DEATH OF CLARENCE H. EAGLE.

The sad news reaches us of the death of Clarence H. Eagle of New York, but we are unable to give any of the particulars. No doubt in our next number the facts can be given.

Mr. Eagle was the owner of one of the finest collections of United States revenue stamps in existence and has also devoted himself to U. S. adhesives. At the New York exhibition in 1913 he won high honors for his exhibits.

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1d, No. 67	.05
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2sh 6d, No. 27	1.25
5sh, No. 28	2.50
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1d, No. 30	.24
2d, No. 31	.60
3d, No. 33	.90
6d, No. 34	1.00
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½d, No. 37	.06
1d, No. 38	.15
2d, No. 39	.45
2½d, No. 40	.24
3d, No. 41	.30
6d, No. 42	1.00
1sh, No. 43	1.10
¼d, No. 46	.03
½d, No. 47	.03
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2sh 6d, No. 54	.75
5sh, No. 55	1.50
4d, No. 59	.12
½d, No. 62	.02
1d, No. 63	.04
5d No. 68	.14
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3sh, No. 72	.90
4sh, No. 73	1.20
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3d, No. 202	.12
¼d Pictorial	.02
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3d Pictorial	.08
4d Pictorial	.15
6d Pictorial	.16
1sh Pictorial	.30
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25c, No. 160	1.00
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4c, No. 163	.12
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10c, No. 175	.06
12c, No. 176	.15
6c purple	.03
20c, No. 178	.11

MONTSERRAT.

½d, No. 43	.02
1d, No. 44	.03
2d, No. 45	.08
2½d, No. 46	.10
3d, No. 47	.08
6d, No. 48	.16
1sh, No. 49	.30
2sh, No. 50	.75
2sh 6d, No. 51	.75
5sh, No. 52	1.50
½d, No. 101	.07
1½d, No. 103	.05
¼d, script	.02
1½d script	.05
2d script	.06

All Unused O. G.

Montserrat—Cont'd

2½d script	.08
5d script	.14
4d new value	.11
2sh script	.60
3sh new value	.90
4sh new value	1.20

NEWFOUNDL'D.

1c, No. 87a	.09
2c, No. 88a	.15
1c, No. 115	.02
2c, No. 116	.03
3c No. 117	.05
4c, No. 118	.09
5c, No. 119	.09
6c, No. 120	.45
8c, No. 121	.45
10c, No. 122	.15
12c, No. 123	.18
15c, No. 124	.25
24c, No. 125	.40
36c, No. 126	.50
2/30c, No. 127	.60
3/15c, No. 128	2.50
3/15c, No. 129	1.00
3/35c, No. 130	.75

NEW HEBRIDES.

2d, No. 2	.24
2½d, No. 3	.20
5d, No. 4	.38
6d, No. 5	.60
½d, No. 7	.24
1d, No. 8	.24
½d, No. 10	38
2½d, No. 13	.24
5d, No. 14	.30
6d, No. 15	.35
1sh, No. 16	.45
½d, No. 26	1.00
1d/1sh, No. 27	.75
1d/2sh, No. 28	.60
1d/5sh, No. 29	.65
2d/40c, No. 30	75
1d, No. 33	.03
2d, No. 34	.06
6d, No. 37	.16
Nos. 111 to 119	1.25
10c/5d, No. 137	1.00
20c/30c, No. 138	.75
5c/40c, No. 139	3.00

NEW ZEALAND.

½d, No. 130	.03
1d, No. 131	.04
2d, No. 132	.15
3d, No. 133	.10
4d, No. 134	.75
5d, No. 135	.18
6d, No. 136	.20
8d, No. 137	.25
1sh, No. 138	.40
4d, No. 139	.18
Nos. 165-170	.85
8d No. 172	.25
2/½d, No. 173	.08
5d blue	.14

NIGERIA.

1d, No. 2	.05
4d, No. 6	.12
1sh, No. 8	.30
2sh 6d, No. 9	.75
10sh emerald	3.00
½d, No. 18	.02
1d, No. 19	.03
2d, No. 20	.06
2½d, No. 21	.12

NORTHERN NIGERIA.

½d, No. 10	.07
1d, No. 11	.10
2d, No. 12	.30
2½d, No. 13	.18
5d, No. 14	.60
½d, No. 19	.09
1d, No. 20	.09
2d, No. 21	.45
5d, No. 23	.90
6d, No. 24	.90
1sh, No. 25	1.80
½d, No. 27	.07
1d, No. 28	.09
2d, No. 29	.40
2½d, No. 30	.20
3d, No. 32	.15
5d, No. 33	.30
6d, No. 34	.60
1sh, No. 35	.75
5sh, No. 37	2.40
4d, No. 44	.18
10sh, No. 51	4.50

NYASALAND.

1sh, No. 1	.60
½d, No. 2	.10
1d, No. 3	.07
3d, No. 4	.30
4d, No. 5	.24
6d, No. 6	.45
½d, No. 12	.03
1d, No. 13	.05
2d, No. 14	.10
2½d, No. 15	.10
3d, No. 16	.09
4d, No. 17	.12
6d, No. 18	.20
1sh, No. 19	.30
2sh 6d, No. 20	.85
4sh, No. 21	1.35
½d, No. 25	.02
1d, No. 26	.03
6d, No. 31	.16

All Unused O. G.

ST. HELENA.

2sh, No. 69	.65
3sh, No. 70	1.00
4d, No. 71	1.50
6d, No. 72	.60
4d, No. 73	.12
6d, No. 74	.20
1d, No. 75	.05
1½d, No. 76	.06
3d, No. 77	.10
1d, No. 80	.03
6d, No. 85	.16
1sh, No. 86	.30
1sh 6d, No. 90	.45
2sh 6d, No. 91	.75
5sh, No. 92	1.50

ST. LUCIA.

½d, No. 57	.09
3d, No. 60	.45
½d, No. 64	.03
1d, No. 65	.05
2½d, No. 66	.10
3d, No. 67	.12
6d, No. 68	.20
5sh, No. 70	1.50
2d, No. 71	.08
2sh 6d, No. 72	.85
4d, No. 74	.12
1sh, No. 75	.40
½d, No. 76	.02
2½d, No. 79	.15
6d, No. 80	.16
1sh, No. 81	.30
1d, No. 82	.03
1½d, No. 83	.05
2d, No. 84	.06
3d, No. 85	.08

ST. VINCENT.

2d, No. 92	.60
3d, No. 94	.90
1d, No. 105	.05
½d, No. 104	.05
1d, No. 105	.05
2d, No. 106	.08
2½d, No. 107	.10
3d, No. 108	.12
4d, No. 109	.12
5d, No. 110	.15
6d, No. 111	.16
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2sh, No. 113	.65
5sh, No. 114	1.60
£1, No. 115	6.00
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1d, No. 119	.03
2d, No. 120	.06
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3c/36c, No. 31	.25
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3c, No. 53	.06
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6c, No. 94	.07
12c, No. 95	.30
15c, No. 96	.30
30c, No. 97	.20
45c, No. 98	.30
50c, No. 99	.35
3c black	.02
4c green	.03
6c purple	.04
12c red	.07
15c yellow	.08
20c blue	.10

SIERRA LEONE.

1sh, No. 86	.90
½d, No. 90	.03
1½d, No. 92	.30
2d, No. 93	.35
2½d, No. 94	20
3d, No. 95	.45
4d, No. 96	.90
5d, No. 97	.90
6d, No. 98	.75
1sh, No. 99	.60
½d, No. 103	.03
1d No. 104	.03
1½d, No. 105	.05
2d, No. 106	.08
2½d, No. 107	.10
3d, No. 108	.10
4d, No. 109	.12
5d, No. 110	.20
6d, No. 111	.20
7d, No. 112	.25
9d, No. 113	.30
10d, No. 114	.32
1sh, No. 115	.30
½d, No. 122	.02
2d, No. 125	.06
2½d, No. 126	.15
3d, No. 127	.08
9d, No. 132	.24

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½d, No. 10	.30
1d, No. 11	.20
2d No. 12	.75
2½d, No. 13	.60
10sh, No. 19	4.50
½d, No. 21	.07

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So. Nigeria—Cont'd

1d, No. 22	.18
2d, No. 23	.30
2½d, No. 24	.60
6d, No. 26	.60
1sh, No. 27	.75
½d, No. 32	.07
1d, No. 33	.15
2d, No. 34	.30
2½d, No. 35	.45
3d, No. 36	.45
4d, No. 37	.65
6d, No. 38	.75
1sh, No. 39	.90
2sh 6d, No. 40	1.50
4d, No. 50	.60
1sh, No. 52	.75

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5c, No. 96	.12
8c, No. 97	.24
10c, No. 98	.24
8c, No. 108	.60
3c, No. 110	.09
10c, No. 114	.45
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$1.00, No. 118	1.50
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1c, No. 123	2.00
2c, No. 124	3.50
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4c/16c, No. 127	.25
4c/18c, No. 128	.18
8c, No. 129	.25
10c, No. 130	.30
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50c, No. 132	.50
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1c, No. 134	.07
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$2.00, No. 143	1.75
45c, No. 148	.36
4c, No. 149	.12
5c, No. 153	.05
8c, No. 154	.08
50c, No. 159	.35
45c, No. 170	.32
$1.00, No. 160	1.00
1c, No. 179	.02
2c, No. 180	.02
4c, No. 182	.04
5c, No. 183	.04
6c, No. 184	.05
10c, No. 186	.12
$1.00, No. 191	.75
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1d, No. 2	.04
2½d, No. 4	.09
4d, No. 5	.15
6d, No. 6	.20
1sh, No. 7	.35
5sh, No. 10	2.00
½d, No. 12	.03
1d, No. 13	.06
2½d, No. 14	.35
6d, No. 15	.25
1d No. 18	.05
2d, No. 19	.10
3d, No. 20	.12
½d Pictorial	.02
1d Pictorial	.03
1½d Pictorial	.05
2d Pictorial	.06
3d Pictorial	.08
4d Pictorial	.11
6d Pictorial	.16
1sh Pictorial	.30
5sh Pictorial	1.50
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2d, No. 40	.08
2½d, No. 41	.10
3d, No. 42	.10
6d, No. 43	.20
1sh, No. 44	.40
2sh 6d, No. 45	1.00
5sh, No. 46	2.00
½d, No. 47	.04
1d, No. 48	.06
½d, No. 51	.02
1d, No. 52	.03
2d, No. 53	.06
2½d, No. 54	.10
5d, No. 55	.14
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* 1900, 3d mult. (12)	.85
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* 1898, 8as (73)	.14
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Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents.

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UNITED STATES.—By the time these notes appear in print, the new 1c, 2c, 4c, 9c and 10c will have appeared, the 1c being placed on sale in both Philadelphia and Washington on the day of issue, January 17th, while the other values will be issued in Washington only on January 15th. It was hoped that the issue of the 2c could be held off until February 22nd, but it was found that the Bureau was approaching the end of the old 2c plates and it was found necessary to start the new variety. Judging from the die proofs they will be very beautiful indeed, but in the case of the other denominations the finished product has not begun to compare with the proof. This happens to be the case in spite of the fact that all postage stamp proofs today are printed on the regular paper.

An order of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, appearing in the *Daily Postal Bulletin* of December 30, 1922, will prove of great interest to a great many postmark collectors. Heretofore, a few postmasters have not been any too courteous in complying with the request of collectors. I recall when the surcharged provisional envelopes were being issued, some postmasters, such as St. Louis and Salt Lake City among others, at first refused absolutely to fill requisitions. This good work now being carried on by the Third Assistant Postmaster General in conjunction with the Stamp Division will not only result in increased profits to the Department, but will make postmasters generally look upon philately as something other than the pastime of cranks.

I copy from the *Bulletin* mentioned:—

"From reports received from time to time it is apparent that the department's philatelic stamp agency is serving to make the Postal Service popular with philatelists and others who follow the practice of collecting the various issues of postage stamp paper.

"For the purpose of increasing this popularity the department desires to accommodate these patrons and other good citizens engaged in the practice of collecting impressions of postmarks, and to accomplish this end postmasters are requested to comply with applications for copies in all cases when such applications are accompanied by return postage."

The above notice is signed by Mr. W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General.

In a recent issue mention was made of the fact that Mr. George B. Sloane had located two very strong shifts in plate 14169 of the new 6c stamp. Mr. Sloane now writes that these are located in the lower right pane, the stamps in question being the one beside the right plate number and the stamp immediately under.

Mr. J. H. Houston sends several clippings from the Washington papers, regarding the new series of postage stamps and other philatelic matters. Much of the information is dressed up to satisfy the newspaper correspondent, for we are told that the new 4c stamp is the first ever to bear a portrait of a woman, that Jefferson and Monroe will appear on a postage stamp for the first time and that the new 1c stamp is issued especially to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Franklin's birth.

ASCENSION.—Mr. Frank Pollard Brown has shown us the 1d green of St. Helena with the surcharge "Ascension" in black at the top of the stamp.

Mr. R. Roberts submits the following additional values surcharged as above: ½d green and black, 1½d red, 2d grey and black, 3d blue, 8d lilac and black, 2sh black and blue on blue, 3sh violet and black. Also the 1sh black on green which has the same overprint but in red.

AZORES.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 12c stamp of Portugal, surcharged for use in this colony, in a dark green shade.

CANADA.—The status of the 7c stamp is rather dubious. It is generally agreed that there will be no further printing, due to its being the same color as the new 4c stamp. In some post-offices no 7c stamp can be obtained. A postal official writes Edw. E. Goodchild that "the issue of the 7c stamp has been curtailed as much as possible for that reason." What is meant by this statement must be imagined.

CAPE VERDE.—The Economist Stamp Co. have sent us the following new colors in the current type: 1c light green, 3c orange, 4c rose, 4½c grey, 5c blue, 6c lilac, 7c ultramarine, 12c dark green, 15c red lilac and 30c grey green.

CHINA ON HONG KONG.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a copy of the 4c pale rose, printed on script watermarked paper.

CYPRUS.—Capt. H. C. Westmorland states that the following are expected shortly: ½pi, black, 30par green, 9 and 18pi, Script. High values of 10s and £ are officially announced as in preparation. Colonial currencies are getting a little complicated nowadays.—*S. G. Monthly Circular.*

DANZIG.—The Y. Souren Co. submi to us for chronicle the 5 and 10 mark of green and orange respectively with the surcharge "D M" in black.

FIJI.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 3d on new yellow paper, printed on old watermarked paper in sheets of 240 o four panes of 60 each.

FRENCH INDIA.—Mr. Pollitz of th Frank P. Brown Co. reports the 1 purple and black with the following overprints: "0.01" in black; "0.02" i blue and "0.05" in red.

GEORGIA.—The Y. Souren Co. advis of the appearance of two new issues o 2000r and 3000r. They are both of th same design, showing a woman standing with a sickle in her left hand, while a her feet sits a man resting on a sledg hammer. Above, two lines of nativ words appear while below are the figure of value. The color of the first mentioned stamp is dark grey and the othe brown.

GERMANY.—We have received the following new issues from the Y. Souren Co and Mr. R. Roberts: 50mks green and lilac, watermarked chicken wire; 200mk carmine on buff; 300mks green on buf and 500mks orange on buff. The las three values are watermarked lozenges

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EARLY CHICAGO POSTAL HISTORY.

A PAPER READ AT A MEETING OF THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

By R. McP. CABEEN.

The earliest record of a postal service, connecting Chicago with the east, states that the mail was brought from Niles, Michigan, the nearest distributing point, by stage, in seasonable periods of the year, and during the winter by a half-breed Indian, chartered by general subscription of the citizens, who made the trip every two weeks, consuming about a week travelling on foot.

By March 31, 1831, Jonathan N. Bailey was made postmaster—whether by regular appointment or not, I have been unable to determine. Mr. Bailey occupied the noted Kinzie mansion, located on the north bank of the Chicago River, about where the Boulevard Link bridge crosses North Water Street. This house, abandoned by Mr. Kinzie in 1821, and afterwards repaired and used as a store in 1829 and still later as a post-office, had entirely disappeared by 1834.

During the early part of Mr. Bailey's régime, Elijah Wentworth, Jr., carried the mail once a month between Chicago and Niles, where it had arrived by stage from Detroit and Cleveland. The only other mail route from the East, which passed through northern Illinois, was a route from Peoria to Galena.

Even down to 1837 it required 14 days for a letter to come from New York or Washington to Detroit and five days or more to come from Detroit to Chicago.

The daughter of Jonathan N. Bailey married John S. C. Hogan, who arrived in Chicago in 1832. He in turn became postmaster on Nov. 2, 1832, and used as his post-office a room partitioned off from his story and a half store building, a log structure about 18′ by 45′ in size, located at intersection of Lake street and South Water street.

Hogan ran the fur-trading business of Brewster, Hogan & Co., and beside being postmaster was Justice of the Peace, alderman, Lieutenant in the Black Hawk War, deputy sutler at the fort, land agent and poet. But, overloaded with mortgaged realty, he went down in the panic of 1837.

Mail facilities at this time had been increased by routes from Chicago to Danville and to Green Bay.

Mr. Hogan was upbraided for the disorder in the post-office, by one of the citizens, who stated that where he came from the post-office was provided with small boxes, called pigeonholes, arranged in alphabetical order, in which the postmaster distributed the mail. Not to be outdone, Mr. Hogan cast about for some similar arrangement, but as no cabinet-maker was available, he secured as many discarded boots as he could find, and after cutting off a part of the top, he nailed them up on the log wall by their soles and used the legs for pigeonholes, and many who were in the habit of receiving mail also nailed up boots for the anticipated messages. Up to this time each person had had to look through the mail on the table and select his own.

John Bates, Jr., who arrived in Chicago in 1832, took over the active charge of the post-office for Mr. Hogan in 1833.

On Feb. 11, 1833, Chicago was incorporated as a town, embracing the territory bounded by Chicago Ave., Holsted St., Twelfth St. and Lake Michigan.

As early as Dec., 1833, a permanent mail route between Chicago and St. Louis was assured. A Dr. Temple secured the contract for carrying the mail as far as Ottawa on this route, and after providing himself with an elegant post-chaise from Detroit, with the Hon. John Dean Caton as a passenger, he drove the first trip on Jan. 1, 1834. There was no mail carried on this trip, and Dr. Temple and Mr. Caton suffered from the extreme cold.

In December, 1833, the mail route to Green Bay was discontinued by order of the postmaster-general. The first list of advertised letters of the Chicago post-office appeared in the *Democrat*, Jan. 7, 1834, and listed a single letter, addressed to Erastus Bower.

It is said that while Mr. Bates was in charge of the post-office he was in the habit of firing a gun from the north door of the post-office at nine o'clock to inform Chicago that it was bedtime.

"During this period" says John Wentworth "the post-office was one of the most reliable places of entertainment while the mail was being opened." The mail-coach was irregular in arrival, but the horn of the driver announced its approach and the people would assemble at the post-office. The postmaster would throw out a New York paper and some gentleman with a good pair of lungs and a jocose temperament would mount a dry-goods box and read. "Occasionally," says Mr. Wentworth, "I occupied that place."

In the summer of 1834, Chicago began to be visited once a week by the steamboat "Uncle Sam" from Buffalo. The steamboat "Buffalo" plied regularly between Chicago and St. Joseph and a stage ran regularly twice a week between that city and Niles, Michigan.

In August, 1834, four-horse post-coaches ran twice a week between Chicago and St. Louis, the route running through Ottawa, Peoria and Springfield.

On August 13, 1834, *The Democrat* published the following notice: "Mails—The apathy prevalent among our citizens is astonishing, with a population of over 2,500 dependent upon the post-office in this town; with the business transacted, equal to that in some places where a semi-daily mail is required; with a garrison of troops; with important public works in progress; with an Indian Agency through which the government is now negotiating the ratification of a treaty; with all this it is a matter of astonishment that the people should feel such indifference on the subject of mails."

A big mass meeting was held on Oct. 4, 1834, at the "Methodist Chapel," at which a committee of thirty was appointed to collect facts in regard to a canal or railroad and an extension of the post road beyond Ottawa.

In December, 1834, proposals to carry the mails between Chicago and Green Bay, once a week on horseback, for three years, were called for. In this month the *Democrat*, Chicago's only newspaper, ran out of paper and publication had to be suspended until a new supply arrived by boat in May, 1835.

In 1835 a new mail route was opened to Galena through Naperville, and in September it was announced that hereafter mail coaches from Chicago to St. Louis would make the run in five days by daylight. J. T. Temple & Co. were the mail contractors between Chicago and Peoria.

In the spring of 1836 a post route from Chicago to Galena via Elgin was put in operation.

At this time the *Democrat* was not on the best of terms with the local postal authorities as is evidenced by the following editorial of May 11, 1836: "Charge Specific—The mail arrived at the post-office on last Thursday evening at half-past six o'clock and was not opened for delivery until half-past eight on Friday morning, being fourteen hours from the time of its arrival until it was ready for delivery."

On March 4, 1837, Chicago was incorporated as a city, having as its corporate limits North Ave., Wood Street, Twenty-second Street and Lake Michigan.

At this time the post-office was situated on Clark Street, opposite the Court House, occupying a two-story brick building about 20 by 50 or 60 feet.

Sidney Abell became postmaster in 1837. Stage lines were in operation out of Chicago in several directions, all were naturally connected with the carrying of mail—whoever had the mail contract carried passengers and light parcels. John Frink succeeded Dr. Temple as mail contractor and soon expanded his business into the firm of Frink & Bingham. In 1838-39 their office was at 123 Lake St. In August, they carried passengers between Chicago and Galena, 160 miles, in two days, for $12.50.

Frink & Walker or Frink, Walker & Co., was the next development of this company. The office was in the same location for some time, but later was moved to the southwest corner of Dearborn and Lake streets.

In 1840 there was a tri-weekly stage between Chicago and Dixon's ferry with a fare of $6.00.

The running time between Chicago and Galena was cut down by one day by Frink, Walker & Co., in June, 1841, and the fare was reduced to $10.00.

William Stewart was appointed postmaster in 1842, and continued to occupy the same premises as his predecessor.

In 1845 the following new mail routes were opened: Chicago to Joliet *via* Blue Island, Bachelor's Grove and Hadley; Chicago to Monroe, Elk Grove, Wichliffe, Miller's Grove, etc.; Chicago *via* Babcock's Grove to St. Charles and other points; Chicago to Lafayette *via* Blue Island, Thornton, Crete, Kankakee, etc. In February, 1846, a new route was laid out from Chicago *via* Blue Island to Thornton, New Strasburg. Crete, Loraine and other points.

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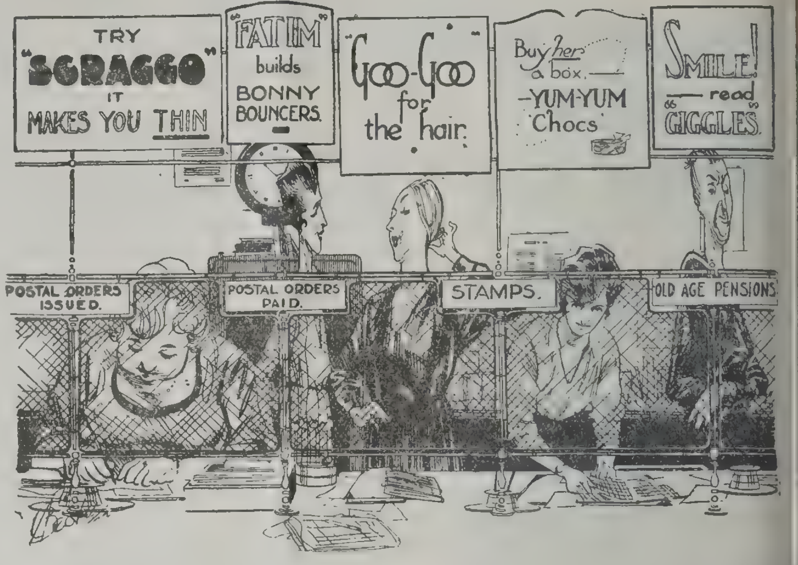
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WHERE ARE THE OLDER PRECANCELS ?

By V. W. ROTNEM.

(Based on a survey of the precancel stocks of Charles Wilson, Frank C. Mertz, Howard Starr Dickey, Rotnem Danielson, B. G. Bushnell and Fred Raff.)

Where are the older issues of precancels? I used to think, before my travels of this summer and fall, that there were plenty of most of these items. They were issues only twenty-five years ago, and surely some of the older "hoarders," collectors and dealers would have plenty of these items.

One year ago or more, I rummaged thru the Charles Wilson stock. There were some very choice older issues in this holding, strong in places, but the majority of the older items were represented by one or two copies, often in inferior condition. At the time I satisfied myself with the conclusion that Mr. Wilson's stock was strong in other lines, perforate elevens, and that other dealers had been at it long before he had; they, I was sure, had this old stuff which he lacked.

Then, this spring I enjoyed a little chat with Elmer Toepleman, who no doubt had the most unique collection of Wisconsin items in existence. When asked, did he have any of the early issues in quantity from this state, he was much amused. "They don't come in clusters," he said. "I have had to pick them up slowly one by one, many of them are very scarce and I have in my collection the only item of several things one would think were resting in dealers' stock books.

But, I still was optimistic. Then came the Denver Convention. Mr. Mertz, no doubt, would have plenty of these older issues to show me. But I was taken back again, Mr. Mertz would gladly buy any of these items in any quantity at almost any price, but there were none to be had. The collections exhibited at the convention, and Mr. Kringel's and Judge Doughty's were fine collections, but they showed plenty of room for early issues.

Then came a trip to Mr. H. S. Dickey; now I would find my long sought oasis down in Kansas sands. Oh, what a surprise! Mr. Dickey has a wonderful accumulation of precancels.

One of the best that exists, but the numbers of early issues are surprisingly few. "You will be surprised within the next few years to see the scramble for these things," Howard Starr said to me one night after he had sung some of his own songs to me,—"a few years ago I prophesied what would happen in old U. S. A., and it did happen. The desirable copies have advanced two and three hundred per cent in five years." Then he sang another song, and "You are going to see the same thing in the precancel field within the next two years; the value of these early issues is way too low. Copies of which there are not three to ten known copies are priced at 35c, think of it, 35c. It is an injustice to the collector who has one of these three items that is worth so little." Then another song, a lively one, and "But Mr. Bushnell must have the holding of these items, if there are any."

"Yes," I said, "and I am going to see him very soon." I was still satisfied there was an abundance of these 1898 and 1902's some place. A stop in Kansas City, meeting Allen Sears and James Goldsmith, the former secretary of the I. P. C., brought forth no supplies of older issues. Goldsmith put it well by saying, "They are hard ones."

September 15, on a trip thru Chicago, the same problem was discussed by Dr. C. W. Hennan, formerly a very enthusiastic precancel dealer, but now a busy physician. "Doc" reiterated what other dealers and collectors had told me regarding the few 1898 and 1903 and perforate 12 issues in existence. "Nobody saved them at the right time it seems, I never was able to get any of these items in quantity of any appreciable sort." An inspection of one of the largest collections of precancels in the northwest, Mr. Fred S. Raff's of that city, brought no numbers of these scarce items to light, altho Mr. Raff has a wonderful collection of early Chicago dates in perfect condition. Apart from a very choice holding of Lockport, Indiana, 1898 issues, there was no display of early precancels in this lot.

Then a few days later, we entered the close of Mr. B. Gordon Bushnell. His stock was very well arranged on a card index system; there was plenty of perforated eleven and perforated ten items. But never in my life have I suffered such a jolt as when I was told by him he had no more of the older issues than were on the cards and in his collection. His collection, it is true, did contain some choice items, many of which are the only ones known to exist, but there was no holding of any appreciable sort of the early items.

Here, was the truth of the matter. Wilson, Dickey, Mertz, Hennan, Raff, and others of us had supposed that the precancel "father" had the holding of these items, and that some day they would come on the market. We were wrong. Mr. Bushnell told me that at the beginning, and it is true.

Most of the early precancels of today are already in the hands of collectors. This is a stable state of affairs, but the value of these items is a great deal more than the collectors who hold them today realize.

Mr. Bushnell tells me that there is to be an appreciable increase in the price of the early issues. He said he is afraid to place the true value on some of the items because he knows that collectors will howl. But I submit to you collectors that you are, by howling at such procedure, biting the nose off of your own face. You, yourselves, have the holding of these items in your collections. Their increase in value is your increase in value.

You ask for proof? I declare that the inspection of the primary holdings of precancels in the last few months has caused me to change my mind more radically on this point than anything ever has before. I shall welcome further information from any dealer or collector. A very wise plan is an invoice of the early 1898 and 1902 issues by each collector and dealer, finding out as near as possible, the exact numbers of these items in existence. From this invoice we may be able to tell more scientifically just what the value of these gems is.
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In 1846 Hart L. Stewart succeeded Wm. Stewart as postmaster.

"The cheap postage system inaugurated late in 1847 was a great boon and advantage to business men," says the *Democrat*. However, the postal system left something to be desired in speed for the *Democrat* by a personal messenger scooped the other Chicago papers by first publishing the President's message. This was in December, 1847, and the *Democrat* ran a fast express from Mattville, Michigan, 130 miles, by Gray and Butler's fast nags, in nine hours; thirty-six hours ahead of the mails.

In 1848 a new mail route from Lyons, *via* Summit, Flag Creek, Long John, Plainfield, Plattville, thence on to Ottawa was established.

The Illinois-Michigan Canal first projected in 1832 was formally opened on April 16, 1848.

Although by 1833 over 1,000 miles of railroad had been projected centering in Chicago, and although the Chicago and Galena Union Railroad Co. had been incorporated on Jan. 16, 1836 and surveyed in 1837, it was not until Oct. 10, 1848, that a locomotive was seen in Chicago. This one named the "Pioneer" was built by Baldwin for the Galena railroad and shipped here on the steamship "Buffalo." On Oct. 25, 1848, a trial run was made, five miles of the road being completed. The road was soon extended west to the Desplaimes River.

In 1848 mail was brought across the lake from New Buffalo in summer, but in winter it was still brought by stage around the lake from Kalamazoo.

1848 is notable, also, in that during this year the first telegram was received in Chicago.

Prior to May, 1849, all mail for the northwest came to Chicago and thence was sent to Milwaukee, Galena, Ottawa, etc., but after this time it was sent from the east directly to those cities.

In 1849 the Chicago and Galena railroad was in operation to Elgin.

At the beginning of 1850, there were 28 post-offices in Cook County, outside of Chicago, of which 17 were comparatively new.

Robert L. Wilson, of the Chicago *Journal* became postmaster in 1850, but was succeeded by Geo. W. Dole, in 1851.

It is interesting to note the use of stamps compared with money for payment of postage, at this time. A newspaper item early in 1852 reads: "On Feb. 9, Mr. Wait, a clerk in the post-office, mailed one evening the following letters: Unpaid, 3,642; paid and distributed 6,283; paid by stamps 280; paid in money 209; free 471, total 10,885.

On Feb. 9, the Michigan Southern train service had reached Michigan City, Indiana, and four hours only were required to bring in the mail by stage and on Feb. 18, the trains had reached "Ainsworth's," twelve and one-half miles from Chicago. On that date Butler and Lewis's team brought the mail to the city from "Ainsworth's" in forty minutes. Money was wagered that the team could not do it in that time and nearly 3,000 people turned out to witness the event.

This was the nags' last run, for on Feb. 20, the iron horses of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad (our Lake Shore) brought the first train into the heart of the city. This railroad was not fully completed at this time, the connection between Buffalo and Toledo being by steamship.

On May 21, 1852, the first train of the Michigan Central entered the city running from Grand Crossing on the tracks of the Illinois Central. Mail from New York to Chicago now came through in 41½ hours.

In June, 1852, postmaster Dole moved into a more commodious post-office.

In 1854 Isaac Cook became postmaster. In January of this year Chicago was receiving 14 daily mails and several weekly and semi-weekly mails, and an average of 30,000 letters and 45,000 newspapers passed through daily. About 5,000 letters were received and sent out daily by Chicagoans.

On Feb. 23, 1855, Mr. Cook opened a new post-office on the west side of Dearborn street, in the first brick building south of Randolph street. In a short time the government purchased ground at Dearborn and Monroe for a Custom House and post-office. Work was commenced late in 1857 and on Nov. 20, 1860, the building was occupied by William Price who had succeeded Isaac Cook as postmaster in February of 1858. In 1861, John L. Scripps became postmaster. In 1862, A. C. Stewart was put in charge of the first branch post-office located at the northwest corner of Randolph and Holsted streets.

In 1864 carrier distribution was inaugurated with 35 districts, and money-orders were first issued. The railway postal car was first tried out on the C. & N. W. and by Oct. 1, 1865, five railroads running west from Chicago were equipped with postal cars.

Thus in a space of only a little more than thirty years Chicago grew from a cluster of shanties and log-cabins with an occasional mail service to a full-fledged city with hourly mails and regular carrier service.

AUSTRIAN AIR MAIL.

By JOSEPH A. STEINMETZ.
Morris Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

In yours of December 16, there is a mention of Austrian Air Mail and a translation of the German words "Flug Ausgefallen" as (NOT sent by Air Post).

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*1920, 5pf to 20m, Nos. 256-75	.50
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*1913-15, 60c green & carm., No. 186	.75
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1909, 5 cent ultr., No. 73	.18
*1922, 25 cent green, shade, No. 80	.35
***Brunei** 1906, 4 on 12 cent black, No. 5	.30
*1907, 5 cent ultr. & black, No. 17	1.00
*1907, 30 cent black & purple, No. 21	.60
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1901-06, 1s-3 lewa comp., Nos. 57-69	3.00
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1912, 5 to 25s, Nos. 101-3	.60
1913, 1 to 25s, Nos. 104-11	.25
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Our loss is, however, measured by our gain, and we are pleased to announce that Mr. Carl Wollner, who has been managing our European agency, has agreed to come to Boston and fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Depuy's departure. Mr. Wollner is now with us and we are preparing for the biggest winter season ever.

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***Liechtenstein** 1917-18, Nos. 4-9	Per 100	5.00
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*1921, 1 cent to 1fr, Nos. 147-161	.65
Canada 1902, 7c olive yellow, No. 88	.12
***Canal Zone** 1906, 10c vio. & blk., No. 36	.20
*1917, 12 to 24 cent, Nos. 52-4	.85
*1920, 1b violet & black, No. 56	1.10
1914, Postage Dues, Nos. 101-4	.50
***Cape Verde** 1921, surcharges, Nos. 174-5	1.00
*1921, 4c on 10c on 16a, No. 176	6.00
***Carinthia** 1920 5h-20kr cpl., Nos. 1-19	.65
1920, On Jugo, 5pa-2d, Nos. 51-56	.65
***Cayman Is.** 1902, 1 penny rose, No. 4	.28
*1905, 2½ pence ultr., No. 10	.45
*1905, 6 pence chocolate, No. 11	1.15
1905, 1sh brown orange, No. 12	1.75
*1907-09, 1 to 3 pence, Nos. 22-4	.90
*1908, 1 shilling green, No. 29	1.50
*1922, 2 and 3sh, Nos. 55b, 55c	1.60
Ceylon 1912, 2 to 50 cent, Nos. 200-210	.35
1912, 1 rupee, No. 212	.22
1912, 5 rupee green, No. 214	1.00
Chile 1910, 5c to 1 peso, Nos. 79-82	.50
1911, 2 pesos, No. 110	.30
1911, 5 pesos, No. 111	.60
1915-20, 2 and 5 pesos, Nos. 139-140	.55
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1912, Shanghai Surch., Nos. 119-132	1.75
1912, London Surcharge, Nos. 134-46	1.25
1912, Sun Yat Sen, 8, 10c, Nos. 153-4	.25
1912, Sun Yat Sen, 16c, No. 155	.30
1912, Yuan Shih Kai, 10, 16c, Nos. 166-7	.38
1912, Yuan Shih Kai, 20c, No. 168	.45
1913-18, 1, 2, 5 dollar, 191-3	1.25
1915-18, Turkestan, Nos. 501-7, 10, 13-15	1.50
Colombian Rep. 1917, ½-20c, Nos. 339-45	.15
1918, ½ on 20 cent, No. 351	.40
1918, 3c on 10c, No. 352	.65
1918, 3 on 10 cent violet, No. 356	.50
Congo 1901, 1fr carm. & black, No. 30	.15
*1908, 25 cent blue & black, No. 34	.15
*1908, 50 cent olive & black, No. 36	.25
1908, 1fr carmine & black, No. 37	.20
1908, 5fr carmine & black, No. 39	.90
1908, 10fr green & black, No. 40	.75
1909, 10 to 50 cent, Nos. 42-44	.55
1910, 10 cent to 1fr, Nos. 46-51	.70
1910, 5fr carmine & black, No. 53	.60
*1910, 10fr green & black, No. 54	1.75
*1915, 5 cent to 5fr, Nos. 55-63	1.25
*1922, 5 to 50 cent, Nos. 74-78	.25
***Cook Is.** 1902, 10p blue green, No. 37	.30
*1919, Raratonga, Nos. 50-52	.32
*1919, 3 pence violet brown, No. 54	.75
*1919, 4 to 6 pence, Nos. 55-57	.60
Corea 1903, 1 to 3ch, Nos. 35-37	.35
1903, 3ch orange, No. 42	.15
*1903, 10ch blue, No. 46	.30
Costa Rica 1901, 10col bar canc., No. 54	.20
1907, 20 cent, No. 64	.20
*1907, 1 colon br. & black, No. 67	.75
*1921, 5 cent blue & black, No. 103	.16
1901-02, Off., 50c, bar canc., No. 241	.25
Crete 1907, 25 lepta, No. 83	.15
***Cuba** 1910, 50c violet & black, No. 245	.30
1910, 1 peso slate & black, No. 246	1.00
1917, 50 cent rose, No. 272	.15
1917, 1 peso black, No. 273	.30
*1899, Post. Dues on U. S., Nos. 303-4	.30
*1914, Republic Dues, Nos. 305-7	.30
*1910, 10 cent orange & blue, No. 354	.15
*1914, 10 cent dark blue, No. 355	.14
***Curacao** 1902, 12½ on 12½ cent, No. 29	.15
*1915, 1 to 25 cent, Nos. 45-55	.78
*1915, 50 cent green, No. 57	.32
1918, 1 cent buff, No. 60	.30
Cyprus 1903, 1 piastre, No. 40	.25
*1904, 9 piastres, No. 54	.75
*1912-14, 4 piastres, No. 66	.20
1912-14, 6 piastres, No. 67	.15
***Czecho** 1918-19, 3 to 400h, Nos. 1-10	.40
*1918-19, 3 to 200h, Nos. 12-20	.70
*1919, 1 to 1000h, Nos. 23-40	1.00
*1919-20, 1 to 120h, Nos. 41-53	.60
*1919, On Austria, Nos. 80-94, 95	.55
*1919, On Hungary, Nos. 104, 6, 7	.75
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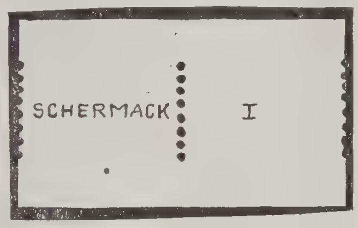
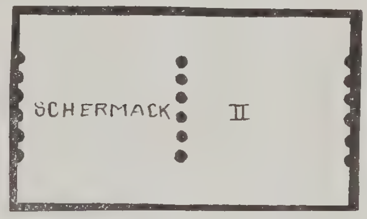
By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

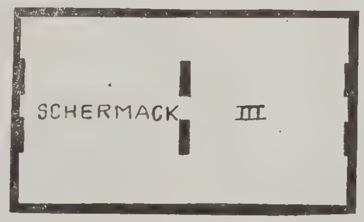
An article on the coil stamps of the United States would hardly be complete without mention of the privately issued varieties which were made by the different manufacturers of the vending and affixing machines for use in their product. The older ones are the forerunners of the official coils, and while they were made from the imperforate sheets or imperforate coils, the means of separating was applied after they had left the Post Office and consequently by no stretch of the imagination can they be classed as official. Practically each make of machine was arranged to feed a coil with a particular type of separation and as the department refused to make up coils with each variety of perforation, it was necessary for the manufacturer to coil his own stamps. Some found it more advantageous to buy the imperforate sheets of four hundred, apply their special means of separation and then coil them, mostly by hand. Others used the official imperforate coil. Gradually they began to redesign their machines so that they could use the regular coil sold by the post office, with the result that today there is only one private coil variety that is being used in any quantity.

When the vending and the affixing machines were first placed upon the market in this country, the manufacturers realized that much would have to be done to the machines before they could be sold in quantities and become profitable commercially. As a result they worked very closely with the department and were given every encouragement, with the result that at this time a larger number of coils than ever are being distributed.

The best known manufacturer of these privately perforated and coiled varieties is the firm that started in Detroit as the Detroit Mailing Machine Company. Later this name was changed to the Schermack Mailing Machine Company and more recently to the Mailometer Company, now located in Chicago. Their first experiments in coiling stamps for their machine consisted of sidewise coils with eight small holes perforated vertically between the stamps. These holes took up about one-third of the space with an imperforated space equally as large above and below. This variety was short-lived, as it did not prove satisfactory. The next variety was very similar, having six holes somewhat larger with not quite so much blank space above and below the perforations. Both of these types were in use the later part of 1907, some of the firms using them being Messrs. D. M. Ferry & Co., Michigan State Telephone Company, Murphy Chair Company, Park, Davis & Company, and Rogers & Van Leyen Company.







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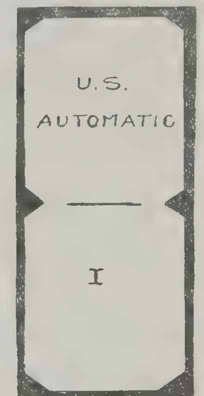
"The hyphen-hole perforation that we now use is the final result of experimenting extending over a period of several years, trying to make a mailing machine handle the regular governmental perforations. We tried them in every possible form, singly, in strips, in sheets and in ribbon form, all with the same result, that the ordinary perforation made the stamp too weak to handle with any degree of safety, or rather certainty, in a machine. A perforation of some kind has been found absolutely essential in order to insure accuracy in feeding. You no doubt know that the extreme variation in the size of a sheet of 400 stamps as they are printed is as much as 4/16 of an inch. This on a length of 20 stamps would of course make 1/64 of an inch in each stamp. Thus you can readily see how impossible it would be to feed an unperforated strip with any degree of accuracy. For after feeding but a few stamps, they would cut into the design, no matter how positive a mechanical feed was used. So that while a perforation of some kind was needed, the stamp must still be strong enough to handle. This led us to adopt in the first place a system of round-hole perforations in the center of the strip."

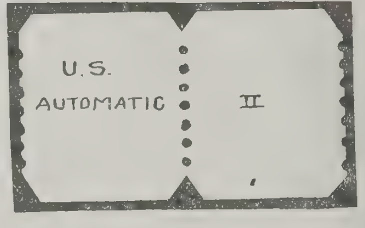
"The first ones used were of the regulation size, same as the Government perforation, consisting, however, of only six or seven holes in the middle between the stamps, leaving an unperforated margin above and below to strengthen the strip. Upon finding that the openings were too small for practical use, six larger size holes were adopted."

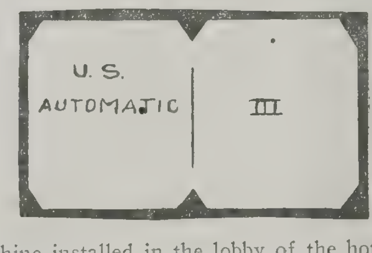
"While this style answered the purpose very well, the round holes did not permit easy entrance of the small hardened steel fingers used in feeding. This suggested the use of slots and the so-called hyphen-hole perforation was adopted. This we find to be thoroughly practicable and in my opinion is the beginning of the universal adoption for use in stamps to be used in mechanical devices."

It was this hyphen-hole type of perforation that was applied to the well known 4c imperforate of 1902. Had it not been for a Detroit collector obtaining a small lot of this variety at the time, it is doubtful if the stamp would be known today. About thirty-one copies in all have been saved to philately. The stamp was used by two Detroit firms in sending out little booklets.

A further type of separation was applied by the U. S. Automatic Vending Machine Company of New York, which consists of a sort of roulette with corners notched. I recall their early use in 1908 at the New Willard Hotel in Washington and purchased them from a machine installed in the lobby of the hotel. I am also informed that the Hotel Plaza in New York used them at the time. These stamps were issued in both sidewise and endwise coils. The same company issued a further variety in sidewise coils wherein the space between the notched portions was perforated.







During the Alaska-Yukon and Hudson-Fulton celebration this enterprising company placed on the market a machine that fed little pockets containing two 2c and one 1c stamp that could be obtaine by dropping a nickel in the slot. Thes pockets were in continuous sidewise coil and were shaped somewhat like th notched stamps. I have seen two typ of these varieties, one containing tw imperforate 2c Alaska-Yukon and one 1 green imperforate Franklin with a number in red on the back of the pocke while the second variety was simila having, however, two imperforated 2 Hudson-Fulton stamps in the pocket i addition to the 1c green, and on the bac of the pocket not only a number in re but the following: "U.S.Automati Vending Co., Pioneer Stamp Pocket, Madison Square, New York City," als "U.S. Automatic Stamp and Ticket Sel ing Machines—No. 1 Madison Ave."

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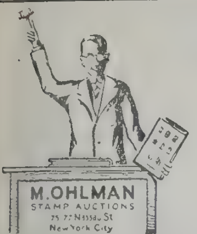

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BARBUDA, NEW DESIGN, 1923.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

It is reported semi-officially from the Leewards that Barbuda is to have postage stamps in a special design, and in all probability during 1923, an entire new series will take the place of the overprinted Leeward Islands stamps issued July 13, 1922. From the sale of these stamps approximately £2500 has been derived, but unfortunately, instead of tending to reduce the debt, it falls short of meeting the extraordinary expenditures occasioned by the storm of last September. At one time Barbuda's finances were in much better condition than today. In 1914, there was a surplus over liabilities of £2178.10.5½; in 1915 it rose to £2473.18.8½; in 1916 fell to £1189.11.5½, and at the present time the deficit amounts to almost £5000.

On September 15, 1922, Barbuda was struck by the worst hurricane within the memory of the oldest inhabitants, nor is there record of anything so severe. As there is no telegraphic communication with the outer world, the island received none of the cable warnings sent out by the U. S. Weather Bureau. In the storm of the '70's, only one edge of the island was touched, but the storm's actual center passed over it this time. Out of 270 houses 57 were knocked flat. Great trees were uprooted, and all the boats in the lagoon on the west side (separated from the sea by a narrow spit of land) were carried from 300 to 400 yards inland, and some of them were blown bodily over a wall 6 feet high. Fortunately there was no loss of life..

The majority of overprinted stamps received at Barbuda were in sheets of 120 (2 panes of 60) from plate 10, with controls in the lower margin only, but the 2½d and 3d also exist in post-office sheets of 60. The 2½d ultramarine is known with the script watermark inverted.

Mails are received and dispatched via Antigua (of which Barbuda is a dependency), 25 miles to the south, by small sailing vessels. In the Post master for Antigua's report for 1917-18, there is an item of expense "For subsidy to mail service to Barbuda, £16."

About September, 1922, a new cancelling stamp, of steel, was brought into use. Like the one which it replaced (lettered "Official Paid, Barbuda," with date in the center in 3 lines, * - JY 24 - 22, and applied in violet), it is a single lined circle measuring 25 mm. in diameter. It is inscribed "Barbuda" at the top, which is separated from "B. W. I." at the bottom, by a dot on either side. The date is in the center in 2 lines, OC 16 - 22. Black ink is used.

The island with its 62 square miles, although a little more than half as large as Antigua (108 square miles), by the census of 1911 had only a population of 871 (351 males and 520 females), while Antigua had 31394 (13634 males and 17760 females). The females in both islands predominate. The men of Barbuda are well-built, the majority of them being over 6 ft. in height, and usually leave the island in search of work in Antigua and elsewhere. Many found employment in the Canal Zone while the canal was building. They make good sailors, fishermen and hunters, but are no good as mechanics.

Until almost the end of the 19th century the island remained in the Codrington family, to which it had been granted in 1680, and was used by them as a shooting estate, and also as a stock farm from which their estates in Antigua were supplied with animals. An old-time obligation was kept up, that of presenting a fat sheep to the Governor whenever he visited the island. This might be commuted to a goodly buck, a green turtle, or anything that might satisfy the visiting official. This as a mere token of allegiance.

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The special series of stamps issued to commemorate the Seventh Olympiad, held in Antwerp during August and September, 1921, ceased to be valid for postage after December 31st of that year. There were a large number of remainders and to use these up it was decided to convert them into ordinary postage stamps, by means of the inevitable surcharge. They were converted into 20c stamps, all three denominations being surcharged in the same manner, viz.:—the value "20c" above, an "X" was shown at each side and a thick bar was printed across the bottom obliterating the inscription referring to the original special use of the labels. The stamps were all overprinted in sheets of one hundred, the same type being used for all three values. The 5c and 15c values were overprinted in red while the 10c denomination was surcharged in black. One sheet of the 15c value had the surcharge inverted.

In November of the same year another provisional stamp made its appearance. Owing to a change in the postal rates, little use was found for the 65c Termonde stamps issued in August, 1920. There was, however, a limited demand for a 1fr 20c denomination in payment of combined postage and registration and to obviate issuing a special stamp of this value and at the same time to use up the superfluous 65c denomination the postal authorities resorted to an ingenious scheme, without precedent in postal history so far as we recollect. Each alternate vertical row of the sheets of the unwanted 65c was overprinted "55c" These figures were placed twice on the stamp, to the left and right of the tower respectively, while the original value, 65c, shown in each of the corners was obliterated by a series of five parallel lines. The surcharged sheets, therefore, showed a series of 55c and 65c stamps side by side, a pair giving the desired rate of 1fr 20c. When separated they could be used for their respective values.

REFERENCE LIST.

1921. Olympic Games stamps of 1920 overprinted with new value in red or black.

20c on 5c deep green.
20c on 10c rose.
20c on 10c sepia.
(a) Surcharge inverted.

Termonde stamp of 1920 surcharged with new value.

55c on 65c maroon and black.
(a) Pair, one without surcharge.

The Engraved Issue of 1921-22.

In September, 1921, a new 50 centimes stamp was issued in a very attractive type. In a central circle is an excellent profile portrait of King Albert with head to left, on a ground of heavy horizontal lines. Above, is "BELGIQUE" in shaded capitals on a scroll with ribbon ends, while in the centre below is "BELGIE" in similar letters on an uncolored oblong label. In the lower corners are squares of solid color, on which the value is shown in uncolored figures and letter—"50" at left and "C" at right. Extending from below the "BELGIE" label to the sides of the frame are wreaths of laurel (left) and oak (right) leaves, while the rest of the background is filled with horizontal lines. Below the lower frame the name of the engraver—G. MONTENEZ—is shown in small capitals.

At first these stamps were printed in Malines in sheets of 25—five horizontal rows of five stamps each, but later they were produced in Holland, by Messrs. Enschedé & Sons, in sheets of 100 in ten rows of ten. The Holland printings are in a paler shade of blue than the original Belgian impressions, and were first placed on sale on October 6th, 1921.

In February, 1922, a one franc stamp in the same design made its appearanc this being printed in a handsome sha of dark brown. Apparently this denom nation was only printed in Holland f we have only seen it in the sheets 100 stamps.

In September, 1922, it was report that three new denominations in th handsome Montenez type were being r cess printed at the Enschedé atelier Haarlem, viz., 75c rose red, 2 fran green, and 10 francs mauve, but at t time of writing neither of these has be issued.

REFERENCE LIST.

1921-22. Engraved and printed at t Belgian Government Printing Work Malines, by Messrs. Enschedé and Sor Haarlem, Holland. No wmk. Perf. 11

50c blue.
(a) dark blue.
1fr dark brown.

The Typographed Stamps of 1922.

In October, 1921, the Postal Admini tration sent a circular to all the Belgi post-offices to the effect that it w desirable to use up the existing suppli of 10c, 15c, 35c, 40c and 65c stamps, these were no longer regular post units. The circular recommended the sale when other denominations we asked for and suggested that when 20 25c, 50c and 1fr stamps were demande that 10c plus 10c, 10c plus 15c, 35c pl 15c, or 40c plus 10c, and 65c plus 3 should be offered in order to conser supplies of the present units as much possible.

This obviously meant the issue of ne stamps but why the values, other tha the 65c, were classed as "no long regular postal units" is difficult to unde stand, as in an Official Decree, dat August 22nd, 1922, the impending iss of new stamps was announced and th values were given as 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 2 30, 35, and 40 centimes.

It was stated that the new stam would be surface printed and it w presumed that they would be at least presentable as the typographed stam of 1915 and fitting companions to th handsome 50c and 1fr values already use. But, alas, when the first of th new stamps appeared they were mo disappointing and met with univers disapproval.

The design shows a three-quarter fac portrait of King Albert, looking to righ on an oval of solid color. Above "BELGIQUE" and below "BELGIE both in white letters on labels of soli color, while in the lower angles the nu merals of value above a small "c" a

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wn in white on a colored background. the spandrels formal oramentation is shwn and the rest of the groundwork sists of horizontal lines. One paper stmatised them as "execrable productins" and the portrait of the King as a oss caricature," and with these strictes most collectors will agree.

he stamps were designed by "Leon Huyoux" and his name is shown in capitals below the design, at the rht side. The first value to appear w the 25c, this being issued on July 2, 1922. On September 1st, the 1c, and 30c denominations appeared and October 20th the 5c, 10c and 20c vaues were placed on sale and probably the times these lines are in print the oter three values completing the series w have made their appearance.

he stamps were printed typographcly on a poor grade of wove paper. ing to inferior production all sorts minor varieties can be found in the gner's name at foot. We have noted HUY, YOUK, YDUX and YUUX as w as varieties with period after the ae.

REFERENCE LIST.

22. Typographed. No wmk. Perf. 14.
orange.
terra cotta.
grey blue.
c green.
c sepia.
c violet.
c bright red.

(*To be continued.*)

DEATH OF CHARLES F. CORBIN.

arl S. Davis of Kansas City, Mo., ins us of the death of Charles F. bin of that city. We quote from Davis' letter the following:—

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A description follows:

The stamps are the same shape and size, 75/100 by 87/100 inch, as the present series.

The 1-cent stamp bears the portrait of Franklin, within an oval, and is partly inclosed in a panel which is supported on either side by acanthus scrolls. Above the portrait in a curved line appear the words "United States Postage" in white roman letters. On a ribbon below the oval is the name "Franklin" and under this, at the bottom of the stamp, appears the word "Cent." In both lower corners within ovals, with dark backgrounds, is the white numeral "1." The entire stamp is enclosed within a cross-line border, with small triangular ornaments in both upper corners; color, green.

The 2-cent stamp bears the portrait of Washington, with the name "Washington" on the ribbon below the portrait. The surrounding design is the same as the 1-cent stamp, with the necessary change of numerals representing the denomination, and with the word "Cents" instead of "Cent"; color, red.

The 4-cent stamp bears the portrait of Martha Washington, with the name "Martha Washington" on the ribbon below the portrait. The surrounding design is the same as the 2-cent stamp with the necessary change of numerals representing the denomination; color, brown.

The 9-cent stamp bears the portrait of Jefferson, with the name "Jefferson" on the ribbon below the portrait. The surrounding design is the same as the 2-cent stamp with the necessary change of figures representing the denomination; color, pink.

The 10-cent stamp bears the portrait of Monroe, with the name "Monroe" on the ribbon below the portrait. The surrounding design is the same as the 2-cent stamp with the necessary change of numerals representing the denomination; color, yellow.

The first issue of the new 1-cent stamp will be placed on sale at Philadelphia, Pa., on Franklin's birthday, January 17, 1923, and will also be placed on sale the same date at the philatelic stamp agency, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department, for the benefit of stamp collectors and dealers.

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EDITORIAL.

Elsewhere we print the third assistant postmaster general's description of the latest stamps of the new series to be placed on sale. The order is of interest and direct allusion is made to "stamp collectors and dealers" in connection with the paragraph relating to the sale of the one cent stamp at Philadelphia and at the philatelic agency on Franklin's birthday, January 17th, 1923. As we have had occasion to say before, the establishing of the stamp agency at the nation's capital is one of the outstanding signs of progress of philately in the last decade.

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From a traveling correspondent in Europe the information comes that the "philatelic interests in the good old U. S." have about completed their clean sweep of the United States stamps of the earlier issues on the continent. At many of the dealers he visits, he is told that enterprising collectors and dealers have forestalled him by ordering almost everything in the line of such stamps and that as a consequence, pickings are poor. We have noticed that Europe has been supplying us with a good many of our early stamps latterly but the majority of the importations are of commercial grade. They may have some influence in temporarily stopping the mounting tendency of U. S. prices but one hesitates to predict what will happen after any lull of the kind.

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A reader who is always on the watch for stray bits of stamp lore in old papers and magazines that although inconsequential in themselves should be incorporated into philatelic records, sends an old clipping, undated, in which the "cement" on postage stamps is mentioned. This is interesting and evidently is a heritage from the earliest days of stamps as the marginal inscriptions on the penny black of Great Britain, 1840, read: "Price 1d. per Label. 1/-per row of 12; £1, ,-, ,- Per Sheet. Place the Labels ABOVE the Address and towards the RIGHT HAND SIDE of the Letter. In Wetting the Back be careful not to remove the Cement." The tendency latterly has not been to call an adhesive substance, "as a preparation of glue," cement; and for philatelic purposes, at least, "gum" has wholly supplanted the word.

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The following notice has been sent out by the Philatelic Stamp Agency at Washington under date of January 8th, 1923: "The new 2c Washington, 4c Martha Washington, 9c Jefferson and 10c Monroe stamps will be available for sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency on and after January 15th. The new 1c Franklin stamp will be available for sale on and after January 17th. As the printing of these stamps is limited, they will not be issued to all post-offices until the present supplies of the old stamps are exhausted. I desire to seek your co-operation in ordering these stamps by not remitting cash by ordinary mail. Your attention is also invited to the fact that when a new issue of stamps of this kind is offered for sale the Agency is deluged with requests, and as orders are filled in turn, you should allow a week in which to receive your stamps. Special effort will be made, however, to fill all orders received before January 15th in advance, in order that they can be mailed out on the first day of issue. Return postage and registration should accompany all orders. The denominations of the new issue now available are 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 15, 25 and 50 cent ordinary and 10 cent special delivery stamps. Patrons of the Agency will be advised further when additional stamps of the new series are available. H. A. Mount, Stamp Agent."

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We wish to congratulate Mr. Gardner Teall whose article, Poets and Postage Stamps, illustrated with over thirty appropriate stamp cuts was a feature occupying a whole page in the New York *Times Book Review* of January 14th, 1923. We have been indebted previously to the facile pen of Mr. Teall for readable contributions on stamp themes and we are sure that managing editors must recognize the appeal to readers of almost all classes by an intelligent exposition of the kind under notice. We have had advices that a number of philatelic articles are booked for publications in other newspapers and periodicals of the first rank. Those who have expressed a fear that the volume of publicity of philatelic kind in the general press is diminishing may be assured that their misgivings are unfounded and we know that a sense of self interest must crystallize in time to organize directed philatelic effort to back up this great mass of printed material that comes as a donation, in effect, in-so-far as philatelic co-operation in a systematized way is concerned.

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Mr. Theodore Siddall, publisher of *Stamp Topics,* of Shanghai, China, who at last accounts was incapacitated in a hospital, now writes us a letter "with one finger" that we are pleased to have as it indicates that he is beginning to be himself again. He transmits the following news: "The British post-office closed November 30th, but shortly before closing put on sale some values now current with the new script watermark They seemed popular as some values were completely sold out. Then the French post-office announced that it would not close as it was in a French concession and that instead of closing it would put out a new set of stamps on December 1st. A few days before they had sprung a pair of new ones, a 50 c., in blue, of a design adapted from the French 50 c., with 'Chine' at the bottom, and surcharged 20 cents; and the $2 on 5 francs, to complete the set of 1911, with large surcharge. The new set made its appearance in due time: 1 cent surcharged on 5 c., orange; 2 cents on 10 c., green; 3 cents on 25 c., dark lilac; 6 cents on 30 c., red orange; 10 c., on 50 c., blue (the one mentioned above as surcharged 20 cents); 20 cents on our old friend, the 1 fr.; and 40 cents on a 2 fr. of the Chinese adaptation and the colors of the new 2 fr., France; and a $1 stamp which I have not seen. Now they have changed their minds about closing and will close: result, great crush of stamp buyers; and some values are completely closed out. There is nothing new from the U. S. office; and the Japanese office also announces its intention of closing but whether they will have something nice for late comers, I do not know. The 6 and 8 sen of the 1920 issue are going to be hard to find or I am a poor guesser. It would be a fine thing if a chap could walk about where these things were being sold but instead I am stuck in my room which I have not left since quitting the hospital, seven weeks back." This example of stamp-issuing at the eleventh hour is not one that will commend itself to collectors who in years gone by would have loudly protested against this misuse of authority but latterly philatelists are taking these instances philosophically, being content to exercise their own idea as to the collectibility of such issues. Few governments are not now influenced by the financial possibilities of their stamp issues; and collectors recognize that fact.

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On June 9th, 1922, two local stamp collectors met at Eagers Cafeteria and organized what is now known as the Mitchell Philatelic Society. This society has just completed a very successful year through the efforts of its organizers, ending the year with twenty, a record of remarkable growth for an organization of this kind in a city of eight thousand.

December 29th, the election of officers took up the whole program. The following officers were elected for the new year:—Pres., A. E. Jepp; Vice-Pres., C. F. Strong; Sec-Treas., H. M. Miller; Sales Supt., Z. H. Eager. Our Society is open for membership to anyone living in South Dakota. We meet every other Friday evening at Eagers Cafeteria.

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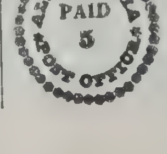

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—*E. P. U.*—We are unable to furnish any more copies of the binder advertised last year. Due notice will be given if a further supply be obtained.

—We have received from Charles G. Wilson a cover posted at Philadelphia Jan. 17, with a pair of the new 1c Franklin. The courtesy is greatly appreciated.

—Roland W. Turk, Assembly Rooms, South Benfleet, England, is desirous of securing a position with an American stamp firm as under manager or secretary. He is thirty-two years of age and has had twenty years' experience as a collector, fifteen years as a dealer, and two years as a valuer expert. He has also had a number of years experience in journalism from advertising and publicity standpoints. Mr. Turk can furnish first class references and would be glad to hear from any American dealer who would like to secure his services.

—A new advertising cancellation comes from Hartford, Conn. It reads:—"Trinity College Centennial 1823-1923."

—S. G. Powell of Seattle wishes us to call the attention of Eastern dealers to the fact that it takes at least twelve days for an answer to be received to a letter addressed to the Pacific Coast. Mr. Powell is of the impression that certain dealers are altogether too impatient and insistent in their demands for promptness in replying.

—The Midwest Stamp Co. sends us a clipping entitled "Stamps Used As Money." It was written by Lowell J. Ragatz and published in "Current History." It is so interesting that we shall reproduce it in the WEEKLY in the near future.

—A broadcasting talk on Stamps by a local member of the A. P. S. took place Friday, Jan. 19, from WLAG, Minneapolis. The service was given under the management of the Burt McCann Co. Another radio talk on stamps is listed for an early date.

—The St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society will hold its annual banquet Jan. 30. We expect to receive an account of this meeting for the benefit of our readers.

—Several of our subscribers have favored us with historical data concerning William Brown, whose portrait is on the 20 pesos of Argentine 1891. We published last week a short article and wish to acknowledge additional matter from Rev. E. Stollenwerk and E. J. Newcomer. Mr. Newcomer mentions Appleton's American Biography, Vol. 1, page 412, for a comprehensive story.

—The Waterbury, (Ct.) Stamp Club elected the following officers at its annual meeting: President, Lamont A. Hall; Vice-President, Harry C. Upson; Secretary, Robert E. Platt; Treasurer, Herbert L. Gardner. Louis Alexander was elected to the governing board to serve with the officers ex-officio. The Club meets every other Monday night in the Library of the Mattatuck Historical Society.

—W. F. Slusser, secretary of the A. S. D. A., has removed to Fort Hancock, N. J.

—A mass of printed matter has been received from the Midland Stamp Co., Toronto, Can., in which are six or seven lists, but one very pretentious one, for the season of 1923. In the sixteen pages of this list many single stamps are quoted per ten and hundred, and there is also a fine line of variety and assorted packets, together with 5c and 10c sets. Any dealer should secure this pricelist. It can be obtained upon application.

—A subscriber who does not wish his name used writes the WEEKLY about publicity. He regards it as a poor policy to boost philately, and believes that the hobby will be cheapened "if the fad is to be pursued by anybody and everybody who has the price. If all my neighbors are going to talk stamps and collect stamps, and if every wealthy collector is going to buy them as J. P. Morgan purchased paintings, philately will be commercialized and ruined and there will be no pleasure in it."

—We have received from S. V. Wallace, Oakland, Cal., a letter urging the addition of a 13c stamp to the new series now being issued, and he sets forth various reasons for the step proposed. We suggest that it would be a good plan for those of our readers who are interested in this matter to communicate directly with the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, and satisfactory results might follow.

—We have received a clipping from the Seattle *Times* of Jan. 8 from Cecil F. Blogg, which calls attention to the fact that Japan has forbidden the mailing of letters on U. S. ships there. The Japan postal rates are higher and the service is slow, but the Japanese government is insistent that the sale of stamps and the acceptance of mail on U. S. ships within Japanese ports violates the international postal agreement. Only mail which has been prepaid by Japanese stamps at Japanese rates, will be permitted to leave the country. Under the local Japanese rates a letter abroad requires a 20 yen stamp, or the equivalent of 10c gold.

—A novelty in the way of second-class permits is submitted by J. B. Bridgeford of Sebastopol, Cal. It consists of a piece of timber panel mailed in the form of a post card. On the face is found the inscription in rectangular frame "1c Paid. Seattle, Wash., Permit No. 361." This permit number is being used by an Oakland, Cal., concern in sending out samples from their northern mills in or near Seattle. It is a unique method of advertising their veneered panels.

—W. E. Hughes, 19 Harvey Rd., London, England, sends us information that forgeries exist of Batoum strips of the tree type. These are the stamps Nos. 1 to 6 in the leading catalog, and while we do not take the space to give all the details of the counterfeits, we hold Mr. Hughes' information in this office and shall be glad to send the same to any specialist in Batoum stamps who will cover the necessary postage.

—The Bridgeport Philatelic Club at its annual meeting on January 4, elected the following officers for the year 1923: President, Mr. Wm. Rometsh; Vice-President, Mr. R. Foster; Treasurer, Mr. J. Shallenberger; Secretary, Mr. A. Munch; Sales and Auction Manager, Mr. R. Foster. Every first and third Thursday of the month the club holds a meeting at room 311 Meig's Bldg., corner Main and Fairfield Avenues.

—From Lester C. Lee and H. E. Robertson we have received specimens of a new advertising cancellation from Rochester, N. Y., issued in connection with a hospital drive now underway in that city. It reads as follows:—"Help Give Health."

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—In the New York *Times* book review for Jan. 14, appeared an illustrated full page article by Gardner Teall on "Poets and Postage Stamps." It is a high class article and is a fitting representative of the literary work that Mr. Teall is capable of. Early copies are at hand from A. S. Davenport, Geo. H. Hakes and E. W. Goldthorpe.

—The Washington State Philatelic Society has just elected its officers for the year 1923. The society which had been rather at a standstill, has planned a very fine programme for the current year:—auctions, lectures, exhibitions, etc. Anyone wishing to know more about it may communicate with its Secretary, Mr. Lucien Perrot, Head of Foreign Languages at the Cornish School, Seattle, Wash.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.—The new 2c carmine, portrait of Washington; 4c brown, portrait of Martha Washington; 9c pink, portrait of Jefferson and the 10c yellow with portrait of Monroe, were placed on sale in Washington at both the main Post Office and the Philatelic Stamp Agency on Monday, January 15th. In addition the 2c sidewise coils in rolls of 500 were on sale at the wholesale window. As these were placed on sale entirely for postal needs it is very doubtful if many of them fell into philatelic hands on the first day, for they were not to be had through the Agency. The sheet stamps are, of course, on unwatermarked paper and are perforated 11, the coils are on unwatermarked paper, imperforate top and bottom and perforated 10 on the sides.

First sheets from the press of the four denominations were autographed by the Postmaster General, Hubert Work, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, W. Irving Glover, and the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, L. A. Hill. The sheet of the 2c autographed was 14093, the 4c 14095, the 9c 14242 and the 10c 14230.

On sale at the Agency were 2c sheets bearing numbers 14086, 14090, 14091 and 14092, in addition to higher numbers of the 4c, 14094 to 14097 inclusive, the 9c 14239 to 14242 and of the 10c 14229, 14230, 14231 and 14235. There was a good long line at the window all day and it is said several thousand orders were sent out by mail.

The next values to appear will be the $1, the $2, the 12c and 3c, possibly in the order named. The $1 Lincoln Memorial will be ready by February 12th and it was hoped that the 3c Lincoln could be placed on sale at the same time, but the Department has suggested changes in the die submitted by the Bureau, and this will cause a little delay. The die of the $2 originally showed the portion above the steps of the House wing of the Capitol without statuary. The Department requested this added, for the House wing now shows this addition, although for years the Senate wing only was so decorated. This little addition fills up a white space on the stamp and adds to its appearance. The 12c Cleveland, like the 5c Roosevelt, will be without background. The 14c Indian will show a full face portrait of Hollowhorn Bear, the Indian Chief, a great friend of Roosevelt, and the portrait which will appear on the stamp was taken by a Washington photographer at the time the Indian participated in the Roosevelt Inaugural Parade.

All of the values placed on sale in Washington on the 15th are of the same general design of the 11c, showing the portrait with heavy background. The 9c resembles the 2c so closely that there is great likelihood of confusion, for the heavy background in each tends to give the stamps a similarity in appearance. The Bureau's stock of the old 2c and 10c, as well as the plates, are about at an end, so that these values will soon be in general circulation.

The 1c green Franklin will be placed on sale in Washington on Wednesday the 17th, Franklin's birthday, and one million stamps have been sent to Philadelphia which will be released at the same time. It is doubtful if this stamp will be in general circulation for some time as the Bureau still has a good stock on hand of the old design. Two-cent booklets will appear the week of January 22nd.

Ceylon.—Mr. R. Roberts sends copies of the 6c violet and 15 green, the latter on new yellow paper and both with script watermark.

Danzig.—We have received from the Y. Souren Co. and J. L. Riedel copies of a 50mk stamp of blue and red colors. Within an oval frame are two crosses and at the top "50" with "Mark" at each side. At the base is the name of the country. Mr. J. L. Riedel also adds that this same type stamp has appeared in 100mk value in green and carmine.

The Y. Souren Co. report the following: Type A11, 6mk carmine rose, 5mk dark green and 10mk orange surcharged "D.M." for official use. Also 20mk deep violet in the postage due set.

France *(P. O. in China)*.—Mr. William M. McFarland advises that he has received a copy of the 50c blue surcharged "20 Cents".

Germany.—Mr. J. L. Riedel and Mr. Erwin Strausser advise of the appearance of two Charity stamps. They are 6mk-x4mk blue and 12mkx8mk red. Mr. Riedel adds that they were issued December 11th, and are good for use until the 15th of January.

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POLAND, Type A32, 6mk orange	.05
Type A32, 50mk dark olive green	.13
UPPER SILESIA, Inverted surcharge on Scott Nos. 229, 230, 231, 233, 234, 235, 236, 239	1.10
Double Surcharge on Scott Nos. 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239	2.20
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MEMEL, New Air Mail, 40pf on 40, 80 on 45, 1mk on 40, 1.25 on 60, 1.50 on 45, 2mk on 2fr, 3mk on 60, 4mk on 2fr, 5mk on 1fr, 6mk on 2fr, 9mk on 5fr, 11 varieties	.36

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IRAQ ON STATE SERVICE.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 1d on script watermarked paper.

IRELAND.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the ½d and 9d stamps of Great Britain with the three-line surcharge "Saorstat Eireann 1922," the former in black and the latter in red.

MEMEL.—The Y. Souren Co. submit for chronicle the Scott's No. 52 surcharged "Mark" for use as 10 mark on 10pf on 10c green. Also No. 54 has been overprinted in like manner for use 20mk on 20pf on 20c red brown.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 8d brown with the surcharge "Official" in black.

UPPER SILESIA.—The Y. Souren Co. report the following with inverted surcharge: Scott's Nos. 229, 230, 231, 233, 234, 235, 236 and 239. Also the following with double surcharge: 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238 and 239.

BARBUDA, NEW DESIGN, 1923.

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all around the coast. A method of catching fish, lobsters, etc., peculiar to Barbuda is practiced in the lagoon near the village of Codrington, which lies on its eastern shore. Brushwood is piled in heaps at selected spots in the lagoon and allowed to remain undisturbed for two to three weeks; these heaps attract the lobsters and fish in large numbers. Whenever it is considered desirable to obtain fish, these heaps are encircled by nets. This having been done, the men dive overboard and remove the brushwood. The nets are then gathered into a boat, bringing large numbers of fish and lobsters with them; as many as 200 lobsters being sometimes taken from one heap of brushwood.

The church and schoolhouse were given to the community by Sir William Codrington in 1843.

DECEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS

The most pleasing thing in connection with this month's roll of honor is the new names that are found thereon. For instance, the Leader Stamp Co. with nine new subscriptions, Joseph Gallant with nine, the Minneapolis Stamp Shoppe with seven, Wm. G. Klemt with five and Maurice Michael four, together with a dozen others with two or three subscriptions each make an interesting feature of this month's record. While we are praising in nearly every report the work done by the big contenders for honors, attention this month is called to the splendid record of W. W. Betts, who has sent in 24 and now has a total of 40. This report includes only to Jan. 1, and when the next report is made early in February, Mr. Betts' missionary work will be emphasized with a substantial increase of the total here recorded.

A half page of advertising space will be given the dealer winning first honors for the year and two quarter pages will be awarded the two next highest contestants. Our roll of honor was begun October 1 and will continue until Sept. 30, 1923, inclusive. The leaders on December subscriptions are:—

Fennell Stamp Co.	40
C. E. Hussman Co.	32
W. W. Betts	24
Allen Sears	11

The complete record for the three months is as follows:—

Fennell Stamp Co.	79
C. E. Hussman Co.	60
W. W. Betts	40
Allen Sears	33
Paul F. Cornish	27
Stamp Shoppe	22
Floral City Stamp Co.	21
L. B. Dover	21
Jax Novelty Co.	17
H. A. Keigwin	16
C. T. Egner	14
Liberty Stamp Co.	14
Vahan Mozian	13
E. W. Goldthorpe	12
Wilmar Edgar	12
Midwest Stamp Co.	12
J. E. Guest	10
W. F. Cannon	9
Joseph Gallant	9
E. P. Seebohm	9
Leader Stamp Co.	9
C. A. Stegmann	7
Rotnem-Danielson Co.	7
Minneapolis Stamp Shoppe	7
C. E. Nickles	7
U. T. K. Stamp Co.	6
O. W. Crowder & Co.	5
Emerson Shop	5
William Leppert	5
Sonnee Stamp Co.	5
Rueger Stamp Co.	5
W. G. Klemt	5
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Oklahoma Stamp Co.	4
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G. Stanley Haines	4
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Maurice Michael	4
F. L. Onken	3
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*GERMANY—Same, Nos. 340 to 342	.12
*GERMANY—Same, Nos. 350 to 356	.12
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*27ö on 1ö (105) 2.00
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ROUMANIA.

1903
*25b, No. 163 .... .80
*40b, No. 164 .... .80
*50b, No. 165 .... .80
1918
*40b, No. 239 .... .10
*50b, No. 240 .... .13
25b, No. 241 ...... .02
*40b, No. 242 ... .08
50b, No. 242a .. .13
1 leu, No. 243 .... .08
2 leu, No. 244 .... .15
1919
1-5-10-25-40-50b, Nos. 248-9-50-2-3-4, each .... .01
1 leu, No. 255 .... .03
2 leu, No. 256 .... .05
1922
*5-25-60b, Nos. 264-5-6, each .. .02
*2 leu, No. 267 .. .10
*1 leu, violet ...... .06

ITALY.

1910
10 lira, No. 95 .. .30
1910 Commemorative.
*5c, No. 96 .... .12
*15c, No. 97 ...... .10
*5c, No. 98 ...... .30
*15c, No. 99 ...... .12
1911-12
2c, No. 100 ...... .02
*5c, No. 101 .. .. .03
*10c, No. 102 .... .04
*15c, No. 103 .... .05
*5c, No. 104 ...... .05
*15c, No. 105 .... .10
1913 Surcharged.
*2c, Nos. 107-8-9, each .... .02
1921 Dante.
*15c, No. 125 .... .10
*25c, No. 126 .... .18
40c, No. 127 .... .25
1915 Charity.
10+5c, No. 191 *.03
15c+5c, No. 192 *.04
20c+5c, No. 193 *.05
Special Delivery.
30c, No. 202 .... .04
*25c on 40c (203) .13
Air Post.
*25c, No. 215 .... .10
*25c on 40c (216) .06
Pneumatic Post.
*10c, No. 225 .... .03
Austrian Occupation.
*2h to 11h, Nos. 401 to 406, ea. .02
*13h on 12h (407) .06
16h to 95h, Nos. 408 to 418, ea. *.03
21 11c, No. 417 *.06
31 16c, No. 418 *.10
41 22c, No. 419 *.12
Newspapers.
3c on 2h (451) *.03
7c on 6h (452) *.05
11c on 10h (453) *.05
22c on 20h (454) *.05
Special Delivery.
3c on 2h (471) *.04
6c on 5h (472) *.04
Postage Due.
6c to 32c, Nos. 481 to 486, ea. *.04
43c, No. 487 ...... *.05
53c, No. 488 ...... *.06

OFFICES IN TURKEY.

1908 Special Delivery.
*1pia on 25c (101) .15
*30pa on 30c (102) .25
Constantinople.
*30pa, No. 223 .. .06
*1pia, No. 224 .. .10
*2pia, No. 225 .. .15
*4pia, No. 226 .. .25
Durazzo.
*30pa, No. 243 .. .06
*1pia, No. 244 .. .10
*2pia, No. 245 .. .15
*4pia, No. 245 .. .25
Janina.
*30pa, No. 268 .. .06
*1pia, No. 269 .. .10
*2pia, No. 270 .. .15
*4pia, No. 271 .. .25
Jerusalem.
*30pa, No. 293 .. .06
*1pia, No. 294 .. .10
*2pia, No. 295 .. .15
4pia, No. 296 .. .25
Salonica.
*20pa, No. 322 .. .05
*30pa, No. 323 .. .06
*1pia, No. 324 .. .10
*2pia, No. 325 .. .15
*4pia, No. 326 .. .25
Scutari.
*30pa, No. 353 .. .06
*1pia, No. 354 .. .10
*2pia, No. 355 .. .15
*4pia, No. 356 .. .25
Smyrna.
*10pa, No. 381 .. .03
*20pa, No. 382 .. .05
*30pa, No. 383 .. .06
1pia, No. 384 .. .10
*2pia, No. 385 .. .15
*4pia, No. 386 .. .25
Valona.
*10pa, No. 401 .. .03
*20pa, No. 402 .. .05
*1pia, No. 404 .. .10
*2pia, No. 405 .. .15
*4pia, No. 406 .. .25

FRANCE.

1849-60
15c, No. 2 .... 7.50
20c, No. 3 .... .30
40c No. 7 .... 4.25
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1c, No. 12 .... .50
5c, No. 13 .... .65
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40c, No. 18 .... .04
80c No. 19 .... .30
1862-78
5c, No. 23 .... .03
80c, No. 27 .... .08
4c, No. 39 ....*2.50
5c, No. 40 .... 1.00
2c, No. 51 .... .03
10c, No. 60 .... .03
30c, No. 62 .... .03
75c, No. 102 ...... .08
1900-7
*1-2-3c, Nos. 108-9-10, each ...... .01
30c, No. 117 ...... .05
*50c, No. 119 .... .06
2fr, No. 121 ...... .06
5fr. No. 122 ...... .06
10c, No. 133 ...... .05
*5c, No. 134 ...... .02
*10c, No. 135 .... .02
*25c, No. 138 .... .03
*30c, No. 139 .... .04
*35c, No. 140 .... .04
1914-19 Charity.
*10c+5c, No. 202 .05
*2c+3c, No. 203 .02
*5c+5c, No. 204 .03
*15c+10c, No.205 .04
*25c+15c, No.206 .05
35c+25c, No.207 *.10
*50c+50c, No.208 .18
*1fr+1fr, No. 209 .35
*5fr+5fr, No.210 1.10
1907 Postage Due.
*20c on 30c (342) .05
*40c on 50c (343) .10

JUGO SLAVIA.

1918-19 on Bosnia.
*3h, No. 1 .... .07
*5h to 50h, Nos. 2 to 9, each .... .02
*60h to 90h, Nos. 10-11-12. each .03
*2k, No. 13 .... .05
*3k on 3h, No. 14 .10
*4k on 1k, No. 15 .12
*10k on 2h, No.16 .30
*3h on 2h, No. 21 .03
5h on 6h, No. 22 *.03
*3h, No. 25 .... .03
*5-10-25h, Nos. 26-7-9, each .... .02
*45-50-60h, Nos. 32-4-5, each .... .03
*80h, No. 36 ...... .05
*90h, No. 37 ...... .05
2k, No. 38 .... .08
*5k, No. 41 .... .60
1918 Charity.
*10h, No. 121 .... .25
*15h, No. 122 .... .30
1918 Postage Due.
*2h, No. 151 ...... .06
*4h, No. 152 ...... .06
*5h, No. 153 ...... .04
*6h, No. 154 ...... .04
*10h, No. 155 .... .03
*15h, No. 156 .... .60
*20h to 40h, Nos. 157 to 160, ea. .04
*50h, No. 161 .... .08
*1k, No. 162 .... .07
*2k, No. 163 ...... .20
1918 on Hungary.
*2-3-5f, Nos. 207-8-9, each .... .01
*6f, No. 210 ...... .03
*10f, No. 211 .... .15
*15-20-25f, Nos. 212-13-14, each .02
*35f, No. 215 .... .03
*40f, No. 216 .... .09
*50f, No. 217 .... .03
*75f, No. 218 .... .05
*80f, No. 219 .... .06
*1k, No. 220 ...... .06
*2k, No. 221 ...... .10
*3k, No. 222 ...... .20
*10k, No. 224 .... 1.50
*10f, No. 225 .... .01
*20f, No. 226 .... .02
*25f, No. 227 .... .08
*40f, No. 228 .... .04
1918 Charity.
*10f+2f, No. 301 .08
*15f+2f, No. 302 .03
*40f+2f, No. 303 .03
*2f, No. 321 ...... .03
1920 Newspapers.
*2f on 2f (519) .01
*4f on 2f (520) .01
*6f on 2f (521) .02
*10f on 2f (522) .08
*30f on 2f (523) .08
1921 Charity.
*10-15-25f, Nos. 701-2-3, each .. .02

LUXEMBURG.

1882-1912
25c, No. 55 .... .06
*10c, No. 60 ...... .05
*25c, No. 63 ...... .10
*5fr, No. 91 ...... 1.50
62½c, No. 92 .... *.25
1914-15
10c to 25c, Nos. 93 to 97, each *.03
30c, No. 98 .... *.05
35c, No. 99 .... *.07
37½c, No. 100 .. *.07
40c, No. 101 ...... *.07
50c, No. 102 ...... *.08
62½c, No. 103 .. *.10
1fr, No. 104 ...... *.15
2½fr, No. 105 .. *.40
5fr, No. 106 ...... *.75

LUXEMBURG—Continued

*62½c, No. 107 .50
*62½c, No. 108 .43
17½c, No. 111 .. *.04
87½c, No. 112 .. *.12
2½c on 5c (113) .01
7½c on 10c (114) .02
1907 Postage Due.
*5c, No. 401 ...... .02
*10c, No. 402 .... .02
*12½c, No. 403 .03
20c, No. 404 ...... *.03
25c, No. 405 ...... *.05
50c, No. 406 ...... *.08
1fr, No. 407 ...... *.15

MONTENEGRO.

1874
*2n, No. 1 .... .20
*3n, No. 2 .... .03
*7n, No. 4 .... .03
*10n, No. 5 .... .03
*15n, No. 6 .... .02
1894
1n to 50n, Nos. 18-20-1-2, each *.02
1fl, No. 23 .... *.06
2fl, No. 24 .... *.10
1896-98
*1n to 50n, Nos. 25 to 34, each .03
*1fl, No. 35 .... .05
*2fl, No. 36 .... .08
2n to 25n, Nos. 37 to 43, each *.02
1907
1pa to 25pa, Nos. 62 to 68, each *.01
35pa to 1k, Nos. 69-70-71, each *.03
2k, No. 72 .... *.05
5k, No. 73 .... *.05
1910
1pa to 35pa, Nos. 74 to 81, each *.02
50pa, No. 82 ...... *.04
1per, No. 83 ...... *.04
2per, No. 84 ...... *.05
5per, No. 85 ...... *.07
1894 Postage Due.
2n to 50n, Nos. 177 to 183, ea. *.01
1902 Postage Due.
*5h, No. 184 ...... .03
*10h, No. 185 .... .05
*25h, No. 186 .... .05
*50h, No. 187 .... .05
*1k, No. 188 ...... .10
1907 Postage Due.
5pa to 50pa, Nos. 194 to 197, ea. *.02
1907-13 Receipt.
25pa, No. 254 .... *.02
25pa, No. 255 .... .25
1917 Austrian Occu.
*10h, No. 301 .... .30
*15h, No. 302 .... .30

SAAR.

1920 on German.
*5-10-15-20pf, Nos. 4-6-7-8, each .. .01
*35pf, No. 11 .... .05
*40pf, No. 12 .... .03
*50pf, No. 13 .... .04
*60pf, No. 14 .... .05
*75pf, No. 15 .... .04
1920 on Bavaria.
*5pf, No. 21 ...... .01
*10pf, No. 23 .... .03
*20pf, No. 26 .... .03
*25pf, No. 27 .... .40
*30pf, No. 28 .... .20
*40pf, No. 30 .... .20
*50pf, No. 31 .... .10
*60pf, No. 32 .... .10
1920 Saargebiet.
*5pf to 20pf, Nos. 41-2-3-4, each .. .01
*30pf to 75pf, Nos. 45 to 49, each .03
*1.25m, No. 51 .. .05
*1.50m, No. 52 .. .06
*2.50m, No. 53 .. .20
*5pf to 40pf, Nos. 56 to 60, each .01
*20pf on 75pf (65) .01
*5m on 15pf (66) .20
*10m on 15pf (67) .30
1921
75c on 2m, No. 94 .10

SCHLESWIG.

1920 Plebiscite.
*2½pf to 20pf, Nos. 1 to 6, ea. .01
*25pf to 40pf, Nos. 7-8-9, ea. .02
*75pf, No. 10 .... .03
*1m, No. 11 ...... .04
*2m, No. 62 ...... .03
*5m, No. 13 ...... .13
*10m, No. 14 .... .25

SWEDEN.

1920
3 ore, No. 115 .... .02
5 ore, No. 116 .... .02
10 ore, No. 117 .. .01
15 ore, No. 118 .. .04
20 ore, No. 119 .. .01
30 ore, No. 120 .. .03
40 ore, No. 121 .. .02
60 ore, No. 122 .. .02
80 ore, No. 123 .. .05
110 ore, No. 124 .06
140 ore, No. 125 .06
20 ore, No. 126 .. .02
1921
5-10-20 ore, Nos. 136-7-8, each .. .01
25 ore, No. 139 .. .06
40 ore, No. 140 .. .02
50 ore, No. 141 .. .04
1kr, No. 142 ...... .10

See adv. in issue of Nov. 18, 1922, for full line of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

NICARAGUA.

1914-22
10c, No. 356 ...... .10
5c on 6c, No. 361 .15
1c on 3c, No. 362 .20
5c on 15c, No. 364 .15
½c on 10c, (367) .05
½c on 15c, (368) .10
½c on 50c, (370) .03
½c on 50c, (371) .25
1c on 3c, No. 372 .10
1c on 15c, No. 375 .15
1c on 20c, No. 378 .05
1c on 25c, No. 379 .15
2c on 10c, No. 383 .20
2c on 20c, No. 384 .25
2c on 25c, No. 385 .05
5c on 15c, No. 387 .06
1c on 25c, No. 389 .10
2c on 50c, No. 390 .10
1c on 2c, No. 394 05
1c, No. 395 .... .12
5c, No. 396 .... .20
½c on 2c, No. 397 .06
½c on 4c, No. 398 .06
1c on 3c, No. 399 .06
1c on 6c, No. 401 .08
1c on 10c, No. 402 .08
1c on 15c, No. 403 .08
1c, No. 404 .... .15
½c on 5c, No. 405 .05
1c on 1c, No. 413 .06
1c on 2c, No. 414 .06
1c on 4c, No. 415 .06
1c on 15c, No. 416 .06
1c on 10c, No. 418 .05
½c, No. 419 ...... .01
1c, No. 420 .... .02
2c, No. 421 .... .02
1c, No. 431 .... .03
1903 Official.
*5c on 3c, No. 917 .08
*50c on 20c (920) .30

See issue of Dec. 30, 1922, for full line of Nicaragua and other Central America.

UKRAINIA.

1918 On Russia
*1k, No. 3 .... .02
*2k, No. 4 .... .02
*15k, No. 11 ...... .02
*35k, No. 14 ...... .02
*50k, No. 15 ...... .03
*70k, No. 16 ...... .04
*7r, No. 20 .... 1.25
*20k on 14k (42) .02
Imperforate.
*1-2-3k, Nos. 43-4-5, each .... .01
*15k, No. 51 ...... .02
*35k, No. 54 ...... .02
*1r, No. 57 .... .04
*3½r, No. 58 .... .20
On Russia Offices.
*4pa on 1k (81) .05
*20pa on 4k (85) .05
*2pi on 20k (87) .10
*5pi on 50k (88) .08
*½pi on 4pa (91) .05
*½pi on 20pa (95) .05
*1pi on 4pa (97) .05
*1pi on 20pa (101) .05
*2pi on 4pa (109) .08
*2pi on 20pa (113) .08
*2½pi/4pa (115) .08
*2½pi/20pa (119) .08
*2½pi/2pi (121) .08
*3pi on 4pa (122) .08
*3pi on 20pa (126) .08
*3pi on 2pi (128) .08
*5pi on 4pa (129) .10
*5pi on 20pa (133) .10
*5pi on 2pi (135) .19
*20pi/10pi (138) .50
*30pi/10pi (139) .75
*50pi/35pi (140) 1.25
*100pi/70pa (141) 2.50

WURTEMBERG.

1858-1900
1kr, No. 13 .... 2.00
7kr, No. 50 .... .30
9kr, No. 51 .... .50
*10pf, No. 57 .... .04
*20pf, No. 58 .... .05
*50pf, No. 70 .... .15
30pf, No. 71 ...... *.05
*40pf, No. 72 .... .06
1916-17 Official.
*2½pf-15pf, Nos. 222 to 225, ea. .02
20pf, No. 226 .... *.04
25pf, No. 227 ......*.05
50pf, No. 228 .... *.06
*35pf, No. 232 .. .05
*2 on 2½pf (233) .05
1919 Volkstaat.
*2½pf-20pf, Nos. 234 to 240, ea. .01
*25pf, No. 241 .. .02
*35pf, No. 242 .. .03
*50pf, No. 243 .. .04
1920
*10pf-75pf, Nos. 245 to 250, set .20
1916-19
2½pf-20pf, Nos. 339 to 343, ea. *.02
25pf, No. 344 .... *.04
30pf, No. 345 .... *.05
40pf, No. 346 .... *.06
50pf, No. 347 .... *.08
1m, No. 348 ...... *.08
*35pf, No. 354 .. .05
*2 on 2½pf (356) .05
1919 Volkstaat.
*2½pf-25pf, Nos. 357 to 364, ea. .01
*35pf-50pf, Nos. 366-7-8, each ... .03
*1m, No. 369 .... .05
*75 on 3pf (370) .30
1920
*10pf-20pf, Nos. 375-6-7, each ... .01
*30pf, No. 378 .. .02
*50pf, No. 379 .. .02
*75pf-1.25m, Nos. 380-1-2, each .. .03
*2.50, No. 383 .. .06
*3m, No. 384 .... .08

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PRECANCEL NOTES.

By J. D. Cooke.

The following doubles are all nice items. Brooklyn, N. Y., 10c, U-18, Menominee, Mich., 2c offset, Syracuse, N. Y. 1c, Ogdensburg, N. Y. 1c, Shamokin, Pa., 5c purple ink, Excelsior Springs, Mo. 9c, St. Joseph, Mich., 1c rotary press perf. 10, Des Moines, Iowa, 1c inv., and Tulsa, Oklahoma, 20c inv. In obsolete type Providence, R. I., 1c due, perf. 12, type 2.

Put in a new sheet for New Albany, Ind. It comes in type U-18.

Ditto for Auburn, N. Y., type similar to Holton, Kansas.

Grove Beach, Conn., is another new town. Found it on the 5c Pilgrim too.

The rotary press on the perf. 10 all around is getting very common. The following are new towns using them: Wheeling, W. Va., inv. Worcester Mass., Auburn, N. Y., Aurora, Ill., Holliston, Mass., North St. Paul, Minn., Atchinson, Kans., Kansas City, Kans., Mamaroneck, N. Y., Shelby, O., Atlantic City, N. J., Waukesha, Wis., Shenandoa, Iowa, and Ansonio, Conn.

Milwaukee, Wis., on the 3c victory reading down looks good to me.

How many of the following inverts have you? Easton, Pa., 1c, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 1c, Shamokin, Pa., 6c, Zanesville, O., 3c offset and 5c, Des Moines, Iowa, 2c type V, Mount Morris, Ill., purple ink, Peru, Ind., 8c.

Here are a couple more good Pilgrims Des Moines, Iowa, 2c nor. type V and Kansas City, Kans., up.

Just a few nice uncatalogued varieties Kansas City, Kans., 1c offset, South Norwalk, Conn., 10c, Atlantic City, 7c, Peru, Ind., 7c and 11c.

New 11x10 as follows have come to my attention: Kansas City, Mo., staggered type, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Peekskill, N. Y., Garden City, N. Y., U-18, and Covington, Ky., two types.

F. C. Brown reports the following uncatalogued varieties from Baltimore, Md.: 10c due perf. 10, 5c due perf. 12, 10c parcel post, type I, 2c documentary type V up, and the following U-3 perf. 11, 1c inv., 9c double, and in type V the 4c imp.

He also sends me notice of the following South Bend, Ind., 1c double, Streator, Ill., 4c perf. 10, 4c up double, Logansport, Ind., 4c perf. 12, 5c and 8c perf. 10, Elkhart, Ind., perf. 11 30c inv., Muncie, Ind., 9c up, perf. 10, Newcastle 1c double perf. 12 and 2c perf. 11.

Quite a few cities are using old types on the current issue. Last month I called attention to Newark, N. J. They are coming on all values. This month a friend handed me a couple of sweet ones from Cincinnati, O. They were the 3c offset and the 50c overprinted with Type VI.

These are all from Missouri, Jefferson, 6c inv., Higginsville, 9c, 10c and 20c U-16, St. Louis, 10 double—*Phisszletelic Phizzle.*

BRITAIN'S LOSS, AMERICA'S GAIN.

It has been no secret in London stamp circles that within the past few weeks a notable event has occurred in the annals of the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. Mr. Charles J. Phillips, for many years Managing Director, and to a large extent the bright particular star of this eminent firm during a quarter of a century, has resigned from the firm, sold out his interest therein, and transferred his activities to the other side of the Pond. He proposes to settle down in New York City, and what is undoubtedly a real loss to London philately will be New York's gain. Although actively interested in stamps for upwards of forty years "C.J.P." is still on the sunny side of sixty, and as full of energy and enterprise as ever, and on his recent frequent visits to the States he has absorbed something of the strenuous hustling spirit of the Yankee. We can only wish our old friend the best of luck and continued health, and hope that although he has "settled down" in New York his attachments to the Old Country will keep him in close touch with British philately, and also bring him over on many welcome trips to visit his lifelong friends.—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

BOOK REVIEW.

Fred. J. Melville has just published "Rare Stamps and How to Recognize Them." As might be expected it gives the very latest information in regard to rare stamps to look for, different chapters covering Great Britain, British Empire, foreign, and stamps of the war. The price of the book is 30c and it may be obtained from the Melville Book Co. 26 Plumstead High St., London, England.

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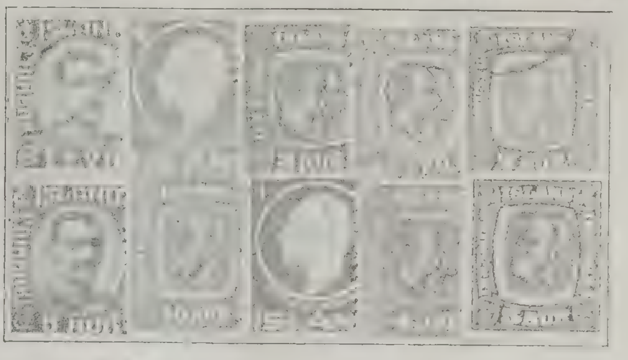

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A large amount of precancels are used in this way, but very few are saved by collectors. There are very few precancelists around here, anyway, and the average collector, if he gets a chance to salvage a few, neglects to do so as he feels that common stamps are not worth his time.

Bliss & Richardson are perhaps the largest users of precancels and are responsible, no doubt, for the widest distribution of parcels bearing "precans" from this city. Their pet value is the 11c one, which they use profusely whereever possible. Next comes the 10c, then the 6c, then 5c, then 8c, then 7c, then 2c, then 1c, then 3, 4, 12, 15, 9 and 13c respectively, in the order of use in which they most commonly occur. The 20c is seldom used, the shippers preferring to plaster the package with 11 or 10c values. The 13c from Portland is a real rarity, and out of possibly 250 precancels taken by me from parcel-post in the past year only one copy was a 13c, and that a straight edge. The 9c probably comes next in scarcity, vieing with the 20c in infrequent usage.

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We quote some comment from the *Daily Telegraph*:—

"The present year has been memorable in the annals of these islands for the creation, at long last, of the Irish Free State. It is scarcely ten months since the first provisional postage stamps for Ireland were issued, and the variations in the overprints have been numerous and interesting enough to attract the attention of philatelic specialists. Now with the actual launching of the Free State there comes the first definitive stamp of Ireland, which is illustrated in this column.

"The design is one of three accepted for use as postage stamps from the hundreds submitted to the Irish Postmaster-General, and it is the one which has been allotted to the lowest denominations—the penny series. It shows a map of Ireland—the whole of it—with shamrocks in the upper angles of the frame. The inscriptions are in Irish. The stamp is printed in green on paper watermarked with a multiple cypher formed of the Irish letters 'SE' for Sáorstat Eireann. The die was, I understand, engraved at the Royal Mint, London, and the plates were made there. The printing and perforating has been done in Dublin Castle, a special establishment having been set up there for the purpose, and a highly-skilled staff lent by the Stamping Department of Somerset House, has directed the work. In due course it is desired to make dies, plates, paper, and do the gumming, etc., in Ireland, but to begin with this was impossible. The paper for this first issue was made in Kent, and the gumming of it was done in London. The perforation, which gauges 14½ by 14, was done in Dublin on machines supplied by Messrs. Grover & Co., of London.

"The design is not of outstanding originality, but it has the merit of being a good stamp from the printer's point of view; it is difficult to get satisfactory results with portrait stamps by the typographic process, but not with a simple outline design. On the other hand, the design is not so effective a protection against forgery. An interesting feature of the design, which will at once suggest itself to the philatelist, is that this first stamp of the Irish Free State represents in its map the contour of all Ireland, without any indication of a boundary to the Free State. This may not be altogether agreeable to the North. Postage stamps travel far and wide throughout the international mails as silent missionaries and propagandists, and the impression conveyed to far-off lands will be that the whole of Ireland is under the sway of the Irish Free State.

"Philatelic history records a number of 'incidents' in connection with map stamps. In 1900 the Dominican Republic issued a series of stamps showing a map of the island of Hayti, the eastern portion of which is occupied by the Dominican Republic, and the western portion by the Haytian Republic. But in their endeavour to show the world how the land of the San Domingans lies, they overstepped their boundary, and the map stamps suggested that they had annexed a considerable part of the neighbouring republic. The Haytians protested vigorously, with the result that the untruthful map issue was withdrawn.

"Venezuela issued map stamps to try and win her desires in the celebrated boundary question which was in dispute for many years between Great Britain and Venezuela. The early map stamps of Panama and Nicaragua also may be regarded in the light of propaganda in connection with their rival claims to suitability for the inter-oceanic canal. We all know now that Panama won, but it is not so well known that Nicaragua lost her chance by her indiscretion in featuring a smoking volcano on one of her picture stamps, a tiny official witness that helped to decide the United States against the proposed Nicaraguan route.

"Of the other accepted designs for the Irish Free State stamps, one depicts a Celtic cross and four shamrocks, and is a close imitation of the now familiar blue Sinn Fein labels which first appeared in 1908, and were sold at 2sh6d a gross for use as propaganda labels. This is to be used for some of the shilling values. The third accepted design shows in a frame of shamrock a shield bearing in its four quarters the arms of the four provinces Leinster, Munster, Ulster and Connaught.

"When the Government stamp factory in Dublin completes the new series of Irish stamps there should be an end to the numerous and varied provisional overprintings in Gaelic on British stamps. Although the Free State only entered the list of stamp-issuing countries last February, the philatelic varieties produced already occupy a whole closely-set page of the new Stanley Gibbons Catalogue. Most of the overprints were done in Dublin, some by Messrs. Dollard, Ltd., and others by Messrs. Alex. Thom & Co., Ltd., but a special overprinting of the ½d, 1d, 1½d, and 2d, was done in London by Messrs. Harrison & Sons, Ltd., for the issue of these stamps in coil form. As I conjectured in this column on February 23rd, there has been quite a mix-up of the Dollard and Thom types of overprints; eleven denominations exist in both types, which are easily recognisable in the case of the low values ½d to 10d, but are almost indistinguishable in the case of the 2sh 6d, 5sh and 10sh stamps. None of the ordinary varieties of these provisional stamps is rare, but there are scarce errors, *e. g.*, ½d green with 'Dollard' overprint inverted, and 2d orange (Die I. and Die II.) with Thom overprint inverted. Also that curious flaw which occurs on an earlier plate of the 1½d brown English stamp, reading PENCF instead of PENCE, exists, with the Irish (Thom) overprint, and is quoted by Gibbons at 60sh."
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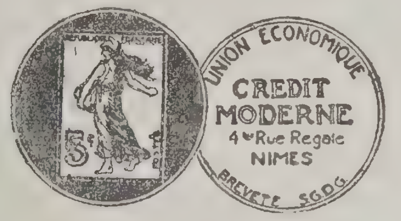
By L. J. RAGATZ.

Of all countries enjoying a relatively stable currency today, France's subsidiary coinage system is the most chaotic and the one most in need of revision and unification. The reason for such a condition lies in the shortage of small change attendant on the war and the variety of attempts which have been made to overcome it.

Soon after August, 1914, the 5, 10, 25 and 50-centime and 1-franc coins all but disappeared from circulation. This phenomenon of the vanishing of small coins is one which has always accompanied wars. The wealthy man secretes his gold, the poor one the coins normal to his station of life.



STAMPS IN USE AS MONEY.

Gold as such is seldom seen in circulation and its hoarding does not outwardly much affect the carrying on of an exchange of commodities. But when the subsidiary coins employed in every transaction made during the course of a day drop from sight, business is seriously hampered, and until they are replaced in some form or other there results embarrassment and even genuine distress, because would-be buyers and would-be sellers cannot conclude their deals for the lack of a medium.

STAMPS AS MONEY.

The first method adopted in France to meet the small-coin shortage was to put into circulation postage stamps as money. These have the advantage of being actual legal tender in France. The French buyer of a "crown" of bread presented three 50-centime stamps and received his bread, together with two 10-centime and one 5-centime stamps as change. Naturally, the stamps became soiled and dirty after a few handlings, and though they could be used to pay postage, many were worn out and lost before they had been made to do postal service. There was soon a strong demand for devices which would keep the stamps clean and whole and allow them to continue being employed as change indefinitely. Business houses and banks then commenced to encase stamps. The 5, 10 and 25-centime values were those generally so treated. The encasing was done in several ways—by using small waxed envelopes, by making pockets out of glassine paper, or by placing the stamps against an aluminum disc with a celluloid window front.

In all cases the cost of the protecting devise was covered by the use or sale of the reverse for advertising purposes. Thus the postage stamp money given out by the banks like the Credit Lyonnais and the Societe Generale, and department stores like Au Printemps and Galeries Lafayette bore the name of the establishment issuing them. Liver pill, motor oil, soap, chocolate, newspaper and other advertisements appeared on the backs of disks or stamp envelopes issued to small shops by advertising agencies at the face value of the stamps.

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Some chambers of commerce also asked for and received permission to issue aluminum tokens, chiefly of 5, 10 and 25-centime denominations, although there are some of 50 centimes and 1 and 2 francs as well. All of these, like the fractional currency, are guaranteed by the respective chambers, and are secured by and declared to be interchangeable for notes of the bank of France.

Many kinds of unauthorized and unsecured counters have also been issued by large business houses and syndicates, as the syndicate of hotels and cafes of Carpentras, the cafes of Lyons, those of Montpellier, a wholesale foodstuffs house in L'Herault, the Vichy Thermal establishment, and chain stores, such as La Solidarite Co-operative.

CAR SLUGS AND ICE CHECKS.

There are also found doing service as money, though never intended for that purpose, slugs issued by public utility corporations for the use of their customers. Thus, in Paris, two varieties of street car checks are encountered as change almost daily. The common 25-centime piece at Marseilles is the metal check of that value issued by the local street car company. At Lyons, ice checks are a regular medium of exchange. In several cities, such as Nice and Marseilles, small metal disks issued by the Pathe Phonograph Company for auditions in their audiphone galleries are constantly circulating as 25-centimes.

Counters and slugs are, of course, always accepted by the firms issuing them, but they are in common general circulation as well, and in practice are accepted anywhere in the regions of origin except at the banks and tax and post offices.

The encased stamps and the chamber of commerce of France tokens are the only types of makeshift change which are accepted throughout the country. The fractional currency, regional chamber tokens, and counters and slugs are purely local.—*Current History.*

SOMETHING NEW.

By WILLIS E. HURD.

At least, it's new to me, and new to other collectors I know of. And if it is new, let's start a boom on it. Let's start it, anyway. The Post Office Department knows a good thing when it sees it. We have ample proof of that, and are grateful for it. Witness the Stamp Agency at the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C.; the orders to postmasters regarding requests for things postal from stamp collectors; the general attitude of the administration. This would be a good thing.

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PRIVATELY ISSUED U. S. COILS.

By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

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Additional recognized private perforations are those applied by the Brinkerhoff Company founded by Mr. F. H. Brinkerhoff of Sedalia, Mo. This machine, invented by Mr. Brinkerhoff, was designed to take endwise coils, the first type consisting of four holes 1¼ mm. in diameter spaced 5 mm. center to center. Later they used two holes spaced 14½ mm. with a sort of cut or roulette between. I have seen quite a few, however, with the holes only.

A large Chicago firm used for some years a type of separation known as the Chambers perforations, and of this three varieties exist, all being of the sidewise coil type. First we have two vertical groups of four small holes separated 2½ mm. between the two groups, the second variety has this spacing 4½ mm., while the third type consists of an upper group of four holes and a lower group of five holes separated 2½ mm. apart.

There is certainly a further type of private perforation made for these special machines that is worthy of listing and that is the International made by the International Vending Co., I think this is their exact title, of Baltimore. They used the official government coiled stamps and where they could not obtain the stamps they wanted they coiled the stamps themselves, using a perforation resembling the official, but gauging about 12½. It is the 3c 1908 coil turned out by this company that is often thought to be a government issue.

There are other types such as the Attleboro made by a stamp collector, the Parkhurst, the Kansas City and the like, but outside of slight mention being given these in philatelic publications, I can learn nothing about them. Outside of the Attleboro I can find no examples of these other varieties in the foremost collections of private coils in the country.

In so far as private coils are concerned, the unpopularity of these issues is no doubt due to the fact that in the early days the manufacturers would turn out almost anything wanted by the collector at a small advance over face and the fact that many of them are so crude that they could be easily made from the imperforate stock.

Private Companies' Coils.

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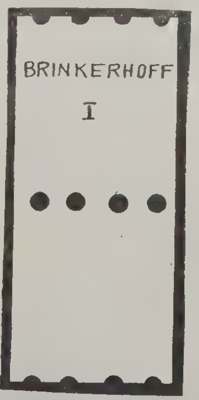
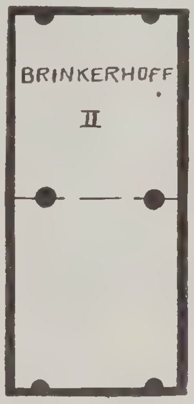


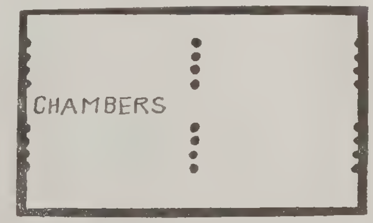
Type I—Endwise Coils—Separation four holes spaced 5 mm. c. to c.
1902-1903, 1c green, 2c carmine, 2c lake.
1908, 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c purple, 4c brown, 5c blue.
1909, 2c Lincoln Commemorative.
1909, 2c Alaska-Yukon (coiled sidewise).



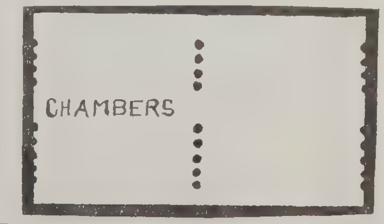
Type II—Endwise Coils—Separation two holes spaced 14½ mm., with or without a line cut between.
1902-1903, 1c green, 2c carmine, 2c lake.
1908, 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c purple, 4c brown, 5c blue.
1909, 2c Lincoln Commemorative.
1909, 2c Alaska-Yukon (coiled sidewise).
1910, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1912, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1916, unwatermarked, 3c purple, die I.

THE CHAMBERS COMPANY.

Type I—Sidewise Coil—Separation two groups four holes 2½ mm. apart.
1910, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1912, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1916, 2c carmine.



Type II — Sidewise Coils — Separation two groups four holes 4½ mm. apart.
1910, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1912, 1c green, 2c carmine.



Type III — Sidewise Coils — Separation two groups of four and five holes spaced 2½ mm. apart.
1910, 1c green, 2c carmine.
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Type IV — Sidewise Coils — Separation two groups of four and three holes spaced 4½ mm.
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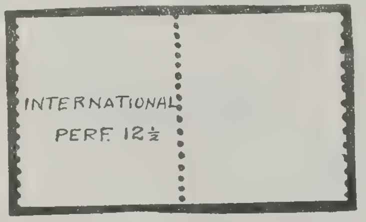
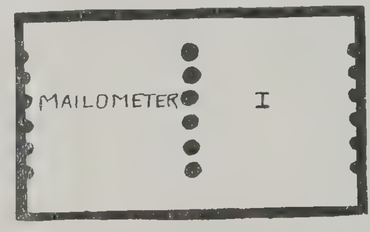
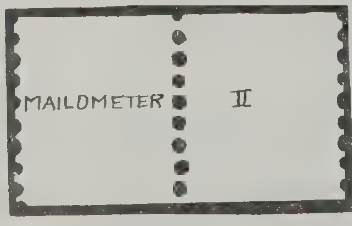


Type I—Sidewise and Endwise—Separation, perforated 12½.
1902, 1c endwise.
1903, 2c sidewise.
1908, 3c sidewise and endwise.

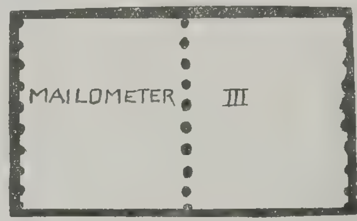
THE MAILOMETER COMPANY.



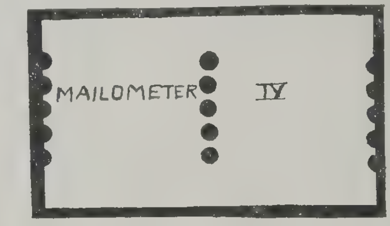
Type I—Sidewise Coils—Separation six large holes.
1908, 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c purple, 4c brown, 5c blue.
1909, 2c Lincoln.
2c Alaska-Yukon.
2c Hudson-Fulton.
1910, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1912, 1c green, 2c carmine.



Type II — Sidewise Coils — Separation large holes, perforated 3½.
1908, 1c green, 2c carmine.



Type III — Sidewise Coils — Separation large holes, perforated 4½.
1908, 1c green, 2c carmine.



Type IV — Sidewise Coils — Separation five large holes.
1908, 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c purple, 4c brown, 5c blue.
1909, 2c Lincoln Commemorative.
1910, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1912, 1c green, 2c carmine.

THE SCHERMACK COMPANY

Type I — Sidewise Coils — Separation eight small holes.
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1908, 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c purple.
1909, 2c Lincoln.

Type II—Sidewise Coils—Separation six medium holes.
1902-1903, 1c green, 2c carmine, 2c lake, 5c blue.
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Type III — Sidewise Coils — Separation two large hyphen-holes.
1902-1903, 1c green, 2c carmine, 2c large, 2c scarlet, 5c blue.
1908, 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c purple, 4c brown, 5c blue.
1909, 2c Lincoln.
2c Alaska-Yukon.
2c Hudson Fulton.
1910, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1912, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1916, no watermark, 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c purple, die I.
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U. S. AUTOMATIC COMPANY.

Type I — Endwise Coils — Separatio notched corners with cut between.
1902-1903, 1c green, 2c carmine, 2c lake 2c scarlet, 5c blue.
1908, 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c purple, 4 brown, 5c blue.
1909, 2c Lincoln.
1910, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1912, 1c green, 2c carmine.

Type II — Sidewise Coil — Separatio notched corners perforated between.
1902-1903, 1c green, 2c scarlet, 5c blue.
1908, 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c purple, 4 brown, 5c blue.
1909, 2c Lincoln.
2c Alaska-Yukon.
2c Hudson-Fulton.
1910, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1912, 1c green, 2c carmine.

Type III — Sidewise Coils — Separatio notched corners with cut between.
1902-1903, 1c green, 2c carmine, 5c blue.
1908, 1c green, 2c carmine, 3c purple, 4 brown, 5c blue.
1909, 2c Lincoln.
2c Alaska-Yukon, 5c pocket (2—2 1—1c).
2c Hudson-Fulton, 5c pocket (2—2c, 1—1c).
1910, 1c green, 2c carmine.
1912, 1c green, 2c carmine.

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On the stamps of France of 1852-62 there appears the head of Napoleon III, nephew to Napoleon Bonaparte. It is to be noted that on the 1863-70 issues a laurel wreath is added to the Emperor's head. This wreath was added after the victories of Napoleon's troops over the Austrians at Magenta and Solferino. In 1858 France and Sardinia arranged an alliance against Austria and in 1859, Louis Napoleon headed the Franco-Italian armies against the Austrians. His avowed purpose was in his own words, "Italy free from the Alps to the Adriatic." This purpose failed. In the peace that followed Solferino, Venice was left to Austria and a small part of Lombardy alone was liberated. The real reason for the Franco-Austrian War was Napoleon's desire to establish to Europe France's military supremacy and to unite the small kingdoms of Italy in a federation under the presidency of the Pope, but virtually dependent upon France.

The features of Benjamin Franklin have always been prominent on the postage stamps of the United States. And it is very fitting that they should be for no man in America was so identified with the early post-office in America, both prior to and after the Revolution, as was Benjamin Franklin. In 1737, Franklin was made postmaster of Philadelphia. In 1753 he received the British King's commission as Deputy Postmaster-General for the Colonies. After the Revolution started in 1775, the Colonies united to establish their own postal system, and Franklin, who in 1774, had been dismissed from the Royal postmaster-generalship, because of his patriotism for the Colonies in their struggle for freedom, was unanimously appointed Postmaster-General by a Congressional Committee.

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The press is so constructed that the stamps can be printed in one or two colors from rolls of gummed paper, which can either be rerolled or separated into sheets of 100 stamps each, as desired, the consul states. The paper is fed in a cleaning machine consisting of two brush rollers, thence over a stretching roller to the precision rollers, then to the printing rollers and the perforating mechanism, and finally to the rewinder, or sheet cutter, which completes the operation.

The machine is described by the *Darmstadt Tageblatt* as being not only a marvel of modern machine technic but unique of its kind, Consul Dumont says. The perforations are so exact that the finest gauge cannot detect the slightest variation between one row of perforations and those of each new sheet, and the adjustments are such that any misuse of the machine for falsifications is impossible, the report adds.

THE MARQUIS PURCHASE.

The advertisement of Stanley Gibbons Inc., elsewhere, is a very interesting one. The purchase made by Mr. Frank Marquis, who has been a frequent advertiser in the WEEKLY, is of enormous proportions and dealers and collectors will doubtless profit by the placing upon the market of this great accumulation of stamps.

A NOVEL PERMIT

Through the kindness of F. W. Curtis of Dover, Del., we have had the privilege of examining an interesting Chicago permit. The original permit was of a 3c value, but this later had been overprinted with a large figure 5 in red, evidently to make up an 8c rate, for subsequently the surcharged permit was completely barred out with parallel black lines and just underneath is printed in regular form the 8c impression. The permit number is 2373, but we refrain from giving the name of the firm that is using it, for obvious reasons.

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From Mr. George H. Grinnell of Los Angeles, California, the defendant in the celebrated Hawaiian missionary stamp case, we have received the following telegram, dated January 19th: "Klemann-Grinnell case settled. Klemann through attorneys returns all the stamps to me. Full satisfaction of judgment entered in court record. Shattuck gave me seventy-one Hawaiian missionaries. I have them all. Am sending photographs of all in find. They are not for sale until I can establish authenticity. Am satisfied to own largest collection of genuine Hawaiian missionaries in the world. I know they are genuine and I propose to prove it. Letter follows." Mr. Grinnell's statement is a most interesting one, but we suppose that comment should be reserved until the letter promised by Mr. Grinnell comes to us. The settlement of the case on the basis indicated seems to be one well advised; and at least, it commends itself to common sense, as Mr. Grinnell buys back, as it were, something that he has every confidence in, according to his own statement. If Mr. Grinnell is able to prove to the disinterested observer that the stamps involved are genuine, he will have good reason to plume himself.

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We wish to thank Mr. Eugene Klein of Philadelphia for a copy of the new one-cent Franklin sent from his city, January 17th, on the anniversary of Ben Franklin's birth in 1706. The post-office department is showing a sentiment that not alone philatelists appreciate, in so nicely timing the appearance of certain of the stamps of our new issue.

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Our inquiry as to the identity of "W. Brown" pictured on the twenty peso stamp of Argentine, 1891, has attracted the attention of a few of our readers, who admit that the question is something of a poser. In fact, one of our university professors sends us the following explanation to account for the difficulty in gathering data about national or local celebrities. He says: "In fact, it is not easy to understand how difficult it is to secure authentic information about personages of the kind who may be celebrated in their own country, but unheralded outside of it; and when the reputation of the man is restricted to a district or community, the search is something so involved that we wonder if results that may be obtained at last, justify it. However, one so eminent as to have his portrait on the stamp of an enlightened country, such as the Argentine Republic, should be known to philatelists, and I am about to write to a society in Buenos Aires, for data. I was interested in Mr. Edgar Metzer's brief account and wish to supplement it. His description of Brown piques my curiosity."

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We suspect that the old-timer who taunts us whenever time hangs heavy on his hands, by calling us Big Babbitt, because we wish to boost stamp collecting and are not willing to stand by and let it drift idly along when a little steering would remove any possibility that it might run on the rocks, is trying to make us sputter again. *En passant,* if our critic found his stamp investment impaired by a dwindling interest in stamps, he would be the first to say that "something should be done to restore the enthusiasm of yester years," or words to that effect. He is the latest: "As one of the race of general collectors which will soon be extinct, I have a rather good knowledge of all stamps, which is more than I can say for the average dealer, who makes enough mistakes to make you think that his knowledge is superficial, indeed; and I am not speaking about 'kid' dealers, either. The dealer of today lacks the philatelic insight of the dealer of my halcyon days of collecting, from 1880 on to 1900." To make his case strong, he names a half-dozen dealers of some decades ago whose names will always command respect. Our correspondent should have his growls choked in his throat if he is sincere in uttering this last bit of nonsense. We have all due regard for the dealers of the past who rose to prominence in their field, but they may not pose as exceptional in their stamp knowledge. It was not until about 1889 that Durbin, who was the first to list watermarks in his general catalogue, included them in the book and there was no call then for any great degree of erudition in a philatelic sense. The world was small in its number of stamp issues as compared with today and a general collection could be kept within bounds. When specialism became the accepted thing, the dealers became specialists to some extent but at that, the dealer kept up his knowledge of the world's stamps better than the collector. It is no longer expected that the dealer or collector know everything about all the stamps of all the stamp issuing countries of all the world and the greatest authorities of the present are men who while having an intensive knowledge of some stamps know utterly nothing about many others. Ring off, old Crusticus.

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What does it mean when the monthly magazine of the City Bank Club, the world-wide organization "of the staffs of the National City Bank of New York, the National City Company, International Banking Corporation, the National Realty Corporation and the National City Safe Deposit Company" will find space in its columns for the inconsequential item: "Now For the Stamp Club. All boys interested in joining the Stamp Club should report to Mr. Meeker, in his office on Thursday, at 5 P. M. Officers for the new year will be elected, and work on the master collection will be a part of this meeting. Stamps will also be distributed for each boy's personal collection, or trading purposes." (We like the expression, "master collection," the property of the club, no doubt.) Answering our own question, it means that one of the astutest business organizations in the world puts its approval on philately and holds that its spread should be encouraged. These men would not place their official seal on philately's diploma if they did not consider stamp collecting as something that from all angles was worthy.

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Another death must be recorded, and this time it is that of Edwin H. Draper, Marshalltown, Iowa, who for many years was a reader of this paper and a collector of U. S. stamps in particular. Mr. Draper was an occasional caller at our Chicago office where he liked to chat about stamps; and we wish to pay a tribute of respect to our friend, who at the comparatively early age of forty years or more, passes on.

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We have been informed that one of our readers in the postal service has been asked by his superiors to cease handling used postage due stamps that he bought in quantities from a certain firm; and he has done so. Too, the company that receives the stamps is said to be feeding them into the furnace now, but not from any intimation from the postal people that such a course would be appreciated, however.

MR. BETTS AND NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We feel compelled to note the splendid work that W. W. Betts, the Clearfield, Pa., dealer is doing in securing new subscribers for the Weekly. Quite recently he sent us twenty subscriptions at one time, and under date of Jan. 18 he sends us three new yearly subscriptions with a letter that would please the heart of any publisher. We deem it wise to publish this letter in its entirety and feel disposed to make this observation, that when Mr. Betts submits a new pricelist for review by the Weekly, we are justified in giving him every consideration. The letter follows:—

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It may be of interest to some of the readers of the Weekly who do not have a personal acquaintance with the publishers to know the order of the grouping as found on our Jan. 20 cover. Seated is Mr. Severn, at the left of the picture is Mr. Jewett and at the right Mr. Wylie.

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THE PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES.

By Wm. W. Washburn,
Office Comptroller of Customs, N. Y. C.

I read with considerable interest the article in your issue of Jan. 13th in regard to the party in Chicago who could not understand why he was required to pay entry fees, etc., on his package.

In his case it is altogether likely that his parcel came to New York in what is termed by the Customs a "packed package". There are several firms of Customs Brokers and Forwarders who handle this line of business, i. e., gathering up numbers of small parcels and packing same in a large package to save transportation charges, and to avoid danger of loss and breakage.

For instance: The Amer. Ry. Exp. at their office in Paris will gather up 20 or so small packages, consigned to different importers in the U. S., pack same in a large container or package and ship direct to New York or other U. S. port, as may be convenient. At New York the package will be unpacked under customs supervision and the different small packages entered for each separate importer under an I. T. (Immediate Transportation) entry and forwarded by Parcel Post or bonded carrier to the final destination, where the Customs authorities will examine and appraise the merchandise and compute the duty, if any accrues, on it.

The importer, after paying the duty, will be given possession of his merchandise. In case the merchandise was consigned to a point where there was no representative of the Customs, the forwarder would enter the merchandise and pay the duty, if any, at the port of original entry, billing same against the ultimate consignee, said duties and other necessary charges and expenses constituting a lien on the merchandise.

If the merchandise were shipt by Parcel Post direct, it would be sent direct to the consignee if there happened to be a Custom House or Customs official at that place. If not, the package would be examined and appraised at the port of original entry and if under $100 in value, forwarded through the P. O., the Postmaster being required to collect the amount of duty. If the value of the package exceeded $100, the consignee would be notified to make formal entry at the original port of entry, paying the duties there, and the package would then be forwarded through the P. O.

KRAUSE'S NEW ISSUE SERVICE.

Things are looking up in the matter of American dealers importing new issues. We recently referred to a new New York service of this character, and now Maxwell Krause the well-known Lebanon, Pa., dealer, is announcing his intention of making a specialty of new issues. The British dealers, who have done a large business on this side of the water cannot resent our expressing a tangible measure of satisfaction at the competition that now seems likely.

CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A committee of the Washington Philatelic Society has prepared a tentative program for the meeting and entertainment of the convention of the American Philatelic Society which meets here next August and at which the attendance of a thousand or so of the leading stamp collectors and dealers of North America is expected.

The regular business meetings will be held on the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the convention week.

Tuesday afternoon the members of the society will visit the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and that night a stamp auction will be held at the headquarters hotel.

Wednesday afternoon will be occupied by a trip to Mount Vernon, where the assemblage will be photographed, and on the return to town a stop will be made at Alexandria, the home of a famous and rare postmaster's stamp of which very few copies exist. At night a stamp bourse will be held for the sale and exchange of stamps by the members.

Thursday afternoon will be occupied by a trip to Annapolis, where another scarce stamp was issued and where a banquet will be held at some ancient tavern.

Friday will be adjournment and trips around Washington or exhibitions of stamps by the members and at the National Museum.

A registration fee will be exacted of all members and participants in order to eliminate the outsiders and an official program will be published.

Encouraging reports are being received as to the number of visitors who will attend and some of the most valuable stamps and collections in the world will be brought here for exhibition and examination.

The General Committee is composed of the chairman of the various committees as follows:—H. B. Mason, General Chairman; W. A. Johnson, Reception; A. E. Gorham, Hotels; W. H. Boatright, Ways and Means; H. C. Beck, Finance; A. M. McFadden, Transportation and Excursions; Henry Hammelman, Treasurer; J. F. Duhamel, Publicity and Secretary.

The Committee has been meeting twice each month at the Stamp Shoppe, 1413 G Street, N. W., and the Washington Philatelic Society is offering generous aid to the Committee in its efforts.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—The 1c green, portrait of Franklin, of the new series of 1922-1923 made its appearance in accordance with previous announcement on January 17th, it having been placed on sale in both Washington and Philadelphia on that day. The variety shows the well known portrait of Franklin that has been used by the Department for postage stamps for some years. The frame work is similar to the other low values of the series. Its appearance is most satisfactory and it is to be regretted that the background was not omitted as will be the case of the further portrait values that are to be made up. In fact, it was simply to remove the background that the 3c Lincoln proof was turned back to the Bureau.

The stamp is printed in sheets of four hundred which are cut into post-office panes of 100 and these are perforated 11 on unwatermarked paper. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has on hand an enormous stock of the old 1c, so that this stamp is not likely to be put into general circulation until some time later. Among those placed on sale were stamps from the earliest plate No. 14157, in addition to 14158, 14159, 14160, etc. The first sheet was printed at the Bureau on January 3rd in the presence of the Postmaster General, Mr. Hubert Work; the Director of the Bureau, Mr. L. A. Hill; the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. W. Irving Glover; the Superintendent of the Division of Stamps, Mr. M. L. Eidsness, Jr., and Mr. Perry the Assistant Director of the Bureau. It was autographed on the margin by Messrs. Work, Hill and Glover.

In the case of the new 2c coil it seems that the Bureau's stock of the old design had become exhausted in the case of the sidewise coil and as a result it was necessary to distribute these stamps to several of the offices previous to January 15th. Messrs. D. B. Beattie, G. C. Bartholomew and E. S. Ward report the use of the variety from New York on January 16th, while Mr. Wendover Neefus has it from St. Louis under date of January 17th, so it is quite possible that this stamp was placed on sale on January 15th in several cities. The new 2c booklets will possibly be issued by the time these notes appear.

Since my last Chronicle I am able to state that not only the $1 showing the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, will be placed on sale in Washington on Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, but the 3c value will also be ready. Because of the change in die it was first thought that this value could not be produced in time, but the Bureau has made sufficient headway to enable them to have some in the hands of the Philatelic Stamp Agent by that date. These will be followed in short order, if not on the same day, by the $2 blue, showing a view of the Capitol at Washington. Then will follow the 12c and 14c along with the $5. The latter will be very unusual and different from anything that we have ever had in stamps. I have not seen a proof of the 14c Indian, but am told it will possibly be the most beautiful of the series.

In my recent notes I mentioned a 5c 1847, on cover, dated July 16th (1847) and stated that as far as I knew, or could learn from available records, that this was the earliest cover known, where the stamp was actually attached to the cover by a postmark covering both the stamp and the cover. Mr. Charles M. Bleeker kindly sends for inspection a very interesting cover with a beautiful copy of this stamp with right sheet margin postmarked in red "New York—13 Jul—5cts" and addressed to "Charles B. Moore Esq., Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., N. Y." The letter bears date of July 13, 1847. The stamp has the well known New York, red grid cancellation, but unfortunately this does not fall on the cover, but there is not the slightest doubt that the stamp was used on this cover.

Mr. Bates E. Clarke kindly writes to state that he has an early dated cover of the 5c 1847, postmarked New York, July 17th. Any cover of the 1847 issue used in July of 1847, is most desirable and we would be pleased to hear of any other unrecorded copies that may be in the hands of our readers.

Mention was made, many months back, of the fact that although the report of the Director of the Bureau showed that a good quantity of the 40c Documentary had been overprinted "Stock Transfer" and "Future Delivery", no copies had ever been reported in the hands of collectors. Mr. Warren G. Ogden now shows me the 40c with the "Stock Transfer" surcharge.

Dr. L. L. Meyers sends for inspection a cut square copy of the 1c envelope, oval type, printed in what appears to be the black of the 4c. Looking at it at
angle it has a greenish tinge. If it is
changling it is the best of its kind th
has ever come to my attention.
black appearance is very strong and u
form, something entirely foreign
changlings.

Mr. Frank Reeder, Jr., sends me t
first metered mail permit used in East
Pa. It is the 2c red, Permit 1, Me
1406 and used by the Eastern Trust
of that city. It is dated Dec. 30, 1922.

SHANGHAI.—Just before our P
Office in Shanghai closed its doors,
error of great importance was fou
namely the $2 on $1 with a double ov
print. I desire to thank Messrs. S.
Sheldon and E. G. Young for early
formation regarding the find. Mr. Sh
don states under date of December 2
that one pane was found and that t
has a clear double surcharge, the
impressions being about one-sixteenth
an inch apart. He further writes,
was not noticed by the Chinese sta
clerk until a number had been sold
use on packages to America. When
clerk did notice it he asked one of
foreign staff if he should withdr
the rest of the sheet, but was
to continue selling them to any
wanting them." The variety was la
noted by a philatelist, who purchased
remaining balance, except three cop
that were retained and sold to othe
The holder is said to be asking $50
copy for the variety.

Mr. Sheldon gives us another piece
interesting news:—"The American P
Office closes a week from today, w
the French and Japanese offices a
close. The British closed on Novem
30th. The postal rate to America he
after will be 15c Mexican, (7½ ce
U. S.) quite a jump from the dome
2c rate we have been paying. The par
rate remains the same, 12c U. S. or
Mexican.

We wish to thank Messrs. H. W. P
ter, C. J. West, L. A. Boone, H. F. M
F. G. Eychner and Louis Mayer
notes of interest.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The 10c has b
issued in sage green and lilac in the n
Nyasaland type on script watermar
paper. Mr. R. Roberts advises of t

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I have been able to obtain the following values only of the new issue: Blanc Type (see Gibbons), 1c on 5 centimes orange buff; Mouchon type (see Gibbons), 2c on 10 centimes green; (Droits de l'homme) 3c on 15 centimes orange; 5c on 25 centimes red lilac, 6c on 30 centimes red (or orange red), 10c on 50 centimes blue; Merson type (large), 20c on 1fr, rose lilac and olive, and 40c on 2fr, blue and vermilion.

I presume that the 4c on 20c, and the 8c on 40 exist though I have not seen them. I know that the dollar on 5 francs exists, but was immediately sold out. It is also definitely reported that in two cases the surcharges were incorrectly applied—that is, the new color fifty centimes was surcharged with the old 20c rate, and the five franc with the former $2 (or rather the very peculiar "2 piastres"—there is no such coin or currency recognized here).

We have been watching for the sub-office of the Indo China postal administration to give us a new series also, or rather six new series! on the new colors of Indo China. So far none of these have showed up.

The British post-office is already closed, and the others are going to be closed without doubt—even the Japanese officials are preparing to quit.

The Famine "stamps" which have been mentioned repeatedly in the Chronicle have exactly the same status as American Red Cross Christmas seals—they represent a voluntary contribution and do no postal duty.

On November 1 new postal rates went into effect; the local rates are unchanged, domestic letters increased from 3c to 4c, foreign letters increased from 10c to 15c, with 8c for the second unit weight. The new rates in some cases must be made up of three stamps, so a new issue seems probable, as the present one has been running for ten years. The important thing about it, however, is that over half of China has formally repudiated the new rates and the post-offices are carrying mails at the old rates. This is all of a kind with other political conditions in China, but an unusual situation for the Ministry of Communications, which has continued to function quite regularly in spite of politicians and upheavals. The districts now refusing to use the new rates are Kinagsu province, or rather the Shanghai postal district, Szechuen, Kwantung, Kwangsi, and Fokien, also Manchuria.

COSTA RICA.—Mr. Eugene Klein sends us a copy of the 5c orange of the 1910 issue surcharged at the top with a cross and "5c." in red.

FRANCE, *Offices in Morocco.*—The Economist Stamp Co. report the issue of two stamps for use on mail going by airplane. They are oblong in shape with a view of an airplane in action in the centre. In each upper corner are the figures of value and at the base "Service Postal Aerien". The name "Maroc" is at the top. The values are 25c blue and 50c green.

GIBRALTAR.—The *Bulletin Mensuel* announces the appearance of the 1½d brown on script watermarked paper.

GREECE.—P. J. Drossos informs us of the issue in December of a 5 lepta Charity stamp. It is printed in red, blue and orange and pictures a soldier with arm in a sling, the background consisting of a wreath with Red Cross on white background. It bears the overprint "P.I.P." (Patriotic league). The stamp was on sale for fifteen days at the end of the year. The same stamp has also been issued without the surcharge.

HONDURAS.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 2c of the 1919 set with the surcharge "Vale Seis Cts." in two lines in black.

HUNGARY.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 30kr dull red in the usual Parliament type.

IRELAND.—We are indebted to Mr. Eugene Klein, the Economist Stamp Co., Mr. W. T. Wilson and others for copies of the new surcharged stamps of Great Britain for use in this country. All are overprinted in three lines, and the following values have been placed on sale: ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 5d, 6d, 9d, 10d, 1sh, 2s6d, 5sh, 10sh. All are in black except the 2½d and 9d, which are surcharged in red.

Mr. Klein adds that an interesting line variety exists in the higher values, that is, the accent on the second "A" in the first word is missing. This variety exists twice in each sheet of the values above the shilling.

JUGO-SLAVIA.—New stamps of the values of 1, 5, 8, 20 and 30 dinar are expected to be on issue within the next few days.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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LITHUANIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. send us the 20sk stamp of the type of Scott's A5 with the surcharge "1 Cent" in two lines in red. Also the 75sk of the same issue with the overprint "5 Cent" in green, also in two lines.

LUXEMBURG.—Mr. Henry Hooreman submits for chronicle a copy of the new 10fr stamp placed on sale the 1st of the year. It is of the design of the Charity stamp C3, except that at the top are the words "Grand Duche De" while in the lower left corner are the figures "10" and the opposite corner "Fr.". Between, "Luxembourg". The color is green and is evidently printed separately as the stamp while perforated is surrounded with wide margins of about three-quarters of an inch of plain paper.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a copy of the 5c King George stamp in grey and rose on script watermarked paper.

ROUMANIA.—The Economist Stamp Co. have advised us of the appearance of the 5b black and 60b green in the type of Scott's A54. Also a one leu black in the current design.

SIAM.—The *Bulletin Mensuel* reports the 5s yellow green and the 15s carmine both perf. 14 in the 1920 type.

SPAIN.—The *Bulletin Mensuel* chronicles a 10c red in a new design. It is perforated 13½x12½.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Messrs. Bright & Son advise as follows: Further to our letter of the 13th Oct. with reference to cigarette tax labels being used in South Africa for postage due purposes, the following is a copy of a letter from the Postmaster at Durham to the President of the Philatelic Society of Natal which may be of interest to your readers:—

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TUNIS.—The Economist Stamp submit for chronicle three values o new type. They show a native in usual garb sitting beneath an ancient umn, while in the distance is see temple or shrine. The values and co are 10c green, 30c red and 50c blue.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. phen A. Rich and the Economist St Co. report the appearance of the 3d the current design in blue. Mr. R adds that the stamp was mailed on cember 4th of last year.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The Y. Souren Co. informs us that there are dangerous forgeries of the first issue Azerbaidjan on the market. The firm recently advertised sets of these stamps, but is returning money on orders received. They advise us that the counterfeits show differences of paper and gum and the "sign."

—A new advertising cancellation comes from Hartford, Conn., reading:—"Connecticut Winter Exposition, Jan. 23-27 Hartford".

—*J. S.*—It is not likely that we shall publish very soon a complete article on the stamps of Ireland. Several articles have appeared in *Stamp Collecting* and we suggest that you communicate with this publication, 89 Farringdon St., London, England.

—We note an article in the metropolitan press, *The Postage Meter,* by Frederick J. Haskin. The clipping before us is from the Pittsburg *Gazette-Times,* but the article is no doubt syndicated.

—E. N. Costales has sent for inspection a photograph of the fine Millbury, which was sold in the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s auction sale of January 29.

—Joseph V. K. Wells of the Home of the Postage Stamp sends us a Russian cover, upon which, in addition to thirty other stamps are no fewer than twenty-two copies of the 100,000 rubles stamp. It is some cover.

—The 6 sen Japan in the brown shade, type of 1913 issue, must be No. 151, as listed in Scott's catalog. This stamp was recently reported by B. D. Lewis and is evidently not a new issue.—A. C. GAKENHEIMER.

—*E. Pleva.*—The stamp you submit is a French revenue. We note your statement that you are "a pretty advanced collector, although only ten years of age," and sympathize with your ambition, as you express it, "When I get old I can sit around and sell stamps." The managing editor has had his experience in buying and selling and knows the lure of the business.

—The Liberty Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo., would like the address of a collector in Newark, N. J., who failed to enclose name with order.

—"Adlette" is the name of a house organ published by Maitland Milliken, Foster Bldg., Denver, Colo. It lists a number of novelties and will be sent to any applicant.

—We do not make it a practise to chronicle Canadian advertising cancellations. However we recognize the courtesy extended us by J. Abram who sends us the following with a St. John, N. B., marking:—"Drive to the Right in New Brunswick".

—Herbert T. Putnam writes us that the Glens Falls (N. Y.) Philatelic Club was organized Tuesday, October 10, and three meetings have been held. The club now has sixteen members and nearby collectors are advised to write the secretary, J. T. Davis, 12 Pine St., Glens Falls, N. Y., for information.

—"I note that Dr. Collins wants some articles published on the provisionally surcharged Narcotics, no doubt it would be a good thing for all those interested. Along this line I might say that on Jan. 20 I advertised Scott's No. 4300. There has only been 32 copies of this stamp known and I was lucky enough to get them all—have only 8 copies left. Also have a number of the Cinti and Trenton surcharges, which were also advertised Jan. 20. Ward had a copy of No. 4300 and that is the way it got into the Catalogue. There are a great many collectors interested in the Narcotics, so why not tell them something about them?"—A. E. HUSSEY.

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1	o	**United States** 1883, 90c, No. 218, 1890, No. 229	3.75
2	x	— 1908, 13c blue green, No. 331, block of 12, mint	7.20
3	x	— 1909, 2c Lincoln, No. 335b, bluish paper, block of 36, mint	14.40
4	o	— 1917, 5c error, No. 414, cent. to right	.6.00
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6	o	— same, perfor. close at bottom	...
7	o	— — same, few perf. missing at top and right	...
8	x	— — 1865, 10c blue green, No. 2002, fine	6.00
9	x	— — same, straight edge top	6.00
10	x	— — same, straight edge bottom	6.00
11	o	— — same, used, straight edge bottom	...
12	x	— — same, No. 2002a, light green, fine	7.50
13	x	— — same, No. 2002b, pelure paper, fine	7.50
14	x	— — same, No. 2002b, pelure paper, centered	7.50
15	x	— — 1865, 25c carmine red, No 2003, fine	6.00
16	x	— — same, straight edge at top	6.00
17	o	— — 25c orange red, No. 2003a, used	...
18	x	— — same, unused	6.00
19	x	— — same, No. 2003b, pelure paper	15 00
20	x	— — 5c dark blue, No. 2004, fine	3.00
21	x	— — same, straight edge at top	3.00
22	x	— — same, straight edge at bottom	3.00
23	x	— — same, light blue, No. 2004a, fine	3.50
24	x	— — same, No. 2004b, pelure paper	5.00
25	x	— — 5, 10, 25c, Nos. 2001-3, card board proofs	...
26	x	— — 5, 10, 25c Nos. 2001-3, card board proofs perfor.	...
27	o	— — 1895, 1c-$100.00, Nos. 2087 2098	19.10
28	x	— — 1895, 1c-$100.00, mint, as sold by Govt.	...
29	x	— — Set Executive, 1873, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10c, Nos. 1509-13, "Specimen"	...
30	x	**Alsace-Lorraine** 1870, Nos. 401, 404-7 (5)	11.00
31	o	**Antigua** 1908, 1sh, No. 35, block of 4, fine	2.40
32	x	**Australia** 1909, 5sh, No. 148, mint	2.00
33	x	**Barbados** 1904, Nos. 94 & 99, mint	4.10
34	o	— 1905, pair 6d, No. 105, fine	3.00
35	x	— 1909, Nos. 112-15 (4), mint	3.00
36	o	— 1912, Nos. 119-20, 122-24 (5) fine	4.35
37	o	— 1912, Nos. 119-124 (6), fine	5.05
38	o	— — pair 1sh, No. 124, fine	3.50
39	o	— — 1 & 2sh, Nos. 124-5, fine	6.75
40	o	— — 3sh, No. 126, fine	7.00
41	x	**Bavaria** 1862, 18kr, No. 14, cut close top	12.00
42	o	— 1867, 6 & 9kr, Nos. 17, 18, cut close	5.00
43	x	— 1874, 7 & 18kr, Nos. 35, 37	3.25
44	x	— 1881-90, 1, 2, 3, 5mk, Nos. 54, 55, 70, 71, mint	6.35
45	o	— 1870, 1kr, No. 402, fine	25.00
46	o	**Bermuda** 1873, 3d, No. 6	3.00
47	x	— Nos. 3a, 16, 21-24 (6), mint	3.25
48	x	— Nos. 28, 33, 39, blocks of 4, mint	7.80
49	x	— 1910, Nos. 40, 41, 42, 44, 48, blocks of 6, mint	3.60
50	o	**Bremen** 1866, 7gr, No. 13, fine	150.00
51	o	**Brit. Off. in Turkey** 1903-9, 5, 12, 24 piastre	4.75
52	x	— 1909, 1pi 30pa, No. 65, mint	2.50
53	x	**Canada** 1868, Nos. 21, 23a, 24, 26, 27, no gum	15.10
54	x	— 1869, 1c orange, No. 32a, no gum	5.00
55	x	— 1869-72, Nos. 32-36, 39 (6)	10.90
56	o	— 1872, 10c, No. 36, block of 4, fine	5.00
57	x	— 1882, Nos. 41, 42, 43, o. g.	3.50
58	x	— — 6c, No. 44, block of 4, mint	5.00
59	o	— — 10c, No. 45, strip of 5, fine	5.00
60	x	— 1892, 20, 50, 8c, Nos. 46-48	5.25
61	x	— 1897, ½-50c, Nos. 50-60, mint	7.25
62	o	— — 20, 50c, $2.00, Nos. 59, 60, 62	3.49
63	o	— — $4.00, No. 64, brush canc.	6.30
64	x	— — ½-10c, Nos. 66-73, o. g.	2.55
65	x	— 1898, ½ 10c, Nos. 74-81, o. g.	4.00
66	o	— 1899, 2c, No. 84a, on entire w. 3 others	15.09
67	o	— — 2c, No. 85a	15.00
68	x	— — 2c, No. 85a	15.00
69	x	— 1908, ½-20c Quebec (8), mint	2.65
70	o	— — same used, fine	1.85
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72	o	— 50c Revenue with other stamps post. used	...
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75	o	**Curacao** 1873, pair 3c, No. 2	8.00
76	x	**Great Britain** 1883, 2sh 6d, No. 96a, pen canc.	8.00
77	o	— 1901, 5 & 10sh, Nos. 140-41, fine	3.50
78	x	— 1912, ½d 1sh (14) mint	3.20
79	x	— — ½d-1sh, 14 mint pairs	6.40
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82	x	**Hawaii** 1868, 5 & 13c, Nos. 9a & b, pairs with "Specimen", o. g.	...
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84	x	— Nos. 31, 35, 38, 77-79 (6) o. g.	3.50
85	o	**Iceland** 1897, strip of 3, No. 23	22.50
86	o	— — strip of 3 No. 24	18.00
87	o	**India** 1895, 5R, No. 52, 3R, No. 72	3.00
88	x	**Leeward Isl.** 1890, ½-7d, Nos. 1-6, in horiz. pairs	7.40
89	x	— ½d-1sh, Nos. 1-7	5.20
90	x	**Malta** 1886, 5sh, No. 14	4.00
91	o	— 1899, pair 2sh 6d, No. 17	4.50
92	o	— Nos. 17, 44 47, 58, 62 (7)	4.80
93	x	**Mauritius** 1910, 5R, No. 150, mint	6.00
94	o	**Newfoundland** 1862, 5p, No. 19, fine	8.00
95	x	— 2c, No. 24, 1c, No. 35, o. g.	8.50
96	x	— 1887, 3c, No. 47, block of 4, mint	8.00
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98	o	— 1897, 1-60c, Nos. 61-74, fine	3.95
99	o	— — half of 6c, No. 66, used as 3c	...
100	x	— 1898, 2c, No. 82a, imperf. pair with margin, mint	15.00
101	x	— — 2c, No. 82a, strip of 5 with margin, mint	37.50
102	x	— — 3c, No. 83a, imp. strip of 3 with margin	...
103	o	— — 5c, large revenue stamp on envelope with other stamps	...
104	x	**Northern Nigeria** 1902-10, 2sh 6d, Nos. 17 & 36, mint	7.00
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116	x	— 1892, 6 mint pairs of Nos. 43 48	3.00
117	o	**St. Pierre & Miquelon** 1892, 5c to 1fr, Nos. 63-72	6.75
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119	o	**Schleswig-Holstein,** 4sh, No. 7	30.00
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By Edward E. Goodchild.

Many times within the past few months I have received inquiries as to whether I could account for the great differences appearing in the value of stamps required to carry letters from Soviet Russia. For the benefit of those interested in the postage stamps of this Country, I append the following particulars in the hope same will be of service.

A letter arrives, say, with ten of the old Imperial 5kp stamps, whilst another has fifty of the surcharged 100,000 Roubles on 250 Roubles of the Soviet issue. This is ofttimes followed, especially within the past few weeks, with stamps to the value of only 150 Roubles, but of the latest Soviet commemorative issues. An explanation of the first has previously been given. The simple expedient of giving an Imperial Kopeck (one cent) a franking value of 10,000 Soviet Roubles. Thus the 5 Kop. has a franking value of 50,000 Roubles (twenty-five thousand dollars). Ten of such equal 500,000 Roubles, or more than sufficient to pay the postal charge of 450,000 required to carry a letter. The second instance, that of a letter arriving with five million Roubles attached, is due to the deflation of the Rouble value at the time of such issue, the Rouble at that period only having a value of a five-hundredth part of the previous paper Rouble.

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CONFEDERATES—AND PRETENDERS.

A CHAT ABOUT FERRARY'S WONDERFUL COLLECTION OF CONFEDERATE STATES STAMPS.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

"You must be a fool if you think every southern postmaster had nothing to do but make stamps." Thus wrote a peppery confederate postmaster to the late J. W. Scott, more than half a century ago. And yet, if one glances through the Ferrary "Confederates" and kindred items it would seem as though a very large number of those southern post-office gentry really did find time to produce something in the nature of stamps. There are nearly two hundred towns named, a large proportion of them being unknown to the ordinary catalogues. They range from Abingdon to Yazoo City. Quite a mass of them are not stamps at all, but envelopes bearing postmarks and postal markings. As Scott's catalogue points out, it is often difficult to determine whether these markings were made and issued as provisional stamped envelopes, or whether they merely indicate that the postage was paid at the time the letter was handed in at the post-office. Occasionally the same mark was used for both purposes.

The prices realised by these items at the third and fourth sales afford some guide to the measure of recognition meted out to these stamps or postmarks by the *cogniscente* in America. This must not be regarded, however, as always a trustworthy indication of the acceptance or rejection of particular specimens, for the number of American bidders at the sales was very limited, and in some cases there was little or no competition. At least a few bargains went, I hope, to our American cousins to hearten them for further lightning trips across the Atlantic on the stamp hunt.

Athens.—I propose to deal chiefly with the adhesive stamps, and those envelopes which are with some degree of certainty provisional issues of stamped envelopes. The Athens (Georgia) stamps are not attractive specimens of adhesives. "Unwholesome beast" was Pemberton's comment on a purple Athens bought in for 30s at the first London stamp auction in 1872. The same discerning pioneer further remarked concerning this issue that "no stamp ever bore a 'bogus' character on its face so ostentatiously as this one." (The Mt. Lebanon atrocity had not been discovered then!). But the Athens, which come in two colours, 5c plum and 5c vermilion, each in two types, have full recognition in the catalogues now, and as a contrast in terms, Mr. Chas. J. Phillips tells of "a most magnificent specimen" of a 5-cent vermilion on entire letter. As to prices, a pair of the plum-coloured stamp used on letter (? out of the Ayer coll.) brought £19; three poor copies went together for £6 15s; while of the red rarity, two good single used copies sold for: Type I, £43; Type II, £59.

Baton Rouge.—Every collector has heard of the Baton Rouge stamps, now high priced; the look of a 5c always recalls the shattered dream of my earliest collecting days when I found amongst an odd lot a beautiful bright carmine and green specimen unused—it was some years before I woke up to its spurious character. It did not seem to me then that this was the sort of stamp that could be easily counterfeited, yet a very large proportion of the copies known are probably forgeries. No one can tell how many varieties there are for there has never been enough material obtained to reconstruct the settings. Tradition has it that there were 25 stamps to the sheet, but very likely there were only 10, and if all the owners of 5c specimens put their heads, or still better their stamps together, the ten or twenty-five varieties might be identified. The stamps, like many other of the most interesting and rare provisionals, were set up and printed in the office of the local newspaper, the quaintly-named *Cornet and Gazette*, the editor of which had probably stirred the local postmaster, J. McCormick, to take the step of issuing stamps, by an editorial note in that journal for July 10, 1861. The stamps were issued the same month.

The 2 cents green is a very rare stamp. Messrs. Gibbons assess it at £150 used; the unused one I illustrate fetched £93 at the Ferrary sale, and another unused, but with less margin brought £40 15s, and a defective used copy of the error "McCcrmick," £27 10s. There were five specimens of the 5c, only one of which

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That curious spider-bordered 5c (Gibbons type 3) does not figure in the catalogue, but there was a genuine one in the sale in a combination lot.

Beaumont.—Ferrary's copies of the Beaumont (Texas) provisional, a simple type-set affair, included a terribly poor used copy of the *yellow*, the first specimen of this issue ever known to collectors. It was found by Mr. A. M. Rareshide in 1895, and was secured about that time by Ferrary; the latter probably paid a good deal more than the £9 which was the figure it realised at the third Ferrary sale. Later, this stamp was discovered on *rose* paper, an uncancelled copy of which, on entire letter, brought £63 10s. Gibbons quote £300 for the yellow and £200 for the rose, used.

Bridgeville.—A pair of Bridgeville (Alabama) 5c black and red, used on letter, fetched £166; the catalogue illustration shows nothing of the design, only the hand-ruled squares of red ink within which the "Paid 5" was handstamped. This scarce item was acquired by Mr. Caspary.

Chapel Hill.—Chapel Hill is in North Carolina, but not in the "catalogues." With its college it is an important centre of education—the "Oxford" of North Carolina—and a likely place where stamps might have been issued during this period. The stamp of Chapel Hill in the Ferrary collection was a weirdly primitive thing, reading "PAID 10" in red on a small scrap of azure paper adhering to an envelope. Little is known of it. Mr. R. F. Albrecht found it a good few years ago and sold it to Ferrary. Along with a number of envelopes it was sold (lots 599, 600 and 601) for £43.

Charleston.—Charleston (South Carolina) 5c stamps are not uncommon, and there was a considerable batch of the impressed envelopes, but most of them were forgeries, only three or four genuine ones in the lot

Danville.—The 5 cents red type-set stamp of Danville (Virginia), a fine copy used on piece of original fetched a record figure, 13,000 francs (£325); in style it closely resembles the Pittsylvania, which was produced in the same printing office of the *Democratic Appeal*, a newspaper that was published by Mr. William D. Coleman, the postmaster of the town. It is a type-set stamp formed of printers' combination border, and with the words PAID 5 CENTS W. D. COLEMAN P. M. The price paid for this is about five times what any Danville has ever brought before, and it was acquired by Mr. Caspary.

Emory.—The Emory, Virginia, another handstamped crudity, is one of the most interesting of the adhesive hand-stamped items, the stamps being made by striking the impressions on the margins of the 1c (1857-60) regular United States stamps. The 5c blue on letter fetched £77.

A Franklin (North Carolina) 5c blue on buff envelope, said to be unique, went to Mr. Caspary for £166.

The Fredericksburgs (Virginia) issued by R. T. Thom, are not among the rarities, but a fine used pair of the 5c. brought £25; in this state it is exceedingly rare, making up ten cents' worth of postage, and it may be noted that no genuine used 10c of this issue is known. A single 5c blue used on letter brought £6 15s; a 10c red, supposed used, realised £9 10s, a price which would have been out of all relation to its rarity if it had been genuinely used.

Down Texas Way.—Goliad (Texas) provides some of the rarest of these issues, and Ferrary's pair of the 5c black on *azure*, used, brought £287, the left-hand stamp being the mis-spelt variety "GOILAD." Mr. Caspary secured this exceptional item.

A 5c black on *rose* of the same town, but a different type from the pair illustrated, "*Goliad*" being in italics, used on piece of original, brought £54.

A 5c black on *deep blue*, said to be the only one used on envelope, brought £104; there are, however, two or possibly three others. There is one copy cut from the stamp on this very envelope, which formerly bore a *pair*, and there was another in the Worthington collection.

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A Druggist's Label as a Stamp.—Another of the Texas postmasters' provisionals, that of Gonzales, looks as little like a postage stamp as anything could. It looks what it is, viz., a bookseller's or druggist's label in gold on *dark blue* or on *garnet*. But there is evidence that this was used temporarily by the post-

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ster, Mr. J. Law, and for philatelic poses it would be of little interest unle the specimen is used on the original cer. In that condition it is rare, and a air of the 5c on *blue* in the Ferrary ction was on the entire, affixed to th left hand top corner of the envelope, an postmarked several times. It is addssed to J. F. Miller, of Miller & Sayer, a banking house at Gonzales, Mr. Mler being at the time on active service wh the 8th Texas Cavalry. This rare itn—only three such pairs are known—ws secured by Mr. Colson for £100, wle a single, a poor cracked specimen, oliterated, but not on letter, of the stnp on *garnet*, only brought a trifle or £4.

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Greenwood.—The Greenwood (Virginia), a handstamp *cum* manuscript production of the most primitive description was represented by two copies, each on entire. Mr. Griebert bought one for £37 12s, while Mr. Warren Colson secured the other for £31 15s.

Grove Hill.—A good copy of the Grove Hill (Alabama) woodcut production, used on the letter, was secured by Mr. Griebert for £167; it was a "gift" at the price, for it is one of only two such pieces known. The first copy of this of which I find any trace is in one of Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale catalogues (Nov. 26-29, 1894), covering the sale, at Mr. R. F. Albretcht's instructions, of the collection of a New York collector, wherein is the item "Grove Hill, Ala., 5c black on white, used on original, a stamp uncatalogued and unknown heretofore, probably the only copy in existence." It sold for £50. There was another in the Ayer collection, on cover. Gibbons assess it at £500 in the "unused" column, which is probably a printer's error and intended for the "used" column.

The Two Values of Helena.—A 5c black on *buff*, and 10c black *azure*, of Helena (Texas), were sold in a mixed lot of 24 items, including some Greenvilles, for 4050 francs, and a defective 10c Helena on *azure*, illustrated, brought £21. The stamps were probably modelled on those of the neighboring town of Goliad, but nothing definite is known of the settings. The 10c is something of a mystery stamp—a later discovery than the 5c on *buff*, which was known to the early collectors—but if our surmise be correct that it belongs to the same little family circle as the Goliads—there may well have been the two denominations.

Independence.—The adhesive 10c circular stamp of Independence (Texas), black on *buff*, used on the entire letter, brought £71, said to be one of but two copies known. It also exists (according to Gibbons) on *red* paper. The Independence adhesive is a modern discovery, the first copy being found by Mr. E. D. Dorchester of Velasco, Texas. It is addressed to Messrs. T. W. House & Co., Houston, Texas, in the handwriting, so it is said, of Major A. G. Haynes, a wealthy planter of Independence. John McKnight was the postmaster of the place, and is credited with being a handy sort of fellow, who whittled out the design on a piece of oak wood with his clasp-knife. Ferrary got his at "a fancy price," but I can find no trace of how the other one on red paper got into Gibbons' catalogue, or where such a specimen is now.

Jetersville.—One of the freakiest of these items is the Jetersville (Virginia) which consists of a handstamped "5" and the manuscript initials AHA, all in black on white wove paper, and here we have the freak *en paire* on entire letter, the only pair, indeed the only specimens, known. It has gone back to the States in the care of my friend Colson. The initials are those of A. H. Atwood, the postmaster. The cover was found in 1894 and passed into the possession of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., who sold it to Ferrary.

An Unique Knoxville.—Knoxville (Tennessee) provides a comparatively common 5 cents red, but the 10 cents green of the photograph, which is on the entire letter, is supposed to be the only known copy; it brought £145. It is addressed to

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and was obtained by Mr. O. D. Walbridge of Marseilles, Illinois, about 1886, and he sold it to J. S. Smith of Oak Park, Ill., in September, 1892, and the latter sold it to F. T. Hoyt in October.

There are reprints of the 5c in brown and scarlet on wove and laid paper, but they are readily distinguishable from the originals which are on a greyish laid paper.

Lenoir.—Lenoir is in North Carolina, and the postmaster's provisional, which is not rare, is handstamped in blue on paper ruled with orange coloured rectangles. A fine single fetched £15, while the one on entire, not being perfect, fetched £7 10s. Sir William Avery had what purported to be the first impression ever struck of this stamp, with an affidavit to that effect.

Livingston.—One of the nicest items in this section of the Ferrary collection was a pair of the 5 cents blue Livingston (Alabama) used on the entire letter, which Mr. Colson secured for £517. This is the best production of the lot of these Confederate postmasters' provisionals. J. W. Scott classed it as a *lithograph* in 1871, and I imagine he was right, but the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors and Messrs. Gibbons agree in describing it as a *typographed* stamp. A Livingston fetched $780 (£156) at auction in New York in 1892, which was probably a record price for any stamp at auction up to that time. Two single copies, used, were also sold, one going to Mr. Hind for £77 and the other to Mr. Colson for £112.

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By P. M. Wolsieffer.

(The following is a copy of a strong communication addressed the Third Assistant Postmaster General by Mr. Wolsieffer in favor of a 13c stamp. If you are interested in this matter, please communicate with Washington. —W. O. W.)

Several years ago, during the War Period, when the postage was increased to 3c, I had the honor of addressing a letter to your Department, suggesting a 13c stamp for the purpose of having but one stamp to place on registered mail matter. The department courteously wrote to me, acknowledging the receipt of the communication and asking me about how many I thought I would be able to use in the course of a year, for postage, if such a stamp were issued. I replied that, altho my business was small, I could use on registered mail and parcel post packages at an average of about 150 a month. Sometime later the department issued the 13c stamp.

I now have occasion to repeat my plea, and request for a 13c stamp. I note its absence in the beautiful new set that is now appearing and it has always been my idea that we should have all values, for business purposes, from 1c to 25c inclusive. This is not only a great convenience to large mail order concerns, because of the various amounts they use on parcel post packages, but it is also economy to the Government if one stamp could be used instead of two or three to make a combination. The 13c stamp is still useful and in demand, altho I understand that its use has been very limited, but I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that a parcel post package weighing 10c, insured for 3c would be 13c, again a parcel post package weighing 8c, insured for 5c, would be 13c. Again, there are many straight packages used at 13c. I have interviewed several postal clerks at our postal station and the main post-office, and they all agree that a 13c stamp is useful and they have frequent calls for 13c postage on packages and parcels.

Several of the clerks informed me that they thought the principal reason that the 13c stamp was not so popular, was because of the old superstition that thirteen was most unlucky and unfortunate, and if that be true would it not be a good idea to combat this superstition in our country?

CLARENCE H. EAGLE.

By Harold D. Watson.

On December 27, 1922, Clarence H. Eagle died at his home in Port Washington, L. I., after an illness of some months, in the sixty-sixth year of his age.

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—“Kindly permit me to correct a correction. In your issue of Jan. 20 Mr. Steinmetz takes issue with your translation of the phrase ‘Flug Ausgefallen’ as it appeared on certain Austrian Air Mail covers. Your rendition is absolutely correct, the meaning of tne phrase being, literally, ‘Flight fallen out’, namely—fallen out of the scheduled series of flights planned.”—H. G. ZERVAS.

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—*Phillips' Monthly Bulletin* has been re-issued after a vacation of several months. The new *Bulletin* is somewhat different in form from the old list, and as the name indicates, is to be issued regularly each month. The issue for February has just reached us.

IN ENGLAND.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Thanet Philatelic Society was held at the Grand Hotel, Cliftonville, on January 8th. The principal item on the Agenda was the question that the next Congress be invited to Margate.

The President, Mr. A. Leon Adutt, J. P., reported that the Congress, so far, had been booked up for different places in Great Britain up to the year 1929, with the exception of the year 1927, and it had been intimated to him on more than one occasion that another Congress at Margate would be welcome. He said: “It will be remembered that the previous Congress held in 1912 proved a great success, and the fact that a repetition was desired, would no doubt encourage those present to extend their invitation and improve on previous efforts if possible.”

After further discussion, it was proposed by Mr. C. Nixon of Ramsgate and duly supported by all present, that the Secretary, Mr. Frederick Stanley, be empowered to write to the Congress Committee inviting the Congress of 1927, to be held in Margate. After the usual Bourse and other items had been dealt with, the President, Mr. A. Leon Adutt, then gave a lecture entitled:—“Eighty Years of Postage Stamps;” this lecture was illustrated with 72 lantern slides and much appreciated, as it depicted the progress of Postage Stamps since their inception in 1840, and proved highly interesting, the slides being excellent photographs. On being thanked for his services that evening he was asked to convey the appreciation of all present, and due thanks to Major R. H. D. Lockhart, F. R. P. S. L., who wrote the lecture, and the Congress Committee for the loan of the same.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

ROBERT DAVID CRAIGHEAD.

MARCH 26, 1873—MAY 19, 1922.

TO R. D. C.

Lover of life and all things good,
Christian, citizen, gentleman,
Stamp collector, seeker of facts,
Traveler, guide and leader of men,
Friend of the poor, friend of the rich,
Best of all men I have known.
A. S. C.

Robert David Craighead began his career as a stamp collector when eight years of age. At twelve his family removed from Indiana to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., his father, Dr. Robert David Craighead, becoming the house physician in the Sanitorium of Dr. Sylvester Strong, his brother-in-law.

This change of residence offered new opportunities for stamp collecting, and while in High School, the young philatelist generally employed a force of fifteen schoolmates to sell his stamps, the proceeds being devoted to his collection.

Robert Craighead continued in Saratoga until twenty-five years of age, collecting stamps and learning the hotel business with the same ardent enthusiasm. In 1898 he decided to start in business for himself, and at this time opened the first Craig Hall in Atlantic City under the firm of Craighead and Craighead, his father being his partner.

As his business prospered, his interests widened until he gradually became identified with most of the movements for Civic betterment in Atlantic City. For many years he was a Trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, an dat the time of his death was the President of the Atlantic City Hotel Men's Association and of the Publicity Bureau. He was a member of Kiwanis and a Director of the Atlantic City National Bank, also Member No. 5266 of the American Philatelic Society and Vice-President of the Philadelphia Stamp Club.

His chief relaxation, besides stamp collecting, was travel, a delightful and inspiring adventure to a philatelist. It was so much more exciting to purchase an Italian stamp for use abroad in Peking, China, or to purchase at Port of Spain, Trinidad General Post Office a one anna India envelope surcharged on two annas six pies that was handed out and used in Trinidad, than to purchase them from prosaic approval sheets, want lists or dealers' stocks.

Mr. Craighead was a general collector, caring less for minor than for the more representative major varieties. His collection numbered over 33,000 different stamps, about 65 Countries being complete in their major varieties. He was very particular as to their condition, and except for those obtained in his boyhood, his stamps were especially well selected.

A fine stamp collection is a very intimate expression of a man's personality. It seems a pity to sell and scatter Mr. Craighead's collection, which represents the joyous occupation of the leisure of a lifetime. At this time, however, Atlantic City is planning to build a greater hospital. Mrs. Craighead desires to devote the funds obtained by the sale of her husband's collection to establish the eye clinic in this institution—as a memorial to Mr. Craighead and the stamps which were so dear to him.

O Spirit rare, death-cancelled though thou art,
Thy gentleness, the greatness of thy heart,
Thy loving wisdom, thy nobility
Continue in despite of that tranquility
By which thou art entranced.

O happy one, for whom even pleasure lends
Another avenue for blessing unknown friends,
Love offers to exchange thy precious stamps
For light, on eyes else dark to shining lamps.
M. N. C.

The first Auction Sale of the Craighead Collection, consisting of United States and British Colonies, will be held Wednesday evening, March 14th, at 8 P. M., in the Club Room of the Philadelphia Stamp Club. Catalogs will be mailed as usual to all our regular Bidders. If you are not on my mailing list for these explicit Auction Sale Catalogs, send in your request now.

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DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS.

By A. H. PIKE.

The "Philatelic Dictionary" published by MEKEEL'S was without doubt the best contribution to our literature produced during 1922. Every reader should assist in suggesting additions, or the improvement of definitions already covered. On one subject, especially, I would like to make some suggestions, but rather than give exact definitions, I would prefer to explain in my own way the meaning each word conveys to me and at the same time cover it as thoroughly as possible so that readers will understand. Words capitalized I would suggest should be included in their proper order in a philatelic dictionary.

POSTAL MARKINGS.—Almost from the earliest known records of letters or parcels being carried from one point to another, some sort of markings have appeared on the missive, placed there by those in whose care the message was intrusted. It is not necessary to give a history or even mention the variety of markings used, but covers are in existence showing dates previous to the year 1600. This antedates the postage stamp by 250 years or more. Many of these markings could not correctly be called postmarks, and none could be called cancellations, for during this period there was nothing in the way of postage stamps to be cancelled. Postal markings is a term used to designate impressions placed on mail matter by an authorized employee of the Post-office Department while he is on duty in his regular capacity of handling mail matter. Depending on the conditions effecting the particular piece in question, or the period during which it was mailed, the impressions as to size, design and general make-up would vary greatly. In defining this term it would not be necessary to enumerate the conditions. This general term can be used in describing any cover from the earliest known to exist to the present time and for all future times. Regardless of what methods might be used by the Postal Service of any country, there will be something in the way of postal markings on mail matter. The only exception we can think of at the present time is the privileges accorded publications having second class mailing rates, which is reckoned by bulk weight.

POSTMARKS. — This word is used by the Post-office Departments of all countries to designate that part of a postal marking which includes the name of a city (post-office), state and country, and when necessary the day, month, hour and year. Postmark impressions previous to 1880 were all made with hand stampers, that is, a device including a block on which was fastened the die on the face and was provided with some sort of a handle so that it could be easily applied. These die faces have been made of metal, rubber, wood, and perhaps other substances. Those who have made postmarks a study can readily distinguish impressions made from rubber or metal. The metal usually giving a clearer cut impression, where the rubber is flattened and a smoother impression.

At the present time and practically since about 1890, the U. S. P. O. Dept. have used exclusively at Fourth Class offices hand stampers with a rubber faced die, and metal faced stampers at first, second and third class offices. It is incorrect to use the word "postmark" for any postal marking other than one which at least includes name of post-office and state.

Since about 1863, hand stampers have been used with the cancellation attached on the same handle with the postmark, although not generally adopted until many years later. They still are used separately in some offices.

About 1885 the rapid cancelling machine was placed in use in some of the larger offices. From the very first machine placed in use envelopes were postmarked and cancelled in one operation. The postmark and cancelling die are two separate and distinct units and each are detachable and replaced separately. In speaking of these impressions, it is necessary to use the word "postmark" and "cancellation" or combining the two, as "postal markings".

Postmaster's stamps used for M. O. B., registered mail, parcel post, etc., are not intended to cancel postage stamps, and for that reason no cancelling die is included on the device. They are postal markings, but more strictly a postmark. There are instances where a postmark is placed directly on a postage stamp, and in this case it is also a cancellation, but more correctly speaking, it still remains a postmark. In most cases of this kind the postal employee, in using a postmarking stamp to cancel the postage, did so contrary to his instructions.

The main thing is to get the correct idea of what is intended and to define words with their true meaning rather than by mistakes of employees.

CANCELLATIONS.—Previous to the adoption of the postage stamp in any country, we could not truthfully say that cancellations appeared on mail matter. The word "cancellation" was not used by the Postal Service until there were postage stamps to be cancelled. When postage stamps were first placed in use practically all existing post-offices had been supplied with a postmarking stamper. This was used in cancelling the postage stamp until a regulation canceller had been provided. During this period the postmaster was required to obtain his postmarking devices in the open market. Various firms were supplying this equipment and these firms early placed on the market a separate hand stamper separate from the postmarking stamp to be used in cancelling the postage stamp. There was no government rules governing this equipmen at the time and postmasters suited their own conveniences and ideas as to the methods they used. They were fully aware of the fact that they must deface the postage stamp or cancel it in such a way that would prevent it being used a second time, but as to the method of doing this they were left to their own judgment and to the influence of manufacturers of such devices.

As a method of economy in some cases, and in others a means of showing their own talents and resourcefulness they carved out of rubber, metal, wood or cork such designs that suited their fancy and mounted these on handles and used this "home made" device to cance the postage stamps. Manufacturers also supplied these in many fancy designs and shapes and sold them to postmasters It did not seem to make any difference to the Post Office Dept. as long as the postage stamps were properly defaced

Somewhere around 1880 an attemp was made to standardize these marking and from that time on cancellation mark were of a more or less uniform desig and more and more of the postmarking devices supplied had a standard desig of canceller attached. Regardless o whether these cancellers were attache to the postmarking stamper or on separate handles, or if used on rapid cancelling machines, they are all classed a "cancellations" rather than postmarks In no sense should these two words b confused. They represent two separat and distinct conditions as well as equipment.

OBLITERATORS.—For a good many years this word has been used to designate a canceller. The dictionary defini tion of this word is "To blot out, t destroy, to render imperceptible, etc. This is not the intent of any cancella tion, although we will have to acknowl edge that at times we find postage stamp so cancelled. However, we must agai confine our definition to the intent rathe than the result in rare cases. If thi word is to be included in our philateli dictionaries, it would seem advisable t state that it has been used incorrectly t designate a cancellation on a postag stamp.

HAND STAMPER. — A device use by postal employees to impress the postmark on mail matter as well as cance

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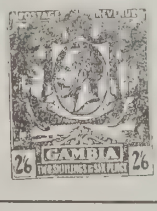

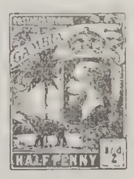

stage stamps. It is what its name im- ies, a hand device as distinguished from y machine which might be used for the rpose. Handstampers have been used mail matter for the past two hundred ars or more and are still in use, al- ough they have been replaced to a eat extent in the larger offices by the pid cancelling machines. Separate de- ces are supplied postmasters for post- arking and others for cancelling amps. Others are supplied having the stmark and cancellation on the same ad.

CANCELLING MACHINES.—Since 35, rapid cancelling machines, as they e generally called, have been supplied the larger offices, usually of the first ss, and in later years to the second ss and in certain cases to third class ces, depending on the amount of mail tter handled. Although called can- cling machines, they are in every case plied with a postmarking die as well a cancelling die, and perform the two es in one operation at a speed ranging m two to five hundred impressions minute, depending on the class of ma- ne used.

At least fourteen different makes of se machines have been placed on the rket and used in post-offices. Some e discontinued manufacturing and ers have been absorbed by other com- ies.

ADVERTISING MARKS.—Since the ent of the rapid cancelling machines large post-offices, they have afforded portunities of placing additional word- s in the cancellations and some bright d in the Postal Service conceived the a of advertising some national event his connection. This evidently proved antageous, and the practice has con- ued until most of the large offices now special dies of this kind almost con- ously. There is a difference of nion as to the proper designation of se markings. In the true sense of word they are not advertising post- ks, as the advertising part is included in the cancellation. They are more strictly speaking "advertising cancellations", or, as most collectors prefer to call them, "slogan cancellations". This latter we believe is more acceptable to the P. O. Dept.

POSTAL SERVICE. — We believe that a short history, or at least a description of the meaning of the "Postal Service", should be included in a philatelic dictionary. Although all might claim that they knew its meaning, its vast ramifications go even beyond the imagination of most of us. It is through this service that philately was born, and it is this service that is supplying us all with material on which philately thrives. All should be encouraged to study its workings, for "it is the greatest business in the world. It handles more pieces, employs more men, spends more money, reaches more homes and touches more interests than any other human organization". A record of the development of the postal service even in our own country reads like a romance and should be more interesting than fiction.

FAKED POSTAL MARKINGS.—As interest increases in postal markings, the value of postage stamps on the entire or part of the original cover raises the selling price all out of proportion to the recognized catalog value of the stamp alone. This will prompt a certain class of individuals to fake a postmark or cancellation if he thinks by so doing to realize a good profit. This practically compels all philatelists to make a careful study of postal markings, especially in connection with all issues of postage stamps that they specialize in. Stamps "cancelled to order" have a certain appeal to a few collectors, but this practice should be discouraged in every way possible. Postal markings in the true sense of the word are only those used officially on mail that has been actually transported by the Postal Service.

Another class of marking which we would like to have classed as "fakes" is a privately made stamp used on an entire either before mailing or after reaching its destination. We have in mind especially one that was used at Point Pleasant (Ohio) on Grant's birthday. In no stretch of the imagination could this be classed as a cancellation or even a postmark. Whether it was placed on the envelopes before mailing or after does not make any difference. In the first place, it was not official, it did not cancel the postage stamp as the regular postmarking stamp of Point Pleasant was used for this purpose. It is interesting only in the fact that it records an event, but not any more interesting than if it was printed in type in straight lines on a regular printing press.

When material of this kind can be sold, say, at 25c per cover or more, it only encourages individuals of an unreliable class to study ways and means of faking something out of the ordinary Most any of us could place an uncancelled postage stamp on an envelope, address the envelope and fake both the

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Nearly everybody nowadays has some sort of radio set and is receiving the voices of the air with more or less success; and it is a source of much gratification to us to know that an alliance has been made between radio and philately. We have mentioned before that the Burt McCann Company of Minneapolis was the first to join the two together, and we are sure that the consequences of the union will be advantageous to philately. In this connection we have received the following account from Mr. Edwin C. Brown that will be closely followed: "I believe that Miss McCann has advised you of the series of radio stamp talks that are in the process of being broadcast from the Minneapolis station WLAG. However, in my quadruple capacity as president of the Twin Cities Philatelic Society, as one of the 'stamp talkers' as a collector and as a reader of the WEEKLY, I want to add a word about these radio talks, in which no doubt you will be interested. These stamp talks are given by courtesy of the *Northwest Farmstead*, an agricultural paper of Minneapolis and are broadcast from WLAG, the big Minneapolis radio station; each talk is about fifteen minutes' duration and is given each Friday evening some time between 6.30 and 7.30 o'clock, standard central time. As you know, WLAG is the tenth largest radio broadcasting station in the country and these talks can readily be picked up at most any point on the continent. Arrangement for the giving of a series of talks weekly, to the number of twelve was made by the Burt McCann Company, and full credit for this innovation as far as it concerns philatelic matters is due the Burt McCann Company. These stamp talks are being given by various members of the Twin Cities Philatelic Society, made up of collectors living in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The first of these talks was given Friday evening, January 19, by Philip Little, Jr., on 'Some Benefits to be Derived from Stamp Collecting.' The second talk was given by the writer on the evening of January 26, on 'The Why and Wherefore of Stamp Collecting.' O. J. Olsen, St. Paul, will be 'on' February 2 and Harry S. Swensen, Gerald H. Burgess and others are scheduled to give talks on subsequent Friday evenings at the same hour. As far as I know this is the first occasion on which information as to philately has been disseminated by radio and collectors throughout the country might like to be advised of these talks through your columns. Word has already been received from collectors in various parts of the country, and even from Fresno, California, that Mr. Little's talk, the first given, was heard distinctly. We here are naturally interested in receiving word from those at a distance and it is suggested that those collectors who have 'listened in' drop a line to that effect to the Burt McCann Company, 321 Newton Avenue N., Minneapolis, Minn."

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We are made groggy by the reasoning of that philosopher of parts, Herbert Kaufman, in the course of a recent editorial in the King Features Syndicate brain-throbs of the aforesaid pundit. He says that we used a billion more stamps in the last half-year and that as stamps are the messenger boys of business, prosperity makes a cornucopia of each mail sack. He says that we notice that the European nations are not printing more stamps and that presses there are grinding out local money. He adds that if an American army goes to Europe, the American dollar will go to the devil. If Herbert Kaufman were a philatelist, he would be able to speak by the book on stamps, but not knowing of the Neurope stamp-making activities, he gives us the basis for three "hars" and a tiger. If the European nations are not printing more stamps, then a jackdaw sings like a bulbul. Judging from the quantity of new things in stamps that emanate in Europe and find their way to this country, the chief home industry in some of the places is day and night press-work. We understand that about the only prosperity that attends some of the countries who are grinding out stamps comes through the sale of them to collectors. Mr. Kaufman should be on the mailing list of some of the European dealers who shunt the new things over here in fat envelopes, if he would gain a liberal education about the stamp situation at present in the European countries.

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Covers received from Memel in the last few weeks have been disfigured, so far as the stamps on the envelopes are concerned, as each of the surcharged French stamps had a corner snipped off, evidently by shears, before it was pasted on the envelopes. Is this an instance of "spite" against the French surcharged stamps? We remember that Dr. Marchand for some time mutilated the revenue stamps that he used in 1898 and the few years following on his preparations, so as to render his special proprietary stamps valueless for collecting purposes, but no such motive can impel the truncation referred to on the Memel stamps. We have received from Lithuania some of the values of the current set with the surcharge "Centu", which we are told has some relation to our "cents". According to a newspaper, the cent is regarded as a standard of monetary unit in Memel!

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The Houston *Post* of January 21, 1923, makes a feature of a large illustration of Confederate locals on covers, with interesting text. The Beaumont, Independence and Goliad stamps are pictured on envelopes, while eight copies of the Goliad five and ten cent are used to fill in the cracks. As the subhead of the article says, these stamps "contribute materially to history of early days". We suspect that Mr. A. C. Schumacher of Houston was the fount of inspiration for the article and we are pleased to read the following observation: "The fact that these stamps illustrated were brought to light in the last few years, makes it possible that others may be discovered in the future, thereby revealing more of Texas' postal history." That is the way to talk, and we trust that the publicity so intelligently given by the *Post* will bring many happy returns. It should be realized that Confederate locals have an especial historical appeal to the sections that brought them into being and in state historical collections in the South, they should have honorable place.

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Here is a modern wrinkle that upsets one of the traditions of the stamp trade. Dealers and collectors alike dream of the possibilities of the old collection in the hands of a person who does not know its value and of the possibility of annexing finds made by non-philatelists. These chances are regarded as a sort of intangible asset of the stamp business. Now, however, comes a dealer who says that he wishes that he could eliminate all non-collectors from his business considerations, as they waste so much of his time that any profit that comes through them is wiped out by the "overhead" in attending to them. In the long run, he finds it better to deal only with folks who know about stamps rather by indulging that hope that springs eternal to encompass a "snap". We suspect that a hard trip just taken by the dealer in the hope of tracking certain rarities to their lair was responsible for this outburst; it is needless to say that he returned bootless, even though he was assured that the stamps were to be found just begging for someone to take them away. Now, the most glowing accounts of finds awaiting discovery have no response for him, and they leave him cold.

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ping from the Utica *Daily Press*,
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ST. KITTS TERCENTENARY. 1923.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

In connection with the plans for celebrating in 1923 the 300th anniversary of the landing of Sir Thomas Warner and his men at Old Road Bay, and the subsequent colonisation of the island, the issue of a special series of stamps was suggested by the Colonial Postmaster, George H. King, as a means of raising funds for a permanent memorial of the celebrations.

The Colonial Office readily gave permission for the issue of a series of commemorative stamps, and from suggestions submitted by the local authorities, De La Rue & Co., Ltd., were asked to prepare a sketch of a design. This was received at Basseterre in July, 1922, and approved by the Administration with certain modifications, which it was not possible to incorporate in view of the desire to have the stamps in issue as early in 1923 as possible.

In the September, 1922, communique of the Crown Agents, the stamps were announced as being in preparation:

"To mark the Tercentenary of the colonisation of St. Kitts, a complete series of pictorial stamps is being issued, which will be used in the Presidency concurrently with the existing local and Federal Leeward Islands issues during the year 1923.

"The design of the stamps will be a picture representing Old Road Bay, with Mount Misery in the background, and a 17th century ship in the foreground. In addition to 'St. Kitts-Nevis, 1923', and the usual 'Postage-Revenue', the inscription 'The Founding of the Colony of St. Kitts, 1623' will appear under the vignette. The stamps will have the centers in black, and the borders in colour. The following values have been ordered: ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 2s 6d, 5s, 10s and £1."

The stamps were received at Basseterre, St. Kitts, about the middle of December, and were on display in a case, in advance of being issued Tuesday, January 2nd, 1923. They are of large receipt size, horizontal rectangular in form, measuring 30x25 mm., typographically printed in two colors, the center in each case being in gray black. The sheets are of 60 stamps, 5 horizontal by 12 vertical, and the watermark is sideways to the right. There is a double marginal line, the inner one being in the color of the frame, and the outer in that of the vignette.

The vignette shows a 17th century sailing vessel in Old Road Bay, on the west coast of the island (the landing place of Sir Thomas Warner and his men), with Mount Misery (3711 ft. high) rising in the distance. Legend has it that it was in this mountain Christopher Columbus saw a likeness to St. Christopher carrying the infant Saviour on his shoulders, and so gave to the island its name. It is also claimed that the island was named after his patron saint. The vignette is very indistinct, the vessel much too large, and the mountains in the background do not show up to advantage.

The frame design is very elaborate, too much so, in fact, as it takes up space which might better have been used for the vignette. The opening in the frame for receiving the vignette impression is very irregularly shaped, which of course affects the vignette, and detracts considerably from the appearance of the stamps. At the top of the frame "St. Kitts-Nevis" with "1923" in very small figures below, conforms to the vignette opening, which is rounded at the top. At the sides are pillars, inscribed "Postage" at the left and "Revenue" at the right. Squares in the lower corners contain the value, and between these are three lines of lettering, "The Founding —of the Colony of St. Kitts—1623". All inscriptions are colorless. In the upper corners are representations of flowering plants.

There are twelve values to the series, as in the current double medallion series, but the only values so far seen by the writer are the following:—

Jan. 2, 1923. Tercentenary of "The Founding of the Colony of St. Kitts, 1623-1923." Old Road Bay, St. Kitts, with 17th century sailing vessel in foreground, and Mount Misery in background. "Postage & Revenue". Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA, sideways to the right.

½d green and gray black.
1d purple and gray black.
1½d red and gray black.
2d gray and gray black.
3d ultramarine and gray black.

Double Medallion Series, Color Changes, 1922.

A new color has been introduced by the Crown Agents for the 1d stamp of St. Kitts-Nevis, officially termed "blue purple", but in reality, a deep violet. It was issued in August, 1922. In July were issued the 2½d brown and 3d ultramarine. Until the present stock of the 1½d orange on multiple Crown CA paper is exhausted, this value will not be printed in red. The same frame or duty plates were used as previously, but sheets of the 2½d brown and 3d ultramarine have but a single marginal line, that of the vignette plate having been removed. The 1d has a double marginal line as before.

1922. Presidency series, double medallion type. King George V and seal of St. Kitts (2½d) or Nevis (1d, 3d). Watermarked multiple Crown and script, sideways to right. Perf. comb. 14. Unsurfaced paper.

1d deep violet,	August 1922.
2½d brown,	July 1922.
3d ultramarine,	July 1922.

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* 1918, 6 var. (128-133)	.22	.08
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postmark and cancellation. There are plenty of manufacturers where these special dies could be made. When there is a possibility of selling a hundred or so of these covers at 25c or more, there would be a handsome profit to the faker. To feature such covers as being of value, we are only encouraging fraud.

METERED MAIL.—The first use of metered mail was several experimental mailings sent through the Chicago office during the early months of 1914. Special permission was secured by A. H. Pitney, the inventor of the first machine used for this purpose. It was not until early in 1921 that the Postage Meter Co. actually sold a machine that would print a permit on an envelope that was recognized by the P. O. Dept. as postage. These impressions from metered machines include the name of the post-office and state with day, month and year and sometimes the hour in the postmarking die. The cancellation, or more correctly speaking, the indicia, must contain the permit number, the amount of postage and the number of the meter used. There are several designs of First Class Mail Permits, but only two designs have been used officially that can be classed as "metered mail", and these in all cases show the number of the meter. Those permits that do not show a meter number are not metered mail and should not be so classed.

MAIL PERMITS.—Strictly speaking, this covers classifications of mail matter on which the mailer has secured special permission from the P. O. Dept. at Washington to send out mail without postage stamps affixed. Previous to 1920 only Third Class mail matter was permitted to be sent out in this way. An ordinary design of three or four lines enclosed in a rectangle was printed in the upper right hand corner of the envelope and included the name of the city and state with a permit number and amount of postage.

In 1920 the Postmaster General asked for and obtained from Congress legislation authorizing the extension of the Permit system to first class mail. On June 8, 1920, a firm in Washington, D. C., was the first to take advantage of this privilege. There are five distinct designs of U. S. first class mail permits, only four of which are official. Only two of these designs are of metered mail; the rest are made on ordinary printing presses or on special designs of sealing machines on which a special device has been added to print the indicia. These are classed as permit printers.

Since the adoption of First Class Mail Permits, the P. O. Dept. have permitted users of Third Class Mail Permits to adopt a similar design, but these are invariably sent out without being dated. There is a distinct difference, however, between impressions used on the different classification of permit mail.

THE AUCTIONEER.

By ALBERT SALATHE.

Some months ago I strayed into a jewelry auction sale on Broadway and was rather deeply impressed with the psychology of the auctioneer. I went home and wrote the following verses as a record of what I had seen and heard. There is considerable poetic license, but then, I am only a chemistry professor; I have never had the honor to attend a stamp auction, but mean to right soon. Are some of them like this?:—

"I went to an auction sale today
And saw much jewelry 'given away';
So the auctioneer said, at any rate.
'Here's a cluster, let me see the date;
Yes, 'twas bought in April, nineteen two—
Yes, I'm an Irishman, not a Jew—
A tourmaline cluster set with pearls,
Who's going to buy it for one of his girls?
Eighty dollars is the price on the tag;
Buy it, boys, for Maud or for Mag!
Who'll give me a bid, say fifty, say ten!
One? You don't want it, say ten, say ten!
Two? Yes, I'm giving this thing away;
But you won't get this for two today.
Somebody start it, say ten, say five;
Three? Goodness, gracious, sakes alive!
Four? All right, I'll take your bid,
You're awfully cautious, look out, you'll skid.
Four, four, four, four, four, say five,
The crowd swarms round like bees in a hive;
Will nobody raise that bid of four?
Say five, say five, say four and a half,
Don't stand there asleep like the fatted calf.
Say four and a half, say four and a quarter,
My goodness, folks, I need some water!'
'Four ten' said a boob; 'four ten' went the hammer,
Took the boob off his feet like a Katzenjammer.
The auctioneer worked so hard today
Trying to give good jewelry away."

SYRACUSE (N. Y.) STAMP CLUB.

The artistic and interesting exhibit of the Syracuse Stamp club continues to hold the attention of throngs who are visiting the Syracuse public library, where for the third year it is being held. Thousands of rare stamps of every country and in every design and color fill the large cases.

New selections are being presented from the collections of George P. Weiland, Harry A. Jeffery and A. A. Leve. Including in the display this week are early United States stamps, stamps on original letters, cancellations, United States stamps used during the civil war and marks which were used before stamps came into existence. Another change in the display will be made next Monday. The exhibition will close February 3.

The exhibit has brought together on a common ground many Syracusans and residents of suburban towns. They have not only enjoyed the inspection of the stamps, but have obtained much social enjoyment during the exhibit. New members have been added to the membership of the club and general satisfaction has been expressed over the exhibit.

Mr. Leve, an enthusiastic stamp collector for 30 years, expressed the belief last night that the study of stamps would be introduced in the schools before long. He said it would prove an interesting and profitable mental occupation for boys who today are spending their idle moments in pool rooms.—*Post-Standard.*

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PRO JUVENTUTE.

By W. H. Lawson.

(This is the Paper adjudged by the Selection Committee at Bath to be the best paper before the Ninth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, and awarded the "Telfer" Cup.)

Vhen we look back and survey the d of philately since these congresses e inaugurated, the outstanding imssion left on the mind is the marked gress that has been made in standardg and stabilizing all matters relating philately. Personally I am satisfied this is but the first wave of a big vard movement of all that belongs to science study, or hobby—call it what will. I am further satisfied that I y all true philatelists with me when ay that one of the most important stions which we, as members of this gress, have to deal with is:—Can devise any means by which philately the future, and, incidentally, these gresses, may be guided by earnest, ghtful, and progressive philatelists? nswer yes unhesitatingly, and the ct of my paper is to endeavour to ine some such means.

efore proceeding to outline such ns as I have in mind, I will mention a few of the excellent reasons why should endeavour to interest our ng friends in our hobby, and (ii) ain "don'ts" which we should keep in mind when dealing with the com- generation of philatelists.

ome of the excellent reasons above rred to are:—

Its real Value as a Hobby.—The without a hobby misses much, and pity him. Now I think it is aded that philately is not only the y of Kings, but also the King of ies. It would be idle to attempt to e the point to such an audience, but an personally testify to the great sure and real recreation that it rds me.

Its Educational Value.—This, n, is now readily admitted, and, so as history and geography in particuare concerned, stamp collecting is helpful to young people.

Its Value in Cultivating the Faculty keen Observation.—Everyone here testify as to this, and anyone who been interested in a number of g people who collect stamps cannot have been astonished at the manner hich the observing powers of many em have been developed.

Its Value in the Direction of Good wship.—Anyone who is a member good philatelic society, or who has the good fortune to attend one of admirably arranged Congresses, at once endorse this opinion. Furmany of us have found that the of stamp collecting has opened up many pleasant companionships and a few real and lasting friendships. ubt if there is anything, other than masonry, which has the same power 'open sesame" as is possessed by p collecting.

e will now deal with the "don'ts," use it is always advisable to get rid egatives" before beginning to erect ucture, if we hope to leave it, when ied, not only lasting, but effective.

1 *Don't give indefinite Advice to Bers or to Young Collectors.*—It is, I , much more desirable that advice ch a case should be definite, and reasons should be advanced for the e recommended. To an intelligent r girl this is a great deal more satory than to be told—as is done, s own confession, by a well known telist—"Oh, collect what you like, ing and everything." Recommend l means, if you think fit to do so, eral collection, but at the same time t out the real difficulties which will perienced in making anything like presentative one, or, indeed, in ng anything like a "pleasing show," e collection will of necessity have housed in a printed album.

2 *Don't hesitate to offer Advice.*—I atisfied that advice, if tactfully ofe, is nearly always accepted, very te acted upon, and not infrequently mbered with gratitude at a later te

3. *Don't withhold Advice.*—I hesitated at first to put this down, as I feel sure that no one in the audience would do this intentionally; but, on thinking the point over, it occurred to me that there might be circumstances under which it might be done unintentionally. Surely the very ethics of philately require that, if we have information of value, we should pass the "good news" on, and, conversely, that we should, whenever possible, point out the "rocks" to be avoided.

4. *Don't make Gifts of "throw-outs" —i.e. damaged, badly soiled, or heavily postmarked Copies.*—I fear that there are many sinners in this respect—"sinners" simply because we very often in this way unconsciously give the young collector a wrong idea as to what is good and proper. It appears to me to be much better to destroy a damaged stamp, unless it is a really valuable one, than to pass it on. It is most disappointing to a young collector to suddenly find out that what he thought was a reasonably good stamp is worthless because (i) the perforations down one side are missing, or (ii) it has been cut to shape, or (iii) it is hopelessly thinned, or (iv) it is dirty or stained or crumpled beyond redemption, or (v) it is so heavily cancelled that, in place of being a stamp, it would more correctly be described as a good specimen of a very heavy postmark. In this connection I will tell you a story about a young friend of mine who was seven or eight years of age when the following incident happened:—He was away from home, and the lady of the house at which he was staying learned that he had started to collect stamps. The dear old soul—she was nearly ninety years of age—said she would look up some letters with "Swan" stamps on them. Next day, to the great delight of the little boy, a then current low value Western Australia stamp was given to him. The day following he was handed another piece of original with two low valued stamps on it. He was justly delighted, and took his treasure into a corner of the room to have a good look at it. His face clouded, and after a moment or two he edged his way to the side of the old lady, and to her astonishment said: "Thank you, I don't want these stamps; they are not good enough copies for my collection. One of them is all postmark and the other one is torn."

5. *Don't let any of your Young Friends be under any misunderstanding as to what advertised "Free Gifts" really mean.*—The firms who advertise "free gifts" are business people, and if they give anything away they naturally see that they receive back the price of the "free gift," and usually something more, from the purchases which usually follow.

6. *Don't let them, if you can prevent it, develop into School Touts for Firms who specialize in Approval Sheets for Young Collectors.*—Agency or commission business of this sort is to my mind objectionable because, as a rule: (*a*) *the* "Agent" usually pushes the sale of the stamps for the sake of what he can make out of them; (*b*) it certainly does not improve the status of the "Agent" in the school, and (*c*) the stamps on such sheets are usually priced very high.

7. *Don't be superior, even unconsciously.*—It is not always an easy task to reply, in simple language, to a very simple question. We should, however, try to do so because we know how in the ordinary affairs of life we object to receiving an explanation which is "above our heads" or which is offered with a consciously superior air. A somewhat frequent pitfall in this direction is, I fear, often met with when we are asked to look at a very elementary collection.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Now for the "means" by which we can interest our young friends.

1. *Formation of intelligently and progressively conducted Societies managed by the Scholars or Students themselves.*—There can be no question whatever but that such Societies are a powerful factor in stimulating an interest in stamp collecting, and incidentally in discovering and developing the philatelist of the future. I lay special stress on the fact that they should be managed by the scholars themselves. This, of course, does not mean but that some little direction may reasonably be given to them at the beginning by some interested senior, but the sooner the members realize that they have to do for themselves, the better for the success of the society, and it begets that spirit of independence which is of so great a value in the development of young people. This principle has been abundantly proved of recent years in connection with ordinary school affairs.

2. *Papers, Displays and Competitions by the Scholars.*—Here again I think it will be readily admitted by my hearers that this is a most excellent direction in which interest may be stimulated. Personally, I have been much impressed by the excellent character of the papers given in connection with the school society with which I am closely connected. So far as displays are concerned, this unquestionably tends to develop neat arrangement and that sense of balance which is so essential in an effective exhibit or a well arranged collection. With regard to competitions, what I have in my mind particularly is the arrangement of a sheet of so many stamps in a given time. This will be familiar

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UNITED STATES.—Through the courtesy of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Mr. L. A. Hill, we are able to continue our list of plate numbers and bring them up to and including January 23, 1923. It will be noted that in this list we find out first 4c coils of the new design, these first plates bearing numbers 14189 and 14190. In addition, we have our first 1c rotary plates of 400 subjects so that we may look for the 1922 1c rotary, perforated 10, in the near future. The Bureau, however, has on hand a substantial stock of the old design, so that it may be some weeks before these reach the public.

In this list we also find the first 1c, design of 1922, in booklet form, twelve plates being made for these booklets. The single $1 plate with the Lincoln Memorial bearing number 14268 has been completed and I saw a proof from the plate when recently in Washington. It is a very handsome stamp and to my way of thinking will be the most attractive in the series. This plate will be used for printing the supply that will be placed on sale along with the new 3c at the Philatelic Stamp Agency at Washington on February 12th next.

The entire list shows plates of the 1922 series only and it seems odd that so shortly after the new issue begins that the older issues are among the missing. Quite likely we have seen the last plates of the former series, for as there is a demand for new plates, the Bureau completes the new die.

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14225-228	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14229-236	10c	Ord.	1922	400
14237-238	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14239-242	9c	Ord.	1922	400
14243-246	1c	Ord.	1922	400
14247-249	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14250-253	1c	Book	1922	360
14254-261	10c	Spec. Del.	1922	200
14266-267	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14268	$1	Ord.	1922	200
14269-272	1c	Book	1922	360
14273-280	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14281-284	1c	Ord.	1922	400
14285-288	5c	Ord.	1922	400
14289-290	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170

In MEKEEL'S for January 6, 1923, mention was made of the "Pacific Sea Post-Offices", the first trip from America to Japan being from Seattle to Yokohama on the Admiral Line steamer, "President Jackson". Mr. L. A. Boone now sends for inspection a cover used on the first return trip of the steamer, the cover having a 10 sen Japanese stamp cancelled at Tokio on December 23rd.

Mr. Warner Bates kindly sends for inspection a copy of the 3c green, with gash on shoulder somewhat similar to the well known variety to be found in the 3c of the 1851 and 1857 issue.

Shanghai.—Mr. H. W. Porter kindly sends me a copy of the 4c on 2c Shanghai overprint on cover used on December 31, 1922, the last day of the American Post-Office. The office closed on that day and all stock remaining will be sent to Washington, where they will be turned over to the Philatelic Stamp Agent. After this supply is gone, there will be no more available through the Department, for no more overprinting will be done.

We wish to thank Messrs. W. A. Beach, F. R. Demmerly, Joe Robert, Benj. Cadbury and others for notes of interest.

CEYLON.—Messrs. F. M. Pinto and K. Mudiyanse send us a cutting from the *Morning Leader* of November 3rd, stating that the new 20c stamps were expected shortly and would be put on sale after the usual one month's notice had been given to the Crown Agents.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Circular.*

GERMANY.—Mr. J. L. Riedel also sends us three copies of new values of Official stamps that have recently been issued. They are 75pf blue, 3mk red on rose and 10mk green on rose. Each is of a different design.

GIBRALTAR.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a copy of the 1sh printed on emerald surfaced paper with a pale green back.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a copy of the 1½d postage due stamp: The color is chocolate in the same design as the other values in this issue.

INDIA.—According to the *Philatelic Journal of India*, the 1 rupee, K. G., is now appearing in olive-green and brown, ordinary and service. The previous greens vary from rather pale green to deep green, and Mr. Godinho recently reported blue-green. The browns also show shades. There are also displaced centres. The stamp is thus acquiring extra philatelic interest.

Our contemporary mentions the 8 annas lilac and the 1 rupee, ordinary, with
inverted Star watermark; these are ver
seldom met with, and we should be gla
to hear of any other example.—*Stam
Collecting.*

JOHORE.—We are informed by Mr.
Roberts of the following on script wate
marked paper: 5c lilac and sage gree
6c lilac and claret, 10c lilac and yello
and 12c lilac and ultramarine.

KEDAH.—Mr. R. Roberts advises
the appearance of the 30c carmine an
black on script watermarked paper.

NYASALAND.—Mr. Fred Stephe
quotes a letter from the Postmaster
Zomba, stating that the 3d Script an
emerald 1s are not likely to be issued f
six months.—*S. G. Monthly Circular.*

PALESTINE.—Our Jerusalem corr
spondent informs us that all stamps bea
ing the Royal Cypher watermark we
withdrawn from sale at all Post-Offic
on November 5th, and replaced by th
new issue on script CA watermark
paper.—*W. K.& Co.'s Bulletin.*

PERSIA.—All stamps of the current
sue, bearing the Shah's portrait (ty
"II" in our catalogue) were overprint
"Controle 1922" and issued on 3rd Ag
rab (October 28th), unsurcharged stam
were demonetised, and not accepted f
payment of postage after November 4
This proceeding is said to have be
necessary in consequence of a change
the Directorship of Posts.—*W. K.
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SIAM.—Our Bangkok Special Corr
spondent, Mr. Chan Chin Joo, kind
sends us an envelope sent by air po
from Roi-Ed to Bangkok; it is frank
with two of the current 5sat red a
hesives, cancelled by a huge circul
obliteration in which is the device of
aeroplane together with town and da
in English and native characters.—*Stan
Collecting.*

ST. KITTS.—Mr. R. Roberts sends
the following values of the new Terce
tenary Commemoration Set: ½d gre
and black, 1d purple and black, 1½d r
and black, 2d grey and black, 2½d brow
and black, 3d blue and black, 6d viol
and black, 1sh olive green and black,
on white paper, script watermarked; 2
blue and black on blue, script wate
marked; 2/6 carmine and black on bl
script watermarked; 5sh scarlet and bla
on old yellow paper, old watermar
10sh carmine on bright emerald pap
all through, script watermark; 1 pou
lilac and black on red, old waterma
The stamps are all of the same desig
with the words "St. Kitts-Nevis 192
at the top and below the inscription "T
founding of the colony of St. Ki
1623". In the centre is picture of t
ship that brought the colonists to t
shores of this land.

SARAWAK.—Mr. R. Roberts sends
a copy of the 12c stamp in blue, a ne
color.

URUGUAY.—A. H. Davies informs
that a new issue of 2c stamps has a
peared; the colour is practically the sa
as the previous issue, but a faint wate
mark, reading "Republica del Urugua
is apparent. These stamps have be
printed locally, as the contract wi
Waterlow's did not materialize, it havi
been decided on the score of econo
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AMONG THE RAREST OF THE PROVISIONAL STAMPS.

By W. WARD.

Now that the final printings of the Provisional Government stamps have been concluded, it is for the first time possible to give some proper list of the known errors, and in most instances their history. True, there is a possibility of errors in the new SAORSTAT EIREANN overprint, but now such a careful scrutiny is ordered by the authorities, that should such occur it is not very likely that they would see the public light or sale across a post-office counter. I believe that in the new permanent series (not the 2d value) that an error was discovered after a few sheets were printed, but it was at once corrected.

The first discovered error was discovered on the 2d value, with the overprint inverted, and it was reported in the philatelic press as having been found at Cork, but little was known at the time, until another error was discovered at Matlock, Derbyshire, England, contemporary with finds of the same stamp (the die II of the two-penny value) all postmarked from Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. The English find was a romance, and a singular coincidence that an English collector, walking down a Matlock street, should "spot" an envelope bearing one of the then "new" stamps lying in the gutter—and on examination, discover that the overprint was inverted. The envelope had evidently been cast aside by some agricultural labourer, who had received a letter from home in County Wexford. Others were found among insurance correspondence, but as at least 240 (the number of stamps in a sheet) must exist, there are many yet to be accounted for. As the stamp is worth anything from £4 to £10, who knows but that it may be discovered in the most unlikely place.

Dr. Stafford Johnson of Dublin, also gives the interesting history of the find of the die I 2d (both these stamps being in the first *black* overprintings). A friend of mine had occasion to buy two stamps at the Grand Parade Post Office, Cork, on February 17th last, and noticing that they were upside down, he asked if there were any more. The assistant said she had another sheet also "upside down," and he bought the lower half of a sheet of 120. The day following a Dublin collector received a letter from Cork, bearing one of these inverted overprinted stamps, and at once wrote to the Cork firm, who were able to obtain him 20 more. Thus, only trace has been made of some 140 of these die I stamps out of the known 480 on sale at Cork. Another sheet is also known to have been found in Dublin, but I believe that it will be kept intact and never placed on the market. These are worth about £4 each. The next error we have record of, is that three sheets of the ½d Dollard overprint, were discovered in a Dublin Post Office. Getting to the ears of Mr. Walsh, orders were given that they had to be withdrawn from sale and destroyed, but already one sheet had been sold to a collector, who in turn sold half of it to an English dealer, kept a small corner "block" for his own collection, and disposed of the balance to a Dublin firm. Thereby hangs a tale of timidity.

The English dealer, after offering several clients, found that many collectors were doubtful as to whether other errors might not appear, and he appears to have had difficulty in disposing of the bulk of the stamps, for he then offered as low as 30sh each. Actually, of course, the stamp is three times rarer than the 2d die I.

Then came the 1d Dollard printing inverted, in the discovery of odd used pairs, whose value at the present day is round about £20 per pair, though odd unused copies have been offered as low as £4 each.

On the morning of the first bombardment of the Four Courts, a well known Dublin firm made a purchase of its usual supplies of stamps at the O'Connell Street Chief Office, and during the stamping of the mail it was noticed that one of the sheets was inverted. The Manager being a philatelist, the bulk were "saved." This stamp was the newly issued 2d die II, with the overprint in bronze-blue. Practically no copies of this error have been placed on the market, as the philatelist is keeping for personal exchange for other stamps to enrich his own collection—but it may well be estimated to possess an equal value with the ½d and 1d errors mentioned.

The 2d die I with bronze-blue overprint was also "discovered" in Dublin, and also has an interesting history. About the middle of November, a hotel manager purchased two-shillingsworth of 2d stamps at a Dublin district post-office. It was not until he had used all except three specimens on his correspondence, when he noticed that there seemed something peculiar about the stamps, and he drew a customer's attention to them. It was then noticed that they were inverted! The three remaining copies were eventually distributed among friends. Thus, somewhere, there are 237 other specimens of Die I 2d that may be discovered, and represent at least £4 each to their lucky finders.

So much for the inverted errors that were issued by "accident." It is, however, known that all values to 1sh exist inverted, but these were never sold by the Post Office Department, and indeed it is to be hoped that the present owner will in order to prevent them getting on the market, present them to the Leinster Irish National Postage Stamp Collection, as they can never have a proper philatelic value, and I believe will never attain catalogue rank as "issued stamps" —being merely "stillborn."

Other errors of overprinting have appeared, and many are of interest. In the misplaced printings, top rows of stamps will be found without the date "1922"—the dates of the bottom row, of course, being printed on the margin; and the lowest row with the word "Rialtas," which again in the top row appears below the date.

Compositors' errors had to happen, of which the most regular appear to have been in one or two settings of the Thom surcharges, the letter "c" for "e". This is not a broken "e", but due to the defective "slug" or "worm" of the operator's machine throwing the matrixes into the wrong box when feeding. Also varieties of a full colon and a full point (or stop) occur in place of the "i" in Rialtas. These appear only in the Thom printings, though of course there are many broken letters, due to stereoing in both Thom and Dollard overprints, due to either the non-elasticity or flaws in the metal composition, or particles of dirt in the papier-mache "positive". Tail-less "9's" in the Dollard printings are frequent, due to the protruding tail of the antique 9 being gradually worn off by the ink rollers, especially on the bottom rows, where the roller "jumps."

Misplaced settings are frequent and regular in both printings, as the word Rialtas not being centered, the "R" falling over the "S" or "Se" of Sealadac, while in the Dollard printings, overprints will be found to have shifted in the forme, so that each line is on the slope on one or two stamps, thus being out of alignment to the rest.

Another notable variety is to be found on the early black printings of the 1½d where once in a sheet the British stamp

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has the word of value spelt "Threehalfpencf"—this variety in pair with the normal stamp being worth about £4.

The quantities of these varieties being comparatively so small as numbers go in the philatelic world, it stands to reason that in a very short time they must soar in price. As example there were 249 copies of the 1a on 20 paras Baghdad provisional stamps printed, which are now worth £30, and 820 of the 2 annas on 1 Piastre small pictorial which is now worth £10, and as with the possible exception of the die I, 2d inverted the Irish Provisionals are not only scarcer, but are much more popular with collectors throughout the world, generally, and now that the Provisional Government overprint is finished, there will be no further possibility of more appearing on the market.

It might be thought that here would be the opportunity for the forger, but stamp collecting and philately has got to such a degree of fine art these days, that even if the faker could manage to imitate successfully, the fact of his offering more than an occasional stamp would be rapidly known, and enquiries would be made. Only during the past few weeks a Chevalier d'Industrie has been carefully *painting out* the lower bar of the "E" in the 1½d to make the error "halpencf"—but his sales must be very minute, as the persons who are likely to be "stung" with his work are not likely to expend two or three pounds on a stamp—and the collector these days generally has some friend to whom he exhibits his latest "find"—so that a "fake" has more chances of being discovered than hiding its shameless face!

There can be no question but that a collection of Ireland's first provisional stamps made now, will show a wonderful return on its outlay in quite a comparatively short period. The numbers that have been printed are quite out of proportion to the numbers of collectors, who are ready to buy values say only to the 1sh, and as example, only a week or two back a German firm of wholesale stamp dealers asked me to quote for 50,000 used sets up to 1sh! One could not get 2½d, 5d or 10d values to fill such an order at any price—unless the Postmaster-General ordered their reprinting, which however he assures us there will be no further issue. There are not enough of most values to go round collectors in the British Empire, who do not possess nearly so many enthusiastic philatelists as most of the large Continental Countries, or the United States. So that it will be seen that the popularity of the first Irish stamps rests not only philatelically, but on the laws of supply and demand.

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to you all in view of the competitions of this character which the Junior Philatelic Societies have in London. Here I might remark incidentally that we had them in Liverpool before we knew that the Junior Society had them.

3. *Papers and Displays by other than Scholars.*—These should only be very occasional, but they are advisable as they make a break in the scholars' efforts, and, further, usually result in some good country or some interesting stamps being shown.

4. *Literature.*—Many seniors are often at a loss to know what to do with old magazines. In future, send them to some Junior Society, as also any text-books or old—but not pre-historic—catalogues for which you no longer have use. Judging by my experience, they will certainly be appreciated, and, in all probability, much used.

5. *The issue of a Magazine, say once a term for the Society itself.*—This in my experience is a very attractive feature, and it is most desirable that, if possible, all the articles should not only be original but should be written by the members—with occasional ones by friends. The advent of a new number of the magazine is looked forward to with much interest, and much trouble is taken to get an early sight of it. "Our own society's magazine" brings that potent factor "the personal equation" into the question. As an example of what can be done in this direction, I am passing round some numbers of the magazine of the Liverpool College Philatelic Society, and whilst you will only be able to glance at these, you will observe that the class of the articles is of quite a high standard and that the production of the magazine itself leaves little to be desired. The first number of the magazine was typewritten by the Secretary, who at that time was a schoolboy of sixteen years of age, but the subsequent ones have been typewritten at his father's office. The binding for the protection of the typed matter is, as you will observe, of a very simple character.

6. *Lantern Lectures occasionally.*—These again are an excellent means of stimulating interest, particularly at the beginning of a season, or when it is desired to increase membership. Experience points to great interest being taken in them, and my only regret is that there is not a greater number of sets of slides available. In this connection I would like to commend the work of the Extension Sub-Committee to all those who are interested in philately amongst the young.

7. *Framed Sheets of Stamps.*—These can be made very attractive, and, if the stamps chosen have historical or classical interest (for example, such as those of Egypt or Greece), they can be presented to schools and find a permanent place on the walls of form rooms. This naturally results in permanent philatelic propaganda amongst the young. I am sending round such an exhibit showing some Egyptian stamps, which, as you will observe, has been given to the Liverpool College Philatelic Society; and I might mention that I hope, during the next few months, to prepare several other such sheets, which I trust will be accepted by the Liverpool College and other leading schools in and about Liverpool.

8. *Get the Principal or Head Master to take a passive interest if nothing more, in the School Society.*—Speaking from personal experience, this is not a difficult matter in view of the now generally accepted value of stamp collecting so far as the study of geography, history, etc., is concerned. The advantage of the principal being interested is that you get a good form room, or perhaps the library, placed at your disposal for the meetings, which should be held, if possible, in the evenings, preferably on a Saturday, after tea, following the afternoon's games. A comfortable library with a good fire, abundant light, and a party of alert schoolboys leaves little to be desired on a winter's night so far as a good stamp meeting is concerned.

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In this connection I will now pa round an exhibit consisting of two se tions. There were two consideratio which weighed with me when I pr pared them, primarily for the benefit my young friends. The first was show how great a scope there is respect of a particular type of stamp, which in the ordinary course a sing copy satisfies most collectors. The se ond factor was to produce tangible ev dence that a great deal of enjoyme can be secured, and a very good exhib made, of stamps that cost *very litt indeed*, which consideration is, as I a

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Friends have on two or three occasions taken an envelope full of these, or similar stamps, to the school philatelic meetings, in which I am interested, and, after the paper dealing with such a subject as those suggested by the two exhibits now circulating has been read, the boys have had an opportunity of making a selection. This has in several cases set some member, probably rather more enthusiastic than his fellows, collecting on special lines, and most praiseworthy collections have been the outcome.

12. *Showing and explaining Forgeries.*—This is a never failing source of interest to young collectors, and the pertinent questions which result are most interesting and oftentimes most instructive. I will pass round two exhibits—Brazil and Sicily, which are the type of exhibit that arouses considerable interest. Further, I also pass round a collection of forgeries, arranged on Shakespearean lines, which is a never ending source of interest to the senior members of school societies. As you will observe, I am largely indebted to Mr. Higlett for the quotations with which it is adorned.

13. *Encouraging the Members to take up Outside Subjects.*—The natural result of a boy being ahead of others or having a line to himself is good, and I am sure you will be interested to see the small collection of national advertising postmarks or cancellations which I am now passing round, and which is the direct outcome of my having given a few of them to a young friend.

14. *Debates in Society itself, or with the members of other Societies.*—This is so obviously a means of arousing and maintaining interest that it is hardly necessary for me to say anything regarding it except to commend it.

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Before closing this section of my paper I should just like to mention an incident which occurred at one meeting of a school society at which I was present. The boy who was to give the paper—aged about sixteen—had unfortunately forgotten to bring his notes with him. Notwithstanding this serious omission he had such a full knowledge of his subject—Geography illustrated by stamps—that he spoke for some thirty minutes without a break and indeed without any hesitation whatever. He knew the various countries, their issues and the designs on their stamps perfectly.

As to the future, it is at once our duty and our privilege to put our hand to the plough, and see that the furrow we make is long, and straight, and deep; our duty, because each one of us seniors—indeed, each one of us here—believes we possess in our hobby something that is really good and beneficial; and, since this is so, it behooves us to spread the good tidings. This is especially the case, because not only do we not lose anything in doing so, but rather gain—often to a material extent—by contact with the enthusiasm of the young student, or the evident joy of the youthful collector. Further, it not infrequently happens that the young and alert eye detects some point of interest more quickly than the older, and sometimes tired, eye of the senior. This is the merest indication of our privilege; and, as to our duty, I would say that, in addition to our thus endeavouring to hand on to our young friends something that we know to be good and beneficial, we are also recognising the duty we owe to our hobby, *i.e.*, the *training* of those who are to march in the van of philately in the future. I say *training* advisedly, as I am convinced that, while there will never be any lack of enthusiastic collectors and of philatelists to take their appropriate places in the front ranks in the future, what we really want for the lasting good of philately is—as I am sure you will agree with me—*trained* collectors.

Finally, I am satisfied that the most effective, and at the same time the most lasting, type of propaganda that we can engage in is the training on a basis at once entertaining, systematic, sympathetic, intelligent and intellectual of those of our young friends and acquaintances who collect stamps. And the older they are, and the higher the standard of their education or intellectual attainments, so will philately benefit in the near future.

I am a great believer in the best possible education being given to every young person. On the same lines of reasoning, I should hope for the best results in the future from the work we are now doing amongst the more liberally educated of our boys and girls. Please do not misunderstand me in this reference to a particular type or class—philatelists, in common with geniuses, are not the product of any one class!

I fear that most of what I have said may, so far as many of you are concerned, be described as "a tale that is oft told," but even if such is the case, I still hope that, just as the importunate widow succeeded at last in securing that justice that was her right, so we who are deeply interested in this subject may eventually succeed in awaking every true philatelist to a sense of the golden opportunities which lie ready at his hand. —*Stamp Collecting.*

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United States, 1912. Parcel Post Dues. 1c Dark Green, 5c Dark Green & 25c Dark Green. Cat. Nos. 2291, 2293 & 2295. 3 Var. Cat. Value 17c. **Not** pre-cancelled .50

***Abyssinia, 1896.** 4g Lilac Brown-16g Black. Cat. Nos. 203, 204, 206 & 207. 4 Var. Cat. Value 60c. **Major** varieties 1.00

***Austria, 1918-19.** 3h Violet - 2 K Blue. 12 Var. Cat. Value 62c. Surcharged "Deutschosterreich". A good set 1.25

***1916-18.** 3 H Bright Violet-10 K Deep Violet. Cat. Nos. 145-163. 19 Var. C. Cat. Value $1.66 ....5.00

***1918-19.** 3 H Bright Violet-4 K Yellow Green. Cat. Nos. 181-198 Except 185, 187 & 188. Cat. Value $1.15 ....2.50

***1919.** 3h Gray-1 K Carmine, Yellow. Cat. Nos. 200-211. 12 Var. C. Cat. Value 26c. (100-$2.00) .... .25

***1919-20. Imperf.** 5h Yellow Green-60h Olive Green. Cat. Nos. 216-219, 231-235. 9 Var. C. Cat. Value 18c. (100-$2.50) .30

***1920. Perf.** 5h Gray-15h Bistre. Cat. Nos. 220-226, 236-237. 9 Var. C. Cat. Value 19c .... .30

***1919-1920.** 2 K Vermilion & Black-50 K Dark Violet. Cat. Nos. 212-215, 227-230 & 248. 9 Var. C. Cat. Value 36c.. .80

1919. Newspaper. 2h Brown-30h Claret. Cat. Nos. 377-381. 5 Var. C. Cat. Value 1[illegible]. A better set .... .30

***1920-21. Postage Due.** 2h Violet-60h Claret. 9 Var. Cat. Value 18c. (100-$1.00) .15

***1920-21. Postage Due.** 2h Violet-3K Gray. Cat. Nos. 382-401. 19 Var. C. Cat. Value 38c. Fine—Complete ..... .50

***1917-19. Special Delivery.** 2 H Claret-5 H Deep Green. Cat. Nos. 553-556. 4 Var. C. Cat. Value 8c .... .20

***1914. Charity.** 5 (7) H Green-10 (12) H Rose. Cat. Nos. 601-602. 2 Var. C. Cat. Value 4c .... .10

***1915.** 3 H Violet Brown-35 H Ultramarine. Cat. Nos. 603-607. 5 Var. C. Cat. Value 16c .... .45

***1918. Karlfonds.** 10 H Gray Green-45 H Blue. Cat. Nos. 608-610. 3 Var. C. Cat. Value 12c .... .25

1917. 1 H Greenish Blue-12 H Blue. Cat. Nos. 798a-803. 7 Var. Cat. Value 14c .35

1900. Postage Due. 1 H Brown-10 H Brown. Cat. Nos. 946-952. 7 Var. Cat. Value 10c. (100-$1.50) .... .20

1900. Postage Due. 1 H Brown-100 H Brown. Cat. Nos. 946-957. 12 Var. C. Cat. Value 23c .... .60

1919. Postage Due. 5h Bright Red-80h Bright Red. Cat. Nos. 1002-1010. 9 Var. Cat. Value 19c .... .25

***1867. Offices in Turkey.** 2sld Yellow-50sld Brown. Cat. Nos. 1, 3, 6 & 7. 4 Var. Cat. Value 39c 1.00

***1908. Offices in Turkey.** 10pa Green, Yellow-10 Pia Green, Yellow. Cat. Nos. 46-53. 8 Var. Cat. Value 54c 1.50

***1902. Offices in Turkey.** 20pa on 10h Green-5pi on 100h Green. **Postage Due.** Cat. Nos. 101-104. Cat. Value 27c .... .50

***1908. Postage Due.** ¼ Pia Green-30 Pia Green. Cat. Nos. 105-113. 9 Var. C. Cat. Value $1.78 ....3.50

***1908. Postage Due.** 1 Pia-30 Pia. Cat. Nos. 107, 108, 110 & 113. 4 Var. Cat. Value 88c 1.50

1867-1908. Offices in Turkey. 25 Var. Cat. Value 89c 2.25

***1903-04. Offices in Crete.** 1 Fr on 1 K Carmine Rose-4 Fr on 4 K Gray Green. Cat. Nos. 5-7. 3 Var. Cat. Value $1.00 2.50

***1908. Offices in Crete.** 5c Green, Yellow-1 Fr Brown, Gray. Cat. Nos. 15-20. 6 Var. C. Cat. Value 40c 1.00

Bavaria, 1919-20. Freistaat. 3 Pfg Brown-15 Pfg Vermilion. Cat. Nos. 193-198. 6 Var. Cat. Value 12c. (100-$1.00) ... .12

1916. Official. 3 Pf Bistre-60 Pf Dark Green. Cat. Nos. 509-517. 9 Var. Cat. Value 26c .... .50

***1919. Official.** "Volkstaat Bayern". 3 Pf Bistre Brown-1 M Maroon. Cat. Nos. 527-539. 13 Var. Cat. Value 65c 1.00

1920. 5 Pfg Yellow Green-5 Mark Black. Cat. Nos. 558-575. 18 Var. C. Cat. Value $1.53 ....2.50

***Belgium, 1896-97. Brussels** Exhibition. 5c Deep Violet-10c Lilac Brown. Cat. Nos. 74 & 76. Cat. Value 7c. (100-50c) .06

1921. Charity. 20c on 5c Deep Green-20c on 15c Dark Brown. Cat. Nos. 140-142. 3 Var. C. Cat. Value 12c ... .30

***1902-1914. Parcel Post.** 10c Yellow Brown & Slate-10 Franc Olive Yellow & Brown Violet. Cat. Nos. 530-548 Except 546. 19 Var. Cat. Value 48c.. .80

***1916-19.** On **German.** 3c on 3Pf Brown-50c on 40Pf Lake & Black. Cat. Nos. 713-716, 718, 720, 727 & 728. 9 Var. Cat. Value 39c. (100-$4.50) .... .50

Bosnia, 1912-14. 2h Bright Blue-12h Olive Green. Cat. Nos. 66-71. 6 Var. Cat. Value 20c .... .50

1917. 3h Olive Gray-80h Steel Blue. Cat. Nos. 105-117. 13 Var. Cat. Value 71c 1.60

***1916. Special Delivery.** 2h Vermilion-5h Deep Green. Cat. Nos. 181-182. 2 Var. C. Cat. Value 9c. **Good** stamps. (100-$2.50) .... .30

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1917. 10h Bistre-15h Carmine Rose. Cat. Nos. 241-242. 2 Var. Cat. Value 11c. **Widow & Orphan Issue.** (100-$1.25) .15

***1914. Charity.** 7h on 5h Dark Green-12h on 10h Carmine. Cat. Nos. 231-232. 2 Var. C. Cat. Value 11c .... .40

***1915. Charity.** 7h on 5h Green-12h on 10h Carmine. Cat. Nos. 233-234. 2 Var. C. Cat. Value 54c. **Rare** 1.75

***Bulgaria, 1902. Shipka** Pass. 5s Lake-15s Blue. Cat. Nos. 70-72. 3 Var. C. Cat. Value 65c 1.50

***1918.** 1s Dark Green-10s Brown Red. Cat. Nos. 130-133. 4 Var. C. Cat. Value 16c .40

***1919.** 1s Black-50 Yellow Brown. Cat. Nos. 135-144. 10 Var. C. Cat. Value 25c .35

***Carinthia, 1920.** 5h Gray, Yellow-20k Lilac & Orange. Cat. Nos. 1-19. 19 Var. C. Cat. Value $1.25. **Good** Stamps 3.00

***Central Lithuania, 1920-21.** 7 Var. Cat. Value 14c. (100-80c) .... .10

***1920-21.** 15 Varieties .... .30

China, 1913-18. ½c Black Brown-30c Brown Violet. Cat. Nos. 176-181, 183-185, 188 & 189. 11 Var. Cat. Value 30c .75

Costa Rica, 1911. 1c on 10c Blue-1c on 10 Colon Dark Brown. Cat. Nos. 86, 88-92. 6 Var. Cat. Value $1.81 ......2.50

***Czecho-Slovakia, 1919.** On **Austria &** Hungary. 7 Var. Cat. Value 18c. (100-$2.50) .... .30

***1919. Surcharges on** Austrian & **Hungarian stamps.** 9 Var. .... .45

***1920.** 5 (h) Dark Blue-25 (h) Blue Green. Cat. Nos. 145, 146, 148, 150 & 165. 5 Var. Cat. Value 14c. (100-$2.50) .... .30

***Danzig, 1920-21.** 30 Var. **Fine Lot** 1.50

***Eastern Roumelia, 1881-84.** 20 Pa Black & Rose-1 Pia Blue & Pale Blue. Cat. Nos. 12, 15-18. 5 Var. Cat. Value 51c 1.25

Ecuador, 1907. 1c Red & Black-10c Deep Blue & Black. Cat. Nos. 166-170. 5 Var. Cat. Value 23c .... .60

1907. 1c Red & Black-20c Yellow Green & Black. Cat. Nos. 166-171. 6 Var. Cat. Value 33c .... .80

1908. 1c Red Brown-2c Blue & Black. **Triangle.** Cat. Nos. 174-175. 2 Var. Cat. Value 13c. This is a **Good** Set .. .50

1908. 1c Red Brown-20c Green & Black. Cat. Nos. 174, 175 & 178. 3 Var. Cat. Value 28c. **Triangles** (2) 1.00

1908. 1c Red Brown-1 Sucre Black. Cat. Nos. 174, 175, 178-180. 5 Var. Cat. Value 68c. **Triangles** (3) 2.00

***1908.** 1c Red Brown-1 Sucre Black. Cat. Nos. 174-180 Except No. 176. 6 Var. Cat. Value 92c. **Triangles** (4)..3.00

1911-13. 1c Scarlet & Black-10c Deep Blue & Black. Cat. Nos. 194-198. 5 Var. Cat. Value 20c .... .50

***Finland, 1901-03.** 2 P Orange-20 P Dark Blue. Cat. Nos. 70-73. 4 Var. Cat. Value 22c. (100-$2.50) .... .30

***Fiume, 1919.** 5c Yellow Green-60c Claret. Cat. Nos. 46-55 Except No. 52. 6 Var. Cat. Value 48c 1.20

***1919.** 5c on 5c Green-20c on 20c Orange. Cat. Nos. 73-76. 4 Var. Cat. Value 12c .30

***1919-20. Triangles & Dues.** 2c Deep Buff, 1c Gray Green, 2c Brown & 5c Brown. Cat. Nos. 273-274, 313-314. 4 Var. Cat. Value 17c .... .35

***French Colonies, 1915-18. Charity** Issues, French India, No. 105; Madagascar, No. 191; Mauritania, No. 92; Middle Congo, No. 102; New Caledonia, No. 253; Reunion, No. 153; St. Pierre, Nos. 201 & 202; Senegal, No. 152; Ubangi, No. 102. 10 Var. All Unused. Fine. Cat. Value 90c. **Good** stock 2.50

***German South West Africa, 1906-15.** 3pf Brown-10pf Carmine. Cat. Nos. 26-28. 3 Var. Cat. Value 11c .... .40

Germany, 1875-77. 3pf Green-50pf Gray. Cat. Nos. 29-34. 6 Var. PfennigE. Cat. Value 16c. **Old** stamps .... .40

***1919-29. National Assembly.** 10pf Carmine Rose-30pf Red Violet & Red. Cat. Nos. 105-108. 4 Var. C. Cat. Value 16c. This is a very much **Better** Set. (100-$3.50) .... .40

***1922. Munich** Industrial Fair. 1¼ Mark **Claret-20 Mark Deep Rose, Pink.** Cat. Nos. 177-182. 6 Var. C. Cat. Value 46c .60

***1919. Air Post.** 10pf Orange-40pf Green. 2 Var. C. Cat. Nos. 201-202. Cat. Value 6c. (1000-$2.00). (100-25c) .... .05

***1919. Belgian** Occupation. 1c Orange-5c Green. Cat. Nos. 301-303. 3 Var. Cat. Value 6c .... .15

***1919. Belgian** Occupation. 1c Orange-25c Blue. Cat. Nos. 301-307. 7 Var. Cat. Value 26c. **Desirable** .... .65

***1920. Eupen & Malmedy.** 5 Pfg on 5c Green-30 Pfg on 25c Blue. Cat. Nos. 318-322. 5 Var. Cat. Value 52c 1.25

***1911. Offices in Morocco.** 3c on 3pf Brown-25c on 20c Ultramarine. Cat. Nos. 45-48. 4 Var. Cat. Value 19c ... .60

***Hayti, 1915-16.** 3c de p Dull Green & Black-10c de p Black Brown & Black. Cat. Nos. 221, 223 & 226. 3 Var. Cat. Value 38c 1.00

Hungary, 1916-18. 2f Brown Orange-40f Olive Green. Cat. Nos. 108-118. 11 Var. Cat. Value 22c. (100-$1.50).. .20

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***1916-18. Magyar Kir Posta.** 2f Brown Orange-10k Brown & Violet. Cat. Nos. 108-126. 19 Var. C. Cat. Value 99c...1.50

***1918. Karl & Zita.** 10f Scarlet-50f Lilac. Cat. Nos. 127-132. 6 Var. C. Cat. Value 16c .... .30

***1918-19. Koztarsasag.** 2f Brown Orange-10f Rose Red. Cat. Nos. 153-158. 6 Var. Cat. Value 12c. (100-$2.00) .... .25

***1918-19. Koztarsasag.** 2f Brown Orange-50f Lilac. Cat. Nos. 153-176. 19 Var. C. Cat. Value 58c 1.25

***1919. Bolshevik** Set. 20 F Rose & Brown-80 F Olive Drab & Black Brown. Cat. Nos. 198-202. 5 Var. C. Cat. Value 50c 1.25

***1919. Tanacs.** 2 F Brown Orange-10 K Violet Brown & Red Violet. Cat. Nos. 203-222. 20 Var. C. Cat. Value 76c ...1.50

***1920. Sheaf of Wheat.** 3 F Red Lilac-25 F Dull Blue. Cat. Nos. 312, 314-319. 7 Var. Cat. Value 14c .... .25

***1913. Charity.** 1f Slate-6f Olive Green. Cat. Nos. 451-455. 5 Var. Cat. Value 13c .25

1915-16. 1 F Slate-60 F Green. Cat. Nos. 485-498. 14 Var. Cat. Value 51c 1.00

***1916-17.** 10f+2f Rose Red-40f+2f Brown Carmine. Cat. Nos. 503-505. 3 Var. Cat. Value 12c. (100-$1.50) .... .20

***1920. Prisoners of War.** 40 F+1 K Dull Red-1 K+5 K Dark Blue. Cat. Nos. 565-567. 3 Var. C. Cat. Value 18c .... .45

***1918. Air Mail. 1k50f on 75f Blue-**4k50f on 2k Bistre Brown. Cat. Nos. 651-652. 2 Var. C. Cat. Value 37c ... 1.00

***1919. Transylvania** Issue. 17 Varieties. Fine Assortment. Cat. Value $1.55 .. 2.00

***1918-19. Postage Due.** 2f Green & Red-50f Green & Red. Cat. Nos. 802-812. 6 Var. C. Cat. Value 12c. (100-$1.50) .20

***Indore, 1904-05. Official.** ½a Lake-1a Green. Cat. Nos. 51-52. Cat. Value 6c. (100-$1.00) .... .12

***1904-05. Official.** ¼a Orange-2a Brown. Cat. Nos. 51-53 & 57. 4 Var. Cat. Value 14c. (100-$3.00) .... .35

***1904-05.** ½a Lake-¼a Orange. Cat. Nos. 51-57. 6 Var. C. Cat. Value 32c ...... .75

***Italy, 1918. Udine.** 2c on 1 H Greenish Blue-53c on 50 H Red. Cat. Nos. 401-419, 451-488. 32 Var. Cat. Value $2.36. A very much better set. Price Per Set .75

Japan, 1914. ½s Brown-1 **Yen** Yellow Green & Maroon. Cat. Nos. 127-137. 11 Var. Cat. Value 17c. (100-$1.50) .. .18

***Jugo-Slavia, 1918-20.** 3 (h) on 2 (h) Ultramarine-2 (h) on 20 (h) Green. Cat. Nos. 21-22, 44-45. 4 Var. Cat. Value $1.86. **Rare** Stamps 3.00

***Latvia, 1919.** 5k Dark Brown-75k Dark Green. Cat. Nos. 460-467. 8 Var. C. Cat. Value 16c .... .20

***1920.** 50 K Dark Green & Rose-1 Ruble Slate Green & Brown. Cat. Nos. 68-69. 2 Var. C. Cat. Value 14c .... .35

***1920.** 50 K Rose-1 Ruble Blue. Cat. Nos. 70-71. 2 Var. Cat. Value 8c .... .20

Liberia, 1897-1913. 3c Red & Green-8c on 3c Red & Green. Cat. Nos. 58 & 128. 2 Var. Cat. Value 20c .... .45

1909-12. 1c Yellow Green & Black-75c Red Brown & Black. Cat. Nos. 115-124. 10 Var. C. 1c Emerald & Black-75c Purple & Black. Cat. Nos. 409-418. 10 Var. C. The **Two** Sets—**Total** Catalogue Value $1.94 .... 4.75

1909-12. Pictorials. 15c Indigo & Black-20c Rose & Green, and **Two** Triangles —3c on 10c Plum & Black, 3c on 10c Ultramarine & Black. Cat. Nos. 119-120, 126, 126b. 4 Var. Cat. Value 24c .65

1909-12. 15c Indigo & Black-20c Rose & Green. Cat. Nos. 119-120. 2 Var. Cat. Value 12c. (100-$2.00) .... .25

1914. 2c Red-3c Dull Violet. Cat. Nos. 134-135. 2 Var. C. Cat. Value 11c. (100-$2.50) .... .30

1903. Mercury. 3c Black-3c Green. Cat. Nos. 91 & 390. 2 Var. C. Cat. Value 10c. (100-$2.00) .... .25

1903. Registered. 10c Blue & Black-10c Magenta & Black. Cat. Nos. 310-314. 5 Var. C. Cat. Value 30c. 1.00

***Libia, 1915-16.** 10c+5c Rose-20c+5c Orange. Cat. Nos. 101 & 103. 2 Var. Cat. Value 11c .... .40

***Liechtenstein, 1917-18.** 3 h Violet-25h Deep Blue. Cat. Nos. 4-9. 6 Var. C. Cat. Value 19c .... .60

***1920.** 5h Yellow Green-2½k on 20h Dark Green. Cat. Nos. 11-16. 6 Var. C. Cat. Value $1.50. **A Fine** Set 3.50

***1920.** 5h Olive Bistre-1k Dull Violet. Cat. Nos. 32-42, 201-209. 20 Var. Cat. Value 40c. (100-$1.50) .... .20

Montenegro, 1907. 1pa Ochre-50pa Dull Violet. Cat. Nos. 62-70. 9 Var. Cat. Value 25c. (100-$2.50) .... .30

1907. 1pa Ochre - 5k Red Brown. Cat. Nos. 62-73. 12 Var. C. Cat. Value 51c. Nos. 71, 72 & 73 are **Unused** .... .80

***1894.** 2n Yellow Green-50n Pale Yellow Green. Cat. Nos. 177-183. 7 Var. Cat. Value 17c .... .35

1907. Postage Due. 5pa Red Brown-50pa Green. Cat. Nos. 194-197 & 254. 5 Var. C. Cat. Value 19c. (100-$1.50) ...... .20

***Mozambique Co. 1918.** ¼c Brown & Yellow Green-2½c Violet & Black. Cat. Nos. 108-113. 6 Var. Cat. Value 16c .50

North Borneo, 1903-11. 2c Green & Black-24c Claret & Blue. Cat. Nos. 321-331. 11 Var. Cat. Value $1.02. **A Fine Item** 2.50

***Nyassa, 1901.** 2½r Black & Red Brown-100r Black & Brown Bistre. Cat. Nos. 26-35. 10 Var. Cat. Value 69c. (100-$11.00) 1.25

1901-03. 2½r Black & Red Brown-300r Black & Yellow Green. 65r on 80r Black & Lilac-25r Black & Orange. **Two Complete** Sets. Cat. Nos. 26-43. 18 Var. Cat. Value $1.51. This is **Old** stock 3.50

1903. Provs. 65r on 80r Black & Lilac-25r Black & Orange. Cat. Nos. 39-43. 5 Var. C. Cat. Value 50c 1.00

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***1921.** ¼c Claret-7½c Black & Black Brown. Cat. Nos. 94-103. 10 Var. Cat. Value 20c. Very Popular 6

Persia, 1882. 5c Violet-25c Green. Cat. Nos. 50-52. 3 Var. C. Cat. Value 90c 1.5

***1903.** 1c Violet-30 Kran Green. Cat. Nos. 353-362, 403-404. 12 Var. Cat. Value $4.78 .... **Per Set .60**

1911-14. 1c Orange & Green-5 K Ultramarine & Red. Cat. Nos. 481-483, 486, 489-492, 531-533. 11 Var. Cat. Value 53c 1.2

1908. Parcel Post. 1c Violet-1 **Kran** Red. Cat. Nos. 701-709. 9 Var. Cat. Value $1.82 .... 3.5

***Poland, 1921. Constitution** Set. 2 M Green-50 M Slate Blue & Buff. Cat. Nos. 156-162. 7 Var. C. Cat. Value 59c 1.0

***1920. Official.** 3(f) Vermilion - 50(f) Vermilion. Cat. Nos. 351-356. 6 Var. Cat. Value 12c. (100-$1.25) 1

***Portuguese India, 1914.** 4r Orange-9r Yellow Brown. Cat. Nos. 525, 526 & 528. 3 Var. Cat. Value 90c 1.2

***Prussia, 1903. Official.** 2pf Slate-50pf Purple & Black. Cat. Nos. 201-208. 8 Var. C. Cat. Value 16c 2

Roumania, 1906. Jubilee. 1b Bistre & Black-10b Carmine & Black. Cat. Nos. 176-179. 4 Var. Cat. Value 13c ......

***Saar, 1920.** 5pf Green - 2.50 Mark Lilac Rose. Cat. Nos. 41-53. 12 Var. C. Cat. Value 99c .... 2.

***Salvador, 1897.** 1c Blue, Gold, Rose & Green-5c Rose, **Gold,** Blue & Green. Cat. Nos. 175-176. 2 Var. C. Cat. Value 16c (100-$3.00) 3

***1910.** Bi-colored. **3c** Orange & Black-19c Brown Red & Black. Cat. Nos. 380, 380b, 383-387. 6 Var. Cat. Value 24c .6

***1908. Official.** 1c Green & Black-100c Turquoise Blue & Black. Cat. Nos. 910-919. 10 Var. C. Cat. Value 84c .. 2.0

***1910.** 32 Var. **Regular-Postage Due-Official—Complete.** Handsome Bi-colored stamps. Cat. Nos. 378-390, 574-580, 930-941. Cat. Value $1.64. (50 Sets-$12.50) 3.0

1914. 2c Blue Green-3c Orange. Cat. Nos. 958-959. 2 Var. Cat. Value 4c. (1,000-$2.00). (100-30c) 0

***Samoa, 1895-1900.** 1½ P on 2 P Orange-3 P on 2 P Orange. Cat. Nos. 21, 26 & 27a. 3 Var. Cat. Value 70c 1.8

***1895-1900.** 1½p on 2p Orange-3p on 2p Orange. Cat. Nos. 21, 24, 26 & 27a. 4 Var. Cat. Value 90c 2.0

***1914-15.** 3pf Brown-10pf Carmine. Cat. Nos. 70-72. 3 Var. Cat. Value 7c 2

***Schleswig-Holstein, 1920.** 2½pf Gray-75pf Greenish Blue. Cat. Nos. 1-10. Cat. Value 29c. 10 Var. 7

Sweden, 1891-1904. 15 Var. 1 ore-1 Krone. Cat. Value 25c. (100-$2.50) .. .3

1910-1919. 14 Var. 1 ore-1 Krone. Cat. Value 25c ....

***Togo, 1916-17.** 1c Violet & Black-10c Orange Red & Rose. Cat. Nos. 176-180. 5 Var. Cat. Value 18c 4

***Transvaal, 1895-96.** ½ P Gray-10 Sh Red Brown. Cat. Nos. 153-161. 9 Var. C. Cat. Value $6.46 .... 3.5

***Turkey, 1865-90.** 20 Varieties. **Old** and **Desirable** stamps 2.0

***1865-88.** 10 Varieties. Nos. 24, 42, 43, 44, 56, 65, 68, 70, 75 & 84. Cat. Value 53c. **A Good** lot 1.0

***1913.** 2pa Red Lilac-6pa Dark Blue. Cat. Nos. 254-257. 3 Var. Cat. Value 12c. **Picture** stamps ....

***Ukrainia, 1918.** 10sch Buff-50sch Red. Cat. Nos. 62-66. 5 Var. C. Cat. Value 12c. (1000-$4.00). (100-50c) 0

***1920. Pictorials.** 1gr Gray-200gr Claret & Gray. Cat. Nos. 156-169. 14 Var. C. Cat. Value 28c. (100-$1.25) 1

Upper Silesia, 1920. 2½ **Pfg Slate-5** Mark Orange. Cat. Nos. 1-9. 9 Var. C. Cat. Value $1.43. A **Good** Set ... 3.5

***1920.** 5pf Green-15pf Violet. Cat. Nos. 17-19. 3 Var. Cat. Value 6c. (100-80c) .1

***Venezuela, 1900.** 5c Dark Green-1 **Bolivar** Yellow Green. Cat. Nos. 130, 131, 133-135 & 352. 6 Var. Cat. Value 13c. (100-$2.00) ....

***1901-03.** 5c Orange-25c **Deep Blue.** Cat. Nos. 157, 158 & 160. 3 Var. Cat. Value 6c. (100-50c) 0

***1904-09.** 5c Blue Green-3 **Bolivar** Ultramarine. Cat. Nos. 237-240 & 242. 5 Var. Cat. Value 29c. **Very Cheap.** (100-$1.00) 1

West Ukrainia, 1919. 3h Bright Violet-12h Light Blue. Cat. Nos. 85-89. 5 Var. Cat. Value 25c. **A Nice** Set—**Not** Common 5

Wurtemberg, 1875-1900. 2pf Slate Gray-40pf Rose & Black. Cat. Nos. 57, 58, 66-72. 9 Var. **Two Complete** Sets. Cat. Value 84c 1.5

Wurtemberg, 1875-1900. 2pf Slate Gray-Black-50pf Magenta. Cat. Nos. 234-243 Except No. 235. 9 Var. Cat. Value 31c .7

***1920.** 10pf Maroon-3 Mark Yellow Green. Cat. Nos. 245 - 250, 375 - 384, 16 Var. **Elks & Towns.** C. Cat. Value $1.00.. 2.0

***1916-19.** 2½pf Gray Black-25pf Brown & Black. Cat. Nos. 336-338, 352-353. 5 Var. Cat. Value 27c 4

***1916.** 2½pf Slate-1 Mark Violet. Cat. Nos. 339-348. 10 Var. C. Cat. Value 80c. Good **Selling** Set 1.5

***1919.** 2½pf Gray Black-1 Mark Slate & Black. Cat. Nos. 357-369 Except No. 358. 12 Var. Cat. Value 51c. **Popular** 1.0

***1920.** 5pf Green-1 Mark Slate. Cat. Nos. 385-392. 8 Var. C. Cat. Value 36c. **Bright** Colors 7

***1917-19.** 35pf Brown-2pf on 2½pf Gray Black. Cat. Nos. 232, 233, 354 & 356. 4 Var. Cat. Value 40c. **Cheap** for **Stock** 6

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In 1911, the population of the group was 5562, but the census taken in April, 1922, showed but 5,087, a decrease of almost 500. Of this number 36 were white, "and of these one has since died, and four have left the islands." Tortola, the largest of the group, with a length of about 19 miles, and width of 7 miles, had 3,992; Virgin Gorda, 10 miles to the northeast, irregularly shaped, and 8 miles long, 381; Anegada, 358; Jost Van Dyke, 266; Peter, 40; Salt, 37; Sombrero, 5, and Cooper, 8.

Anegada is 10 miles to the northeast of Virgin Gorda, and is 12 miles long, and 2¼ miles wide. It lies very low, and when the waves run high, the sea often breaks over it. The famous Horseshoe reef, the scene of many wrecks, skirts it, and on the island is a vast lagoon, one of the few resorts of the flamingo known south of the Bahamas. Of this island, the Commissioner in his report for 1920-21, writes:—

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Some idea of the volume of mail handled may be gained from the following figures applying to Virgin Gorda. In 1920, 95 mails were dispatched (44 service letters, 632 ordinary, 133 registers, 6 papers, and 19 taxed letters), and 67 mails received (14 service, 1,121 ordinary, 128 registers, 564 papers, 6 taxed letters, and 107 parcels). In the following year, 1921, 82 mails were dispatched, and 62 received. The office at Virgin Gorda is in charge of the Anglican rector, who purchases stamps fortnightly, or as he requires them, from the G. P. O. at Tortola, and pays for them in cash, receiving the vendor's discount of 2½% on each £1's worth purchased.

There are no steamship facilities between the British Virgins and the other Presidencies of the Leeward group, or other parts of the world, and it is through St. Thomas, in the American Virgins, 30 miles away, that communication with the outer world is maintained. No cables touch at the British Virgins, but messages can be sent via St. Thomas.

Mails are received and dispatched between St. Thomas and Tortola, about four times a week, by motor boats and sailing boats of small tonnage, and between Tortola and Virgin Gorda, about six times a month. In fact, every boat in inter-island trade carries mail. A weekly service is maintained between Road Town, West End, and Tortola. Mails from the American as well as the British Virgins, for the United States are sent out weekly, via San Juan, Porto Rico, 75 miles distant. Letters from the British Virgins, and especially when registered, are back-stamped at St. Thomas.

Postmarks.—The first cancellation used in the British Virgins of which there is record, is an official frank, consisting of a double lined circle, with a Crown inset at the top, and inscribed "Paid at Tortola." When British stamps were placed on sale in the island, about 1858, two cancelling stamps, viz., A 13 (for Tortola) and A 91 (Virgin Islands Naval Station), were assigned to the group. These were in the form of an ellipse of graduated bars, three above and three below, with two at the side, with A 13 or A 91 inset. In December, 1866, the islands issued their own stamps, and British stamps were no longer on sale. A 91 was transferred in 1872, to South sea, Hauts, England, but the can-

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These were followed by a small circle, inscribed in four straight lines, with "A—Tortola—date—year," and about the beginning of the 20th century, came a slightly larger circle, single lined, 21½ mm, with "Tortola" reading around the circumference, and the date in three straight lines in the center "A—MR 25—01." (I have seen this on the Virgin series of 1899, 1d, 2½d, 4d, 6d, 7d and 1s.) A similar cancelling stamp in use about the same time, had the letter "A" omitted.

About 1905, a stamp with double circles, measuring 26 and 16 mm respectively, was brought into use, lettered (between the circles) "ROAD TOWN" at the top, separated from "TORTOLA, V. I." at the bottom, by a thick lead at either side. In the center in 3 lines is "9 AM,—MY 25—12." At times the year is given in full (1913), and at others, merely two figures are used (12).

In 1916, a larger cancelling stamp was received, double circles again, measuring 31 and 21 mm, lettered between, "ROAD TOWN" at the top, and separated by a dot on either side, from "TORTOLA, V. I." at the bottom. The date is in two lines "SEP 29—1916." This soon gave way to one of two concentric circles, 23 and 14 mm, lettered between "TORTOLA" at the top, and "V. I." at the bottom, separated from each other, on either side, by a diamond formed of four dots. The date is in the center in 3 lines "A—JU 12—18." This was still being used in January, 1923. The cancellations are usually applied in black, although occasionally, purple ink is used.

There is also an Official Paid cancellation used at Road Town, formed of two concentric circles, 26 and 16 mm, lettered between, at the top "Official Paid," and at the bottom, "Road Town, Tortola, V. I." The center is blank, without date. Letters with this cancellation usually bear the ordinary cancellation in addition.

For use on registered mail, there is used by both Road Town and Virgin Gorda offices, the usual large "R" within an oval, whose greatest dimensions are 20 and 25 mm respectively. Road Town also uses a rubber stamp on registered mail, measuring 41½ x 15½ mm, in horizontal rectangular form, lettered "ROAD TOWN—TORTOLA, V. I.—No. ...." in three lines, with a large capital "R" at the left. This is usually applied in purple, though at times in black.

At Virgin Gorda one cancelling stamp has served ever since the office was opened in 1903—a single lined circle, 25 mm, inscribed "VIRGIN GORDA" at the top, and "V. I." at the bottom. The date is in three lines in the center "*—MY 24—12." The rubber stamp used by Virgin Gorda on registered letters, measures 36½ x 14½ mm, and is lettered "VIRGIN GORDA, V. I.—No..........." in two lines, with a large "R" at the left.

The cancelling stamp used by West End, Tortola, is a single lined circle, 25 mm, lettered "WEST END—TORTOLA," separated by leads. The date is in two lines in the center, "FE 2—22." Violet ink is used.

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A CHAT ABOUT FERRARY'S WONDERFUL COLLECTION OF CONFEDERATE STATES STAMPS.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

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Macon.—All types of the Macon (Georgia) 5 cents were included in the fourth Ferrary sale, with S.G. types 1 and 3, each in pair used on original, the type 3 pair being *tête-bêche* (Griebert £63). But the rarity of this issue is the Two Cents, black on green, this fine copy of which went cheaply for £107 to Mr. Griebert. This stamp was unknown until the end of 1894 and another was found in 1895.

The Madison Mystery.—Madison (Florida) was only represented by a postmarked envelope, but Ferrary had one of the rare 3c adhesives, which Gibbons values at £300. He had it from the Philbrick collection, which contained the only example known of this stamp for many years, and being the error CNETS for CENTS and the source of nearly all the illustrations that have appeared of the stamp, it was not known until 1896 that the correctly spelt stamp also existed. The late Sir William Avery paid £270 for his copy of the correctly spelt stamp on entire. A detached copy of this stamp with a portion of the Madison postmark was in the Ayer collection. The late E. L. Pemberton, writing of the misprinted one in the Philbrick collection, says "were it not most circumstantially authenticated, I should feel great hesitation in admitting it. It was issued in 1861 by the then postmaster, J. T. Perry, by permission of the Washington Authorities."

Marions.—The first of the Marions (Virginia), a not-too-certain 5c black used on portion of original, went to Mr. Griebert for £94. The 10c unused proved to be a reprint, as also did a 5c black, used, the 5c on *azure* and on *yellow*, while the 3c is probably a *fantasie*—these six curios were sold together for 750 fcs. A 10c black on *azure* was, however, thought something of, being used on letter (*ex* Thorne collection), although it had been grouped with some reprints and *fantasies* (2c, 15c and 20c), the lot comprising nine items, went for nearly £60.

The wording on the Marion stamps, which were issued by postmaster J. H. Francis, reads "Post Office Check," but they were no doubt used in the same way as the other Confederate postmasters' provisionals. The frame and inscriptions were printed without the value on white, sometimes ruled white paper, and the value stamped in with large figures, afterwards. The specimens with small figures are frauds. Messrs. Gibbons and Scott only recognise the 5c and 10c in black on white wove paper as authentic, dismissing the other values, but in a letter to Mr. W. M. Dabney, of Saltsville, Virginia, in 1892, Mr. Francis, who issued the stamps in 1861, wrote, "I filled in the figures—2c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and occasionally 25c." It would be interesting to know why the possibility of the other values existing, as genuine originals has been ruled out.

It will be news to most philatelists on this side that the very type from which these Marions were printed is still in position, and has passed through the hands of various owners, and is now securely locked up in a safe in Boston.

Memphis.—The Memphis (Tennessee) are not big rarities and several used on letters went quite cheaply. A *tête-bêche* pair of the 5c red used on letter is a scarce item, though one of the stamps was cut; this went to Mr. Colson for £13.

Mobile.—An unused 2c black Mobile (Alabama) was bought by M. Champion for £11 15s; one used on letter fetched £16 10s. This is another well-designed and printed stamp, and may have come from the same *atelier* as the Livingston rarity.

"The Thistle that was in Lebanon."—This was the freakiest and most amateurish stamp ever produced, the Mount Lebanon (Louisiana) 5c red-brown used on letter, which, although nothing seems to be known about it, fetched £317. It has evidently been engraved by a schoolboy, who, for the purpose of our tale, should be the postmaster's infant son, and he has engraved it as a positive, so that it prints in negative. How it came to light, or what there is to say for it, I have not been able to discover. It crept almost unnoticed into the Scott catalogue in 1909, and slinked away into quiet seclusion and the congenial company of other aristocrats of the stamp world, in the Ferrary collection. It would be a strange commentary on the place names of the new world if *carottes* grew instead of cedars on the new Mount Lebanon.

Nashville.—The 3c Nashville (Tennessee) was prepared for use but never issued. They were printed from a setting of five varieties, which are easily differentiated. The sheet cost Mons. Champion about £14. The 5c and 10c are in a type similar to that of Knoxville, and the 5c exists *tête-bêche*. Of such pairs one in carmine used on letter fetched 750 fcs., and two other pairs on letter 2600 fcs., all three being secured by Mr. Colson.

New Smyrna.—New Smyrna (Florida) provides another of the unique items in this group, a 10c on 5c adhesive of the most primitive description, this presenting the variety "01" for "10". Mr. Colson secured it, used on letter, for £235.

Pittsylvania.—The best price recorded for a Pittsylvania (Virginia) was for this 5c red used on letter, and was only £17 10s. The stamp is similar to the Danville, and was printed by the postmaster of that town, which is only 20 miles distant from Pittsylvania. Coleman has stated that he printed these

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There was in a mixed lot a curious interloper of the home-made adhesive class, a tall upright oblong stamped "PAID" across the top and "10" in circle below; it may have been an earlier Pittsylvania, but who can tell?

Fleeting Image of a Shade.—Pleasant Shade is not a bad sort of name for a place in fair Virginia—and Greenville County to boot—an unused 5c blue postmaster's stamp of which fetched £30 10s. The late E. L. Pemberton, who was wisely cautious in chronicling the novelties which poured in upon him from the States in the early days, was frankly skeptical of there being such a place—he couldn't find it on the map, but he found "Pleasant Hill," and "of course, every idiot knows that where there's a hill there's a shade—some time in the day. Was Pleasant Shade so incomparably wicked above other cities that it was utterly destroyed, its name eradicated, and its very name lost?" The place was found for Mr. Pemberton by Mr. L. A. Schneider in an 1864 Post Office Directory. It was a very small post-office, and the name probably figured on the gate of the postmaster's residence! The stamps were printed from the same type as the Petersburgs, and show ten types of setting.

Rheatown.—The Rheatowns (Tennessee) were described as doubtful, and three 5c red, and the unlisted 10c green and 15c blue, with some other items, only made 380 fcs. The 5c were the only genuine ones, the others being fakes.

Salem.—The Salem (Virginia) 5c black is only valued at £30 used in Gibbons (probably an error for £300), and this one used on letter fell to Mr. Griebert for nearly £73. It is as home-made a label as one could conceive, a comparatively late discovery, and not to be confused with the envelopes of Salem, North Carolina.

Spartanburg.—A Spartanburg (South Carolina) 5c black, used on letter, fetched £37; interesting; good and cheap at the price.

Tellico Plains.—A strip of three of Mr. M. F. Johnson's stamps for Tellico Plains shows two varieties of the 5c and one of the 10c *se tenant*, and brought £19 (Colson); there were two similar lots (900 fcs. and 810 fcs.).

Uniontown.—Uniontown in Alabama presents four simple type-set varieties to the catalogue, all rarities, and of these Ferrary had a very pretty lot.

The 2c green on blue, a fine copy uncancelled on the original letter, was bought by Mr. Colson for £223; it came, I think, out of the Ayer collection and was addressed

Drop Letter
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A 5c green on blue, used on letter, sold to Mr. Griebert for £21. The 5c green on white laid paper went to M. Gelli for £29.

A superb 10c red on blue, used on letter, went to Colson for £277, while another 10c used on letter, went to Mr. Griebert for £85.

The Uniontown postmark is rarely impressed clearly on these stamps.

Victoria.—An unused pair of J. A. Moody's green *glacé* stamps for Victoria, Texas, 5c red-brown on green and 10c red-brown on green, sold for £141. The 10c exists used on original, in which state it is probably unique; it was found by Mr. Albert Steves of San Antonio, amongst the correspondence of

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(Texas), to whom it was addressed. An unused 10c sold for $850 (£170) at the Worthington sale in 1917.

Ferrary's 10c was a very poor copy, only a film of paper with no back to it. —*Stamp Lover.*

DEATH OF GLEN W. PERKINS.

By H. C. BUTTERMORE.

Glen W. Perkins, age 36, of 1040 Parkwood Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, secretary of The Photogemic Co., dropped dead February 2nd. Death was due to blood clot in the heart, due to the breaking of a blood vessel in the left leg. He was born in Niles, Ohio, October 23, 1886, son of Charles W. and Nettie McEwen Perkins. The family moved to Los Angeles, Calif., several years ago, Mr. Perkins returning to Youngstown in 1919. He was a member of the Christian Church in Los Angeles. Mr. Perkins was a man of sterling qualities and one whom it was a pleasure to know and transact business with. He owned quite a nice general collection of stamps and derived much pleasure from dealing in stamps in a small way and will be greatly missed by many collectors with whom he has been corresponding.

FOR THE METER STAMP FAN.

Have just received notice today that the Durant Corporation of New York City, will use under their permit No. 94, a 14-cent indicia meter No. 1623. This will be in olive green, the color of the new 14c stamp and will be the first of this denomination ever used in connection with first-class mail. We trust the eagle eyes of the collecting fraternity will be able to catch a good supply of these before they get absorbed by the paper making machines.—A. H. PIKE, Buffalo, N. Y.

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The Scott Catalogue from the entire envelope standpoint is very discouraging, as for instance, take the 3c green die B, Scott's No. 2407 listed on white; 2436 on amber; 2455 on cream; 2470 on blue; 2480 on fawn without any reference to a watermark; so that when one sees Scott's No. 2407 advertised for sale and buys, he may not receive "Scott's No. 2407 1874 Plimpton issue" watermark No. 2 or U. S. P. O. D., but most likely may get 3c on white Plimpton and Morgan issue watermarked U. S. P. O. D. 1882, which is worth less money. All envelopes of the 1874 Plimpton issue have a distinguishing feature, and that is the gum, which is called square gum, the later issues having what is called round gum. Many collectors pay no attention to the gum, which is a very important factor in envelope collecting, and in many cases the gum makes a difference in price. I collected envelopes many years by Scott's Catalogue, but was always handicapped when an auction sale or a dealer quoted Scott's numbers, so I determined to secure a Bartels' 1911 Catalogue, which I was fortunately able to do.

It would seem from the number of envelope collectors in existence without any Catalogue but Scott's, that the reissue of the Bartels' 1911 Catalogue would be a profitable venture. It not only would be a boon to envelope collectors, but the Catalogue would be a fine addition to any stamp collector's library just for the general information it imparts. Envelopes are of as much importance as stamps, and no U. S. collection is complete without them, and I find that many of the valuable collections throughout the country are not lacking U. S. entire used and unused envelopes.

The article of "Icker's" says that envelopes are tabooed, etc., but I find from my own experience that dealers do not hesitate to ask 80% to full catalogue for entires, and very seldom do we see any of the 19th Century offered for sale. I also find many dealers having a good stock of envelopes are not tempted to sell 19th Century at all, and many times I have noticed small ads to purchase, hence there is not the tabooing going on that some would like to have us believe. I am of the opinion most of the "tabooing" is done by the dealer just now, but we can not blame him. We as collectors should be picking up these things while the picking is good and not complain later on when we find that the envelopes very much desired have been gobbled up by the dealer.

In regard to the complaint that envelopes are too bulky and inconvenient to handle and exhibit, I think I have done away with this complaint by the use of a loose leaf album of my own construction. I think I am the only collector who has his collection arranged so that any envelope can be handled or looked at as one might the pages of a book, and just as easily. Each album contains 75 varieties, each page or envelope can be removed at will, and if I wish to exhibit the 1853 issue, I simply have to take out volume No. 1—Bartels' numbers 1 to 75, and so on through the entire collection. The albums are contained in a dust proof manila cover and are made just large enough to take in the largest as well as the smallest U. S. entire and are inexpensive. I have tried many ways to handle envelopes easily, but nothing ever filled the bill as my present system and those who have seen the albums wonder that something like it has never been on the market or suggested before. Write me if you so desire.

I have found that the cut square specimen may not be of the regular Government issues to the public, that it may have been cut from a specimen or bidder's sample envelope, which were, and are in many cases, worth much less than those issued to the public. Many cut squares offered for sale in the past have been nothing more nor less than bidders' samples. This state of affairs disgusted me, hence my collecting entires only ever since. Then there is also something very fascinating about the collecting of entires, as they hold the entire interest longer than the stamp itself.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

"Rare Stamps: How to Recognize Them," by Fred. J. Melville, is a fully-illustrated little book of fifty pages, that has a practical value, that will be appreciated by the outsider and by the collector whose acquaintance with rarities is slight. The book is so replete with cuts of the rarities that it will certainly catch the eye of the one who wants to know to satisfy curiosity, something about fancy prices for postage stamps. The wizardry of Mr. Melville's pen loans itself to the text and all in all, we have a worthy addition to the somewhat curtailed list of books that may be read with advantage both by the collector and the one to whom philately is a *terra incognita*. Publishers: The Philatelic Institute, 26 Plumstead High Street, London, S. E., 18, England. Price, one shilling.

We have received three new Harris publications that will serve to confirm the reputation enjoyed by Harris Publications, Ltd., as enterprising purveyors of the good grade of literature. We cannot improve on the descriptions of the contents of this book trio that are submitted by the publishers, only interpolating here, the address of the publishers: 87 Emmanuel Road, London, S. W. 12, England.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Recently we published a telegram from Mr. G. H. Grinnell of Los Angeles, California, in which he said that the case involving the Hawaiian missionaries had been settled, evidently by the return of the money to Mr. Klemann and the stamps to Mr. Grinnell. In the telegram Mr. Grinnell said that he was sending particulars by mail. Under date of the 2nd of February, Mr. Grinnell writes: "I have been delayed in getting good photos. I have excellent plates now and will mail them in a few days"

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Minneapolis has established itself as the philatelic radio center of this country through the enterprise of the Burt McCann Company and the able assistance of leading collectors of the Twin Cities. The editor of the WEEKLY feels flattered to hear that thanks were broadcasted to him at one of the Friday evening philatelic lecture hours, recently.

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We learn from Mr. C. Gordon Fennell who started the movement for marking repaired stamps as such, that he has respectfully suggested to the board of the American Stamp Dealers Association that it adopt a very small "M" surrounded by a circle, as the insignia of the repaired stamp, and distribute rubber stamps bearing the legend to members of the association. Mr. Fennell offers to bear the expense of providing these rubber stamps. As we have said, there could be no opposition to the proposal that the mended stamps be indelibly identified. Speaking of the marking, Mr. Fennell says: "As long as the stamp is distinctive, the smaller the better, for even though a stamp is repaired, why detract from its value by an undue application of ink on its back?"

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Several readers have said that we have not commented on the dispatch sent out by the Associated Press about a month or so ago, in which it was said that for "the first time in American history" the portrait of a woman would be shown on a postage stamp. This statement is so palpably wrong that it does not need to be corrected in a stamp paper. It is hoped that collectors wrote to the papers that published the misleading despatch, correcting the boner that has been made. It is surprising that the Associated Press napped so completely and when one of the A. P. men was asked how the error was made, he countered by saying that the mistakes of this kind were as scarce as Brattleboros.

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Mr. Colin Gillespie Jameson, of Santa Barbara, Cal., writes to Mr. Percy C. Smith to say that he has "a 200 reis Brazilian stamp, series of 1922, sent from Rio Janeiro by a member of the U. S. commission to Brazil to reorganize the Brazilian navy, to a gentleman in Chicago. It is cancelled with a handstamp bearing the inscription, 'U. S. Naval Commission to Brazil, Rio Janeiro,' in three lines."

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A reader writes to say that when he was in Jamaica last year he heard much of a popular movement on the island that had for its object, the adoption of U. S. currency; and he adds that other West Indian islands speak of favoring the dollars and cents currency scale. Some time ago we remember having read that the British Colonial Secretary had appointed a committee in London composed of men particularly interested in the West Indies, to investigate the currency needs of the islands. Evidently, our correspondent scents a regular orgy of new issues in the West Indies, as a possibility of the future but we do not know as much about any such prospects as he does, it is safe to say.

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We suspect that some of the old boys are having the time of their lives peppering away at us when we make remarks about philatelic publicity in the newspapers. When we carol forth lays in praise of outside advertising for stamp collecting, they interrupt our song with cat-calls. Their cavorting is such as to make us pity those who "may be nine years old again but never nineteen." We are glad to find that the most intelligent recognition of philately by the New York *Times* is likely to be rewarded with good results as we find that recent articles from the *Times* have been reprinted with credit to the New York newspaper by newspaper leaders, such as the Kansas City *Star*. When a paper such as the *Times* gives such handsome treatment of our pursuit, as it does, ironic comment on newspaper publicity loses its point. Do not imagine that the high old-timers who do the rasping are wicked old chaps as they are only having a hilarious time. They merely profess not to see the need of getting publicity for philately, probably thinking that it is not essential to its well-being or continuation.

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It is not alone the great newspapers that are hearty in their hand-shake of philately as scores of the smaller papers throughout the land are giving space to stamp stories of a great variety of kinds. The Russian stamp of 22,500 rubles with the attendant description of past and present money values in Russia and the significance of the design affords a story of interest and it has been printed in all sorts of papers. As an example of the original philatelic story, we cite an article in the Dansville, N. Y., *Express* of January 25th, that tells of "real treasures still hidden away in New York State attics" and of "what to look for and where to look for it." This account is one that is of much interest and the possibilities of stamp hunting are revealed by one who speaks within his rights. In addition to presenting an instructive article, opportunities for practical profit are described; and the finishing touch to the recountal is commended: "If you are lucky enough to find a lot of old letters and are not sure how to dispose of them to the best advantage, write to the Editor of the Hammondsport *Herald,* Hammondsport, N. Y., and tell him what you have or send samples. He will appraise them for you, or tell you how to dispose of them to advantage."

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To pursue the subject of the possibility of a customs or other tax on collections of stamps going into England, we quote from a letter received from Dr. Carroll Chase: "I take the liberty of sending the following extract from a letter just received from Fred J. Melville, of London. He says,—'There is no difficulty with customs tax or anything else in bringing a collection of stamps, or even a whole stock of stamps, into England, as there is not duty or restriction of any kind on stamps here. But if you are not already aware of it there are difficulties in France, and you may be well advised to leave the collection here, and not take it to France with you in the first instance. I do not know whether U. S. collectors are under any misapprehension about collections coming into England being taxed in any way, but if so, shall be glad if you will spread the information that there is neither tax nor any other complication about sending exhibits for May to England."

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—Our foreign correspondent, Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz, is to visit Switzerland next, and no doubt he will find much to halt the philatelic eye in the land of Locher and Szekula.

—Mr. Walter Morley informs us that he has been invited to publish "a very interesting and instructive work" on Old Irish Postage Stamps and Franks, which is to be historically correct, as its information will be based upon facts found in the library in the Four Courts, Dublin, now destroyed. We hope that Mr. Morley, 325 Brownhill Road, Catford, S. E. 6, England, will receive many advance orders.

—Month after month we receive the monthly calendar with its picture of a rare stamp each time, together with Mr. Colson's interesting news letter from Mr. Warren H. Colson, Boston, whose sage observations are always of value.

—From a letter from Mr. Harry S. Swensen of Minneapolis, we quote: "With the advent of the radio, a new means of educating the uninitiated public in this king of hobbies has been adopted and this new medium is likely to prove the most effective means of reaching the ears of a mighty audience, with little expense and little effort. A single lecture on stamps broadcasted from a radio station can reach thousands of persons who never heard of stamp collecting except in a vague way."

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—We congratulate *Madrid Filatelico* upon presenting the Hawaiian case so interestingly and exhaustively in the October-December number. Sr. Manuel Galvez of Madrid was one of the important witnesses for Mr. Klemann, both as a stamp expert and as a printing expert.

—Edwin F. Sawyer writes us:—"You will find quite an account of the exploits of Admiral William Brown in "British Exploits in South America" by W. H. Koebel, published in May, 1917.

—*The Philatelic Reporter* is the name of a monthly publication issued by H. R. Weaver, 2417 Montrose Ave., Chicago, Ill. It is a house-organ but nevertheless of interest from the standpoint of general collecting. A sample copy will be sent upon request.

—A subscriber who signs himself "Stamp Fiend" in a letter to this office revives the agitation for a stamp collectors' catalog, rather than, as he terms it, a "dealer's catalog". Our only observation is that it is very unlikely that the A.P.S. or any single member will ever venture the expenditure of the large sum of money that would be required to put upon the market a catalog such as referred to. The matter of including or excluding certain issues would be a bone of contention in the editing of any catalog.

—Notice has been received of the sale of assets in the matter of Allen Sears, Bankrupt. The sale occurred Feb. 3 at the Lathrop Bldg., Kansas City, Mo. The inventory showed assets of some $3600.

—Quite a number of our subscribers have sent us information concerning the proper translation of a phrase used in a short article, "Austrian Air Mail" (see page 50). We have already made provision for the publication of one of the first letters received, and this notice will serve to extend thanks to all others who have tried to help us out.

—Gustave Larson, 42 Circuit Ave., Worcester, Mass., informs us that he is having a difficult time procuring a book recently advertised, "The Stamps of Norway in the 20mm Type". He wishes to know whether it can be obtained here in the U. S. Ordinarily, notices of this kind should appear elsewhere than in News Gleanings, but there are circumstances that lead us to help Mr. Larson, who has had some hard luck with two British dealers.

—Charles Metz of Philadelphia sends us some information received from John N. Luff relative to Colombian stamps Nos. 360 and 367, and we quote as follows from the letter:—"I have your favor of the 25th enclosing two Colombian stamps showing the panel with "Provisional" placed at different angles. This panel was applied separately to each stamp on a stone and occupies slightly different positions on each one; also, there were several stones made, in which it was applied at quite different angles. We have known of these for a long time, but have not thought them sufficiently interesting to collectors to put them in the Catalogue."

—Charles H. Ball, the well known Buffalo philatelist, has an interesting article in the Buffalo *News* of Jan. 31 on "Uncle Sam's New Postage Stamps." It is a good story, in keeping with Mr. Ball's other literary work.

—The Metropolitan Stamp Co., 7 W. 42 St., N. Y. City, has just issued a large 1923 price-list of sets of stamps and a Jan. 1 list of "Famous Dime Sets". As the collecting of sets is a favorite way of filling up a stamp collection, we advise interested parties to send for these lists.

—We are indebted to Raymond Bahr for two fine photographs taken in connection with the one-day air-mail service between Springfield, Ill., and Chicago, Sept. 23, 1922. The first trip was also the last one. We are greatly obliged to Mr. Bahr for the favor.

—A. M. McFadden has resigned his connection with the Stamp Shoppe, Inc., of Washington, D. C., and A. C. Mason is the new secretary-treasurer. Harry B. Mason will have the full management of the affairs of the company, which is organized under the laws of the state of Virginia.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—Under date of February 3rd, the Philatelic Stamp Agent at Washington sent out a notice confirming the information previously given in this column to the effect that the new 3c purple, portrait of Abraham Lincoln, and the $1 brown, showing the "Lincoln Memorial" at Washington, will be placed on sale by the Agency on the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1923. Both stamps, judging from the proofs, are attractive, and it is my opinion that the $1 is among the most pleasing of the series. The former variety is printed in sheets of four hundred while the $1 stamps are from 200 subject plates, ten horizontally by twenty vertically. Before long I will be able to publish some interesting notes regarding the new 20c denomination which we expect to see issued shortly.

Mr. B. K. Miller writes from London that he has obtained two-thirds of a 3c, 1869, used as 2c on the entire cover cancelled in green "Edwardsville Mi(ss) Sep 21" and addressed to New Orleans, La. Mr. Miller states this is one of the few choice items he has located in London, for the dealers' stocks of United States are "very small and exceptionally poor."

Announcement was made in Washington under date of January 28th, that there are now 51,787 post-offices being operated by this government exclusive of the many branches and sub-stations in the larger centers. No other nation of the world has a postal system that begins to compare with ours. The Department however is steadily working to reduce the number, 19,158 having been eliminated since 1902, in which year the largest number of offices in its history were in operation.

Mr. G. G. Ryder informs me that the Boston Post Office will shortly have in use a postmark advertising an exhibition of stamps to be held March 19th to 24th inclusive in the Exhibition Hall of the Boston Public Library under the auspices of the Boston Philatelic Society.

Messrs. F. R. Demerly, M. H. Ganser, L. B. Coley, A. H. Robertson, J. Earl Harlow, C. L. Gabel, W. A. Beach and others inform me that they have seen the new 2c coil stamp which made its appearance more or less unheralded. We also wish to thank Messrs. H. C. Buttermore and F. H. Sackleben for notes of interest.

CHINA.—We have received the following interesting letter from Rev. Warren A. Seager of the American Church Mission at Nanking:—

At the risk of duplicating information which you may already have with regard to the changes of color in the current Chinese stamps, I beg to submit for the MEKEEL'S WEEKLY Chronicle the following information, copied from an official report circulated today among the foreign residents of Nanking. I should like to have sent you the report itself, but it was one that could only be read and signed. However, I made an exact copy of the data with regard to the stamps, as follows:—

"The 7 and 15 cent denominations are to be reintroduced. The 1½, 6 and 13 cent denominations are to be discontinued.

The following color changes will go into effect: 2c from green to brown, 3c blue green to green, 4c red to gray, 7c violet to violet, 8c brown-orange to red, 10c deep blue to dark gray-green and 15c brown to dark blue. The colors of the ½, 1, 5, 16, 20, 30 and 50 cent stamps will remain unchanged.

The dollar stamps will be printed in color in the centers instead of with black centers as at present. The colors will be as follows: $1 chocolate, $2 sepia, $5 dark gray-green, $10 maroon and $20 blue. The frames of the 1, 2, 5 and 10 dollar stamps will retain their present colors. The frame of the $20 stamp will be printed in maroon instead of in ordinary yellow as hitherto.

The introduction of the above mentioned new stamps, etc., will be gradual, and their sale will not be commenced until after the old stocks of the various denominations in each category are exhausted.

A quantity of the 3 cent postage stamps is being surcharged for use as 2 cents and issued to meet requirements."

To date none of these new stamps have appeared in the local post-offices. The writer found that the stocks of 1½, 6 and 13 cent stamps have been completely exhausted for some time. One post-office had just received a small supply of the 6 cent value of the "three head" Postal Commemorative set issued in 1921. The postal officials were unable to explain the arrival of these stamps, and said that they had none of the other values of the same set, and didn't expect to have. This "three head" set was on sale in Nanking for just 5 weeks last year, and it was necessary to travel from one post-office to another to obtain them in any quantity, as the clerks refused to sell more than 10 of a kind.

The increased rates of postage have caused a great deal of comment especially among the foreigners in China. The chief criticism offered is that the Chinese Post Office waited until the removal of foreign post-offices was assured before raising the rates. This is hardly fair, as the volume of business done by the foreign post-offices was but a small
percentage of the total amount of
activity in China. The current
postal rates, even after the increas
approximately the same as in the U
States, and the local city postage
good deal cheaper.

The present rate of 15 cents for
eign letter amounts to about the sa
several other countries are charging
the foreign letter tariff could be
even more without exceeding the
mum tariff laid down by the U.
In a country where there is as
official corruption as in China, the
ence of an honestly operated, thoro
efficient institution, such as the C
Post Office, is something to inspire
fidence in the future of China. An
the quick and safe handling of ou
eign correspondence those of us
have cast our lot in this great co
certainly shouldn't begrudge an addi
five cents Mex. on our letters.

HONDURAS.—Bright & Son advise
have just received the Honduras
rent 2c red overprinted "Vale" SEI
on 2c in two lines. These are in
of 50, and we find the varieties, a
enclosed list, in the sheet, all of
are constant with the exception of
ety G, this we find only on the to
of one sheet.

Honduras "VALE" SEIS Cts.
Normal.

Varieties—*a*. ALE for VALE;
stop after CTS.; *c*. Comma for st
larger C in CTS.; *e*. Raised C; *f*.
T; *g*. Imperf. on top.

ITALY *(Offices in the Turkish Em*
—Bulletin Mensuel notes the a
ance of the following: 30 pa on 5c
green, 3pi on 25c blue, 4½pi on 50c
7½pi on 85c red brown and 7½pi o
lira green and brown. All the s
overprinted are of the 1901-11 iss
Italy.

LATVIA.—Karl Koslowski writes
"For some time past Latvia has
working on the new permanent mo
system, and is now replacing the
too well known kopek and ruble int
timi and francs or lats.

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same design as the present arm
series. The only change consist
the lower inscription, for instanc

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ead reading '10 Rubli 10' it will read) Santimi 20' etc. The 20 santimi amps have been printed and put in ock until the 10 rubli stamps are all ed up. The rest will follow as soon as d stocks are exhausted. It is also aintained that after the stock on hand the 9 and 15 rubli stamps are used up discontinue those two denominations, it has been found that those values e seldom if ever called for."

LITHUANIA.—Mr. W. M. McFarlan re- rts the current 4auks with the sur- arge "15 Cent."

MEXICO.—A complete new series of stage stamps are announced for issue is month, of which the following de- riptions appear in the local newspa- rs:—2c vermilion and 3c brown, Pyra- id of San Juan Teotihuacan; 4c green, stle of Chapultepec; 5c orange-yel- w, Monument of Columbus; 10c dark own, semi-circle of Juarez; 20c blue, sign of present issue; 20c Express, aret and black, motor-cycle; 30c green, onument of Cuauhtemoc; 40c mulberry, ilding of Department of Communica- ons and Public Works; 50c brown and ue, Aztec calendar; 50c Air Post, blue d red, eagle and volcanoes; 1 peso, ack and brown, National Theatre; 5 sos, green and black, General Post- fice; 10 pesos, black and sepia, March Trigarante's Army into Mexico City. -*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

NYASSA.—In a recent issue of the *lletin Mensuel* we note the chronicle two types of surcharges on the 1921 ue. The two surcharges are called ocal" and "London" the first overprint ng of a somewhat lighter type and readily noticeable from that done in ndon.

1676-7-8-9-80.

he next discontinuance of subscrip- ns will concern all subscribers whose appers bear the numbers 1676 to 1680 lusive. Just glance at your wrapper mediately in order to make sure that ur subscription is paid up. You have ple time in which to renew and be ed the inconvenience of a discontinu- e. Moreover, under our new system are making no plans for furnishing k numbers and subscribers must not ect that we can supply back numbers en we have made every effort to ify them.

We are satisfied that the system we e inaugurated is the only one under ich a newspaper can do business these s, and subscribers must understand t free copies of the WEEKLY will not sent to those who are in arrears.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

THE ANSWERING OF LETTERS.

By JEROME MILKMAN.

(We publish Mr. Milkman's article in its entirety. He has presented the subject from the collector's standpoint and we shall do well to examine it from the standpoint of the dealer. A person has no real right to expect a reply to a letter unless a stamped envelope be enclosed. It is a matter of courtesy only, and the average dealer believes that failure to reply to a letter indicates that the merchandise wanted cannot be supplied. We lay it down as a fundamental principle to enclose a stamped envelope whenever a letter calls for a reply, and this is a good policy to follow.—W. O. W.)

I have been collecting U. S. stamps for some time, and I subscribed to your paper with the idea of getting in touch with some of your advertisers in the hopes that I could purchase some stamps that I needed to fill in my collection. I have written to about 25 dealers, asking them if they had any of the following stamps:—

1914—Revenue, 24c Green Cordials.
1917—Revenue, 20c Carmine Doc.
1919—Revenue, 8c and 40c Blue Prop.

and out of that number I received about three answers. Two were considerate enough to inform me that they did not have them, and the third did not answer my inquiry, but sent me some U. S. Stamps on approval. I feel that I am at least entitled to an answer to an inquiry of this kind, and think it shows very poor business methods on the part of the dealers that did not favor me with an answer. I do not feel that you are in any way responsible for the actions of these dealers and do not regret having subscribed to your paper, as I look forward to receiving it each week and have bought quite a few stamps from a couple of dealers I have gotten into correspondence with through the paper. My reason for writing to you is that you might point out to your advertisers the good business policy of answering correspondence.

FORMER MAYOR GIVEN A START TOWARDS STAMP COLLECTING.

Ex-Mayor Thomas N. Hart of Boston, on his 94th birthday, late in January, was given a Mayor's Club luncheon at Young's Hotel. When he was mayor of Boston, he was known to be an ideal business executive, and now though nearly up to the century mark, he retains his faculties to a remarkable degree. At the luncheon the small pupils of the Thomas N. Hart School presented him with a stamp book that contained stamps from thirty-seven different countries. In connection with the presentation Mr. Hart stated that in his long career he had overlooked one of the popular pastimes of the age and declared that while he had never collected stamps, "never before had he been given such a stimulating start in that direction." We are sending Mr. Hart a copy of the WEEKLY to supplement this missionary effort.

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* (167)	.40	.17
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* (178)	1 50	.60
* (183)	3.00	2.00
* (255-257)	.28	.15
* (258-268)	.36	.15
***AUSTRIA** 1922, 9 var. (250-258)	.18	.04
* 1922, 6 var. (269-274)	.48	.12
* Latest, 1 var., 1000 kronen	..	.07
* Latest, 1 var., 2000 kronen	..	.12
* Latest, 5 var. Air Mail, 300, 600, 900, 1200 & 2400 kr.	..	.15
1922, 8 var. (402-409)	.16	.05
* 1915, 9 var. (772-780)	.42	.17
Porto, 6 var. (970,971,984-987)	.18	.06
1919, 9 var. (1014-1022)	.19	.05
1922, 9 var. (1030-1038)	.19	.06
BAVARIA 1919, 16 var. (176-187)	1.01	.30
1919, 12 var. (176-187)	.31	.10
1920, 20 var. (256-275)	3.03	.85
* 1920, 18 var. (540-557)	1.63	.52
* 1920, 18 var. (558-575)	1.63	.50
BULGARIA 1882, 7 var. (12-18)	.48	.12
1886-88, 3 var. (25-27)	1.57	.65
* 1901, 4 var. (53-56)	.88	.35
* 1902, 3 var. (70-72)	.65	.20
1913, 7 var. (104-111)	.43	.17
1915-16, 7 var. (112, 114-119)	.18	.10
* 1917-18, 6 var. (122-127)	.60	.20
* 1918, 6 var. (128-133)	.22	.08
* 1920, 6 var. (147-152)	.68	.23
* 1921, 5 var. (153-157)	.22	.09
* 1921, 9 var. (158-167)	1.20	.45
* 1920, 10 var. (251-260)	.84	.35
1902-04, 4 var. (372-375)	.45	.20
* 1915, 5 var. (377-381)	.48	.20
* 1922, **New**, 5s to 3 lewa	..	.75
***CENTR. LITHUANIA**, 3 va. (4-6)	.07	.03
10 var. (13-22)	46.25	31.00
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***DANZIG** 1921, 17 var. (63-79)	1.31	.48
* 1922, 6 var. (80-85)	.37	.14
* 1922, 2 var. (87, 88)	.87	.35
* 1920, 3 var. (201-203)	.20	.10
* 1921, 3 var. (251-253)	.14	.05
* 1921, (301-314)	.44	.16
* **Latest**, 100mk, type A13	..	.30
* **Latest**, 6mk, type A11	..	.05
* **Latest**, 50mk, New type, blue & red	..	.20
* **Latest, 100mk, New type,** green & red	..	.20
* **Latest**, official, 5mk dark green & gray	..	.05
* **Latest**, official, 10mk orange & gray	..	.12
* 1921-22, Postage due, 10 var. (401-410)	.68	.27
* Latest, Postage due, 20mk deep violet	..	.20
DANISH WEST INDIES, 1905, 4 var. (31-34)	1.07	.40
DENMARK, 1901-1904,5va.(52-56)	.33	14
1904-05, 5 var. (62, 64-68)	.59	.23
1907-12, 7 var. (70-77)	.23	.08
1913-15, 10 var. (89-98)	.64	.22
1918, 13 var. (110-122)	7.25	2.00
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1921, 7 var. (401-407)	.61	.22
***EAST. SILESIA**, 10 var. (41-50)	.64	.23
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***GERMANY**, (118, 119, 121-132) 13 var.	.74	.18
* 4 var, (133-136)	.59	.16
* 6 var. (177-182)	.48	.13
* 4 var. (208-211)	.09	.03
* 6 var. (318-322)	.52	.16
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***LITHUANIA** 1919, 10 var. (30-39) used or unused	1.53	.46
* 1919, 10 var. (40-49) used or unused	1.28	.38
* 1919, 11 var. (50-60) used or unused	.54	.18
* 1920, 11 var. (70-80)	3.24	1.35
1920, 11 var. (81-91)	1.09	.35
* 1921, 14 var. (97-110)	1.35	.48
* 1922, 3 var. (190-192) see Addenda	.52	.22
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* 1921, 11 var. (56, 58, 61, 63-67, 70, 71)	.64	.16
* 1922, 13 var. (72-84)	..	.70
* 1922, 14 var. (72-85) complete	..	1.00
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***POLAND** 1918, 8 var. (17, 19-21, 23-26)	.78	.25
* 1919, 6 var. (81-86)	.13	.04
* 1919, 6 var. (129-134)	.19	.07
* 1920-22, 13 var. (146, 149-152b, 154-155a, 163-165)	.96	.22
* 1921, 7 var. (156-162)	.59	.15
* 1922, 14 var. (170-183) used or unused	.37	.13
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* 1917-1918, 2 var. (120, 124)	5.75	1.60
1918, 149, 150, used or un'd	.14	.05
* 1919, 1 var. (159)	8.00	2.75
1919, 5 var. (165-169), used or unused	.12	.05
* 1921, 11 var. (177-187)	2.33	1.25
* 1921, 3 var. (188-190)	.30	.15
* 1922, 1 var. (195)	.25	.10
1922, 1 var. (201), used or unused	.50	.20
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* 1919, 11 var. (61-71)	3.58	1.55
PALESTINE 1920, 3 var. (21-23)	1.60	.65
1921, 3 var. (43-45)	1.50	.60
1921, 1 var. (46)	1.00	.45
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STRAITS—30c script wmk.	.22
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25c, No. 40	.50
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*½c on 15c (47)	.30
1c on 15c (48)	.50
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4c on 5c, No. 51	.50
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2c, No. 90	.30
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50c, No. 102	.07
1p, No. 103	.20
2p, No. 104	.25
5p, No. 105	.35
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50c, No. 116	.07
80c, No. 117	.20
1p. No. 118	.20
12c, No. 127	.07
20c, No. 129	.03
24c, No. 130	.08
30c, No. 131	.12
50c, No. 132	.07
1p, No. 133	.08
1900-10	
12c, No. 138	.10
5c, No. 141	*.30
4c, No. 142	.10
6c, No. 143	.07
*6c, No. 143	.10
3c, No. 147	.03
4c, No. 148	.06
6c, No. 150	.05
*6c, No. 150	.09
12c, No. 152	.25
*12c, No. 152	.40
20c, No. 154	.04
24c, No. 155	.05
30c, No. 156	.05
50c, No. 157	.06
1p, No. 158	.20
1910 Commemorative.	
1c, No. 161	.03
2c, No. 162	.03
*3c, No. 163	.05
*4c, No. 164	.10
10c, No. 166	.07
12c, No. 167	.04
20c, No. 168	.12
30c, No. 170	.12
50c No. 171	.40
1p, No. 172	.40
1911-21	
*5c, No. 176	.08
12c, No. 178	.03
3c, No. 182	.02
4c, No. 183	*.04
20c, No. 185	.08
24c, No. 186	.08
30c, No. 187	.04
50c, No. 188	.07
4c, No. 193	.06
30c, No. 199	.06
50c, No. 200	.25
1p, No. 201	.12
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4c, No. 219	.12
10c, No. 221	.05
12c No. 222	.03

ARGENTINE—Continued.

Item	Price
20c, No. 223	.18
24c, No. 224	.18
30c, No. 225	.15
50c, No. 226	.20
1p, No. 227	.50
4c, No. 235	.04
20c, No. 239	.04
30c, No. 241	.06
50c, No. 242	.13
1p, No. 243	.12
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5c, No. 247	.12
½c to 3c, 5, 10c, Nos. 248 to 51-3-4, each	.01
4c, No. 252	.03
12c, No. 255	.02
20c, No. 256	.04
30c, No. 258	.06
50c, No. 259	.12
½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12c, Nos. 264-67, 69-71, each	.01
4c, No. 268	.03
20c, No. 272	.03
30c, No. 274	.04
50c, No. 275	.06
5c, No. 281	.05
5c, No. 283	.06
5c, No. 290	.06

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Item	Price
1866-99	
*5c, No. 2	.25
*50c, No. 5	.75
*100c, No. 8	2.00
*5c, No. 10	.35
*50c, No. 12	.75
*100c, No. 13	1.50
*10c, No. 16	.30
*50c, No. 17	.65
*100c, No. 18	.50
20c, No. 22	.07
50c, No. 23	.50
*20c, No. 32	.35
50c, No. 33	*.30
100c, No. 34	.65
10c, No. 38	.08
*1b, No. 53	.35
*2b, No. 54	1.00
10c, No. 65	.04
50c, No. 67	.15
1b No. 68	.25
*1b, No. 68	.40
1901-17	
20c, No. 75	.03
2b, No. 76	.35
*5c, No. 78	.40
*10c, No. 79	.50
*20c, No. 80	.50
*2b, No. 81	.65
*10c, No. 85	.06
*20c, No. 86	.10
*50c, No. 87	.20
*1b, No. 88	.40
*2b, No. 89	.60
10c, No. 93	.04
5c on 2c, No. 95	.03
2c, No. 98	.03
5c, No. 100	.05
10c on 1c, No. 101	.06
50c, No. 108	.25
5c, No. 115	.02
10c, No. 116	.03
10c, No. 121	.03
20c, No. 122	.05

CHILE.

Item	Price
1867-99	
*1c, No. 15	.30
2c, No. 16	*.30
10c, No. 18	.10
1c, No. 20	.07
2c, No. 21	.20

CHILE—Continued.

Item	Price
*2c. No. 21	.40
5c, No. 22	.04
10c, No. 23	.10
20c, No. 24	.18
50c, No. 28	.50
*15c, No. 33	.15
30c, No. 38	.18
*30c, No. 38	.30
1900-9	
20c, No. 43	.06
*20c, No. 43	.25
50c, No. 44	.07
30c, No. 46	.12
50c, No. 56	.50
10c on 30c (57)	.05
*3c on 1p (64)	.06
*10c, No. 66	1.50
12c on 5c (67)	.05
3c, No. 70	*.04
12c. No. 73	.60
1910 Juan Fernandez	
5c on 12c (79)	.05
*5c on 12c (79)	.10
10c on 1p (80)	.07
*1p, No. 82	.45
1910 Commemorative.	
*2c, No. 84	.03
3c, No. 85	*.07
10c, No. 87	.05
12c. No. 88	.12
15c, No. 89	.06
10p, No. 97	3.00
1911-21	
*3c, No. 100	.06
12c, No. 103	*.07
15c, No. 104	.04
25c, No. 106	*.10
30c, No. 107	.04
50c, No. 108	.06
1p, No. 109	.06
2p, No. 110	.30
5p, No. 111	.60
10p, No. 112	.80
4c, No. 114	.02
*10c, No. 116	.05
14c, No. 117	*.12
40c, No. 121	.07
60c, No. 123	.15
*5c, No. 124	.03
*20c, No. 134	.10
50c, No. 137	.04
*50c, No. 137	.18
1p, No. 138	.03
2p, No. 139	.20
*4c, No. 144	.02
40c, No. 145	.06
Postage Due.	
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60c, No. 427	1.00
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*240c, No. 12	10.00
60c, No. 13	2.00
120c, No. 16	2.50
6c, No. 18	2.00
12c, No. 23	2.00
5c. No. 30	.60
10c, No. 31	*2.00
20c, No. 38	.75
1877-99	
5c, No. 40	.07
1p, No. 43a	1.00
*1c, No. 46	.15
*2c, No. 47	.20
1c on 10c (53)	*.07

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Item	Price
5c, No. 56	.25
1c, No. 58	.05
2c No. 67a	.07
10c. No. 70	.20
5c. No. 84	.06
7c, No. 94	1.25
25c, No. 97	1.50
7c, No. 105	*.75
1c, No. 116	.04
5c, No. 117	.07
2c, No. 120	.04
20c, No. 124	.22
25c, No. 125	.15
*½c on 1c (136)	.04
*½c on 2c (137)	.12
*½c on 5c (138)	.12
*½c on 7c (139)	.15
5m, No. 140	*.03
2c, No. 144	.04
1900-4	
20c, No. 149	.10
5c on 10c (150)	*.18
10c, No. 153	.05
7c, No. 155	.10
25c, No. 156	.10
50c, No. 157	.25
1p. No. 158	.50
10c, No. 164	.05
20c, No. 165	.15
25c, No. 166	.10
1904 Paz.	
*1c. No. 167	.15
*2c, No. 168	.25
*5c, No. 169	.30
1906-7	
7c, No. 172	.07
50c, No. 173	.20
1908-10 Commem.	
1c, No. 174	*.32
2c, No. 175	*.40
5c, No. 176	*.80
*2c, No. 177	.30
*5c, No. 178	
*5c, No. 183	
1910 Surcharged	
*5m on 1c (184)	
*5c on 50c (185)	
*5c on 50c (186)	
1910-11	
5m to 5c, Nos. 187 to 190, ea.	
23c, No. 193	
50c, No. 194	
1p, No. 195	
5c, No. 196	
*2c on 7c (197)	
*5c on 7c (198)	
1912-15 Lithogra	
5m to 5c, Nos. 199 to 205, ea	
8c. No. 206	
20c, No. 207	
50c, No. 209	
1p, No. 210	
1913 Centenario	
*2c, No. 211	
*4c, No. 212	
*5c, No. 213	
1918-19	
*2c, No. 214	
*5c, No. 215	
*2c, No. 217	
*4c, No. 218	
*5c, No. 219	
*8c, No. 220	
*20c, No. 221	
*23c, No. 222	
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—R. M. Tribble sends us a new advertising cancellation. It comes from Greenville, S. C., and reads:—"United States Good Roads Convention, April 16-21, 1923".

—*E. G.*—The Panama book by F. E. Heydon, while listing all varieties, does not price them.

—"In my page ad of January 20th, I made an error in offering Gibraltar Nos. 63, 64 and 65, whereas I had wanted to offer, at same prices, Nos. 72, 73 and 74. The former three numbers it would be obviously impossible to sell at prices quoted. Will you kindly make an explanation in the NEWS for me?"—MAXWELL KRAUSE.

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—A. M. McFadden announces elsewhere in this issue that he has disposed of his interest in the Stamp Shoppe and is now doing business from Mt. Ranier, Md. He has taken regular space in the WEEKLY.

—"It was ten years since I had taken an active interest in stamps, but MEKEEL'S has brought back the old enthusiasm, which was started by an exhibit of the Syracuse Stamp Club held at the public library. This Club has been holding another exhibit at the same place during the month of January last past, which has created much interest among non-collectors as well as the elect, and will no doubt result in new additions to the ranks. I believe such exhibits should be held at least annually wherever collectors are organized into clubs, as it is an inexpensive and efficient means of advertising Philately among those not reached by ordinary methods. Like all advertising, it should be given in regular doses year after year."—R. L. SIMONS.

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—We have been made acquainted with a worthy shut-in, George E. Hart, Route 5, Box 28, Salem, Ore. Mr. Hart has not left his bed for nearly a year, and for the past four years has been battling with pulmonary tuberculosis. He has a small collection of stamps and will be very glad to have any additions made to it that are possible.

—Wm. N. Swain, 73 Cornhill, Boston, Mass., returning from Argentine, brought with him a history of that country which contains quite a biography of William Brown. Mr. Swain offers to accommodate the subscriber who was interested in this person and inquired for historical data.

—Columbus, Ga., has recently printed the following precancels:—Perf. 11 (old issue): 1c, 2c, 3c, 3c Victory, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c and 50c. Vertical surcharge on 3c Victory in two lines. "Columbus, Ga." and horizontal on the rest. The post-office informs me that all precancels are hand printed.—G. S. GOODALE.

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PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT.

By FREDERICK W. ALLEN.

Hundreds of towns used precanceled stamps for the first time during the 1922 holiday season. It is important to chronicle as large a number as possible, and I shall appreciate readers sending in notes for publication and reference work.

Hudson, Platteville, Shell Lake, Stoughton, and Jefferson, all of which are located in Wisconsin, used distinctive hand stamps last Xmas. Boscobe precanceled the Victory Issue with the double lined roller. Mr. Alvin Krause of Pewaukee, Wis., has shown me copies of precancels from these cities.

Martinsburg, W. Va., is a newcomer. It sports an electrotype similar to U-6. All values from 1c to 50c are being used.

Exactly like the above type are the new Manitowoc, Wis., precancels. This old Indian village, which is now an enterprising manufacturing center, formerly employed a handstamp productive of a very indistinct overprint. From now on, though, we shall not have to strain our eyes in locating our Manitowocs.

"Appelten", Wis., occurs in the present issue of Appelton, Wis. This error is very distinct upon a copy of the 1c owned by Mr. Krause. I am unable to state how often it occurs, but advise collectors to be on the lookout for it, as it will command a good price.

Mr. Albert Clattenburg, Jr., of Chestnut Hill, Pa., informs me that Hazelton, Pa., used precancels during the rush at Xmas. A handstamp similar to U-1 overprinted all values up to the 20c and also the Special Delivery.

Buffalo, N. Y., precanceled Special Deliveries, are not catalogued, but they have been out for some time and appear in the regular type.

The first new Special Delivery to be precanceled bears the name of that city which is our most prolific user of precancels—Chicago, Ill.

Shelbyville, Md., joins the host of post-offices boasting the U-18 electro. The 1 cent denomination is all that has fared my way.

Ogden, Utah, has resurrected from the dusty vault their U-1 plate and for the first time since 1913 Ogdens are appearing in that type. They make a nice showing and a set from 1c to 50c exclusive of the 13c makes a striking array. The 1c and 2c dues are also out. Try to annex some from Ogden and find out how scarce they are. No! you cannot buy them from the post-office.

Chadron, Neb., emerges with a new type much like Santa Cruz, Calif., but larger letters. "Cette ville" formerly did their work with a U-8 handstamp.

Pontiac, Ill., is not listed by B. Gordon, but it has floated several issues during the past Christmas seasons. This past rush they used a handstamp having, between bars, about the same size letters as the Peoria electro.

The Eugene, Ore., P. M. has saturated their stamp pad with purple ink, for the precancels emanating from there are coming in that bright hue. A fine 7c double and also a few other values were thoughtfully saved for me by a friend.

Shades of baseball!! *Keating*, Ore., breaks into the game with a precancellation in thin caps between lines. It closely resembles Type II of Evanston, Ill. Mr. Jack Parker shows me the 6c.

A Mormon stronghold, Provo, Utah, is another new user of the precancel. This post-office canceled but a small number during the 1922 rush, so they are going to be scarce as ambergris. The hand stamped impression pictures PROVO, UTAH, in short, thick letters between heavy bars. I am indebted to Mr. Parker for allowing me to inspect an 11c double and a 30c normal.

Scottsbluff, Nebr., graces the Special Delivery in both normal and inverted positions. This item will be a hard one to gather in, for one seldom sees even a Scottsbluff precancel of the regular issue.

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Excellent work was done during January in the securing of new subscriptions. W. W. Betts heads the list with 50, with the Fennell Stamp Co. 41 and the C. E. Hussman Co. 36. We prophesied last month that Mr. Betts' work would be emphasized with a substantial increase and his total reaches 90, pushing the C. E. Hussman Co. strongly for second place. We are especially gratified at the manner in which the returns have come in, covering as they do a very wide area. New subscriptions have been received during the past month from all the displayed names with two exceptions. Our roll of honor was begun October 1 and will continue until Sept. 30, 1923. A half page of advertising space will be given the dealer winning first honors for the year and a quarter page will be awarded to each of the two next highest contestants. The leaders for January subscriptions are:—

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—THE MANAGING EDITOR.

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

On December 5th the Calgary Philatelic Society held their last meeting for the year 1922, and reports were submitted by the President, Dr. E. G. Mason, and the Secretary, Mr. M. Thomas, showing that the Society had made excellent progress since its formation six months ago.

The membership now stands at fourteen, all members being residents of Calgary, and including the foremost collectors of the city, and the finances of the organization were shown to be in a very healthy condition. Steps have been taken to include collectors residing outside of Calgary amongst those eligible for membership, at a reduced fee, and it is anticipated that this move will greatly increase the membership.

YE TOLERANT ED.

The attention of our readers is called to an article on the first page entitled "Fortunes in Old Stamps." Many persons are interested in stamps, and many a long-closed garret has been opened to see if any old letters cannot be found with the stamps attached. The stamp craze is only a fad, like many another, but if it affords pleasure to a person to spend time and money in gathering them in, let them enjoy it.—Clipped.

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By CHAS. S. THOMPSON.

It was a dark and stormy night, away out in the southwest section of a large and constantly growing occidental community. Our dexter auditory appendage caressed the mollific profundity of an eider-stuffed pillow, when our one-piece jazz orchestra, Baby Ben, exploded into the internationally-famous strains of "Three O'Clock in the Morning."

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Our guns and ammunition were installed in the posterior portion of the Orphan Henry, as we intended a trip to Mexico, the land of the bull, and a bit of shooting might be necessary. My companion remarked in passing that as the guns were double barreled, in case anything went wrong with the cylinders of the Street Cootie, we could saw off an inch from the end of each gun, and have a new set; while by using a bit of a cartridge occasionally in the gas, we could get plenty of kick.

An hour, and we had left the roaring activity and the snoring stillness of the metropolis of the Pacific Coast behind us, and were in the midst of speed traps and midnight motor cops, intently patrolling the state highway for bootleg.

Two hours, and we had passed the last of these outpests of civilizaton, and had reached a point where there was sufficient daylight for us to distinguish the outlines of a powerful car, provided with something besides gasoline and oil. We saw this layout several times on the trip, and noticed that the springs were less depressed each time!

Three hours, and we had to give Lizzie another hypo of gasoline, and a gallon of oil. Four hours, and we saw our first country post-office, with sign out "New Issue of U. S. not yet on sale. Fresh Eggs, 58c a Doz." Five hours, and we had reached a place where the grade of the road was so high that we feared our low-grade machine could never make it, but by getting a bit of salt water from the adjacent ocean, and putting it in the radiator, we managed to reach the top, after which we were able to coast into Sandy Ague, the rising rival of Lost Angie Lees, and there we acquired merit and comestibles.

Sandy Ague is so near to the Mexican water-front that lobster (they call 'em that here—they're crawfish) is in season the year 'round. The writer had his a la Newburg, and they have the sherry in Sandy Ague to make it that way, too. But our friend and chauffeur ordered the usual porkchops, and refused even to consider any exotic feats of gastronomy.

Shortly after we were being searched by a congeries of American boundary officials, who warned us that licker brung acrost the line would make a feller lose a perfectly good Boulevard Bug. Then we received further warnings from a set of Mexicano cut-throats who roosted in the shade of a spreading hooch-hound tree, a little farther down the boulevard, now become a *"calle,"* as we had entered the land of frijoles, wood alcohol, zinc-lined stomachs, and romance.

Being philatelically inclined, we set our hearts to duty, and shunned the deadly pitfalls of gin which line both sides of both streets of Tia Juana, the Anti-Volstead Annex of the Sovereign State of California. We cruised about, between, and around bars, and eventually arrived before a stately edifice of 'dobe and clapboards, which bore the proud designation, painted on a fragment of packing box, "PALACIO DEL GOBIERNO." It also bore a warning, in purest Castilian, that autos, caballeros on horse, and other vehicles were not allowed in the courtyard, probably on account of the fact that said enclosure was already well filled with four- and two-wheeled equipages, saddled mules, and other means of conveyance.

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Being thus utterly squelched, we determined to make the best of the affair, and started to view the scenery. We found the interior of the 8 x 12 room constituting the foyer of the post-office to be decorated with long typewritten lists of letters, postal cards, packages, and newspapers which were in the clutches of the federal office-holders, as you don't call for any mail in Mexico unless it is there for you, and they make out these complete lists once every two or three days or weeks for the express purpose of eliminating any undue friction on letters, due to unnecessary handling in seeking a particular missive.

Having found to our complete satisfaction that there was no mail in Tia Juana for either of us, we felt that a change of scene was desirable, and therefore meandered in a lateral direction toward the Plaza de Toros, the alleged bull-ring, consisting of rickety tiers of weather-worn slabs, apparently a decidedly dangerous place for spectators as well as for bulls. On one wall was a list of the famous matadors, picadors, and cuspidors, and other artists who were engaged to furnish entertainment to the brave caballeros and fair senoritas of the beautiful municipality of Tia Juana, and other similar statements which went well with the surroundings.

Heading the list of bull-fighters was the name of one Juancillo Topolabampa de Tipi-tapá, who was declared by the flamboyant poster to be a "temperamental torero." He would probably be much worse than that after about three perforations and one watermark of Mexican booze.

A little farther, on the same fence, we read a political announcement of the "reform" party of Tia Juana. "We will give you a business administration by business men; we will make Tia Juana a second edition of Paradise. Down with the Do-Nothings and Know-Nothings who have controlled the destinies of our fair stronghold of Mexican civilization for so long." And much more bull of the same kind.

Our three hours having passed, we returned to the palace, and discovered that the grandee who purveyed postal paper had returned to his post, and once more we dragged forth our *"lengua Castellana"* to the light of day and the ears of a Mexican official.

We requested *"sellos de el correo aereo,"* and were informed that His Eminence had never heard of airplane stamps possibly the Americanos had them in Sandy Ague. We asked for the stamps of the *"Cruz Roja,"* and learned that the Double Cross and not the Red Cross is the regular Mexican article. We asked for *"tarjetas postales,"* and we got a lot of postal cards that had been the resting place of many articles and many animals not supposed to park on postal cards. And the second assistant to the first assistant postmaster had to stick two extra one-cent stamps on each one before he sold them to us, whereupon we thought of something else and demanded some of the *"estampillas de entrega inmediata,"* as the Scootalog lists that Mex. special delivery at 40c, and we were determined to lay in a supply. *"Si, Senor! Tengo sellos de entrega inmediata! Tengo muchos!"* And he dragged forth the whole stock. There were twelve of them in a very large envelope, and seven of them were fit for philatelic purposes. We bought these, and parted with 35c "oro," for all American mazuma is "gold," even if it is only copper. Then we politely asked to be allowed to inspect the rest of the "stock" of stamps, and were allowed to gaze on perhaps seven dollars and six bits worth of stamps of three or four different issues, all religiously stowed in large envelopes of a long-forgotten vintage, judging from the thumbprint signatures of dead-and-gone generations of Mexican officials who had left the impress of their personality on these containers. But we found no rarities, so decided to call it a month, tho we had been in Mexico only half a day.

Then we adjourned to the plaza in front of the *"carcel publica,"* which is what they call a jail here, and asked the commandante if he had any Hawaiian Missionaries to cell. Being answered in the negative, we decided to form a stamp society, and then and there instituted *"El Club Filatelico de Tia Juana,"* elected ourselves members and officers, sent announcements to William Scandolph Wurst and Acie Wrestler, and started for home.

We passed the Mexican inspectors successfully, but the Americanos were more inquisitive. "No booze?" "Didn't take a single drink?" "Loco, sure. Wat did you go over for if you didn't intend to buy any hooch? Postage stamps? Wat can you do with Mexican postage stamps in the United States? They ain't g over here. Fer stamp collectors? S Bill, come over here! These two g went acrost the line an' they claim th never snooted up any an' all they was t' buy postage stamps. C'n you b it!"

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One of the most historically interesting series of War stamps issued by the Central European Powers between the years 1914 and 1918 is that supplied to the military post offices of the Austro-Hungarian Army on active service. Actually it comprises four separate and distinct groups of issues—first the general series for use by the military postal service in the occupied regions of Russian Poland, Albania, etc.; second, the special issues of the Italian campaign; third, those for Montenegro; fourth, and last, Roumania—a total of 245 stamps, exclusive of errors or varieties.

At first the field post offices were supplied with contemporary postage stamps of their respective countries without any sort of distinction. Then the offices attached to Austrian divisions made use of the 1913 series of Austria, cancelled with special postmarks, inscribed "K.U.K. FELD-POSTAMT" or "K.U.K. Hauptfeld postamt," and those hailing from Bosnia used Bosnian stamps postmarked "K.U.K." Etappenpostamt," whilst the Hungarian field postmarks were inscribed "Tabori postahivatal" or "Tabori fopostahivatal." These stamps were, of course, only required for use upon postal matter that was not subject to the military franchise, the bulk of the correspondence of the Austro-Hungarian Armies in the field passing free under frank.

I.—GENERAL ISSUES.

In order, presumably, that the stamp accounts of the military post offices might be kept quite distinct from those of the civil postal service, instructions were given to the Royal and Imperial Printing Works at Vienna to overprint a supply of the current stamps of Bosnia (series 1912) with the words "K.U.K. FELD POST" diagonally across the lower right-hand corner for provisional use pending the engraving of dies for a special issue of military postage stamps. This was done, and the stamps delivered to the military post-offices on campaign in Poland between February and April, 1915, in the following quantities:—

1	heller	olive,	160,000
2	"	deep blue,	160,000
3	"	claret,	160,000
5	"	green,	130,000
6	"	black,	140,000
10	"	carmine,	130,000
12	"	olive green,	120,000
20	"	yellow-brown,	80,000
25	"	ultramarine,	80,000
30	"	orange-red,	30,000
35	"	greenish black,	30,000
40	"	violet,	30,000
45	"	olive-brown,	30,000
50	"	blue-black,	30,000
60	"	red-lilac,	80,000
72	"	dark blue,	30,000
1	kr	purple on yellow,	30,000
2	kr	black on dark blue,	30,000
3	kr	carmine on green,	3,000
5	kr	violet on grey,	3,000
10	kr	ultramarine on grey,	3,000

The above exist with the overprint double, or inverted; also imperforate.

They may be found both with the numeral cancellations of the various field post-offices, and with the Polish town postmarks of Dabrowa, Jedrzejow, Miechow, etc.

On July 1st, 1915, this provisional issue was replaced by a series of definitive design, incorporating portraits of the Emperor Francis Joseph struck from the same dies as for the Bosnian stamps, but surrounded by new borders, with the designation "K.U.K. FELDPOST" engraved in one line of white capitals across the top. The series comprised the same values as before, of which the undermentioned quantities were printed:—

1	heller	olive,	1,450,000
2	"	deep blue,	1,250,000
3	"	red-brown,	3,700,000
5	"	green,	7,280,000
6	"	black,	530,000
10	"	carmine	5,900,000
12	"	olive-green,	490,000
20	"	yellow-brown,	630,000
25	"	ultramarine,	680,000
30	"	orange-red,	640,000
35	"	dark green,	360,000
40	"	dark violet,	480,000
45	"	olive-brown,	280,000
50	"	greenish black,	360,000
60	"	brown-lilac,	440,000
72	"	dark blue,	380,000
1	kr	purple on yellow,	130,000
2	kr	black on azure,	138,000
3	kr	carmine on green,	80,000
5	kr	purple on deep green,	43,000
10	kr	ultramarine on grey,	47,500

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A revision of the postal tariff which came into force necessitated the addition of four new values to the current "Feldpost" series on October 1st, 1916. At the same time the 10 and 20 heller

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were changed in colour to avoid confusion. Design, etc., as before.

10 heller blue,	?
10 " rose-carmine,	2,700,000
[illegible] " olive-green,	?
80 " yellow-brown,	800,000
90 " claret,	250,000
4 kr purple on grey,	70,000

Following the death of the old Emperor a new series of stamps, engraved with a portrait of his successor, the Emperor Karl, was placed in circulation by the military post-offices in June, 1917, with the exception of the values 1 and 2 heller, which were not released until May, 1918. Of this series there were printed in all:—

1 heller blue-green,	1,950,000
2 " scarlet,	2,535,000
3 " sepia,	3,210,000
5 " green,	2,760,000
6 " violet,	1,050,000
10 " red-brown,	4,120,000
12 " dark blue,	660,000
15 " rose,	2,085,000
20 " chocolate,	2,060,000
25 " blue-violet,	520,000
30 " greenish black,	1,100,000
40 " olive,	1,700,000
50 " dark green,	1,000,000
60 " claret,	1,140,000
80 " steel blue,	2,160,000
90 " purple,	680,000
2 kr carmine on yellow,	3,550,000
3 kr dark green on bluish,	140,000
4 kr carmine on greenish,	115,000
10 kr violet on grey,	120,000

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining paper of the requisite quality, coupled with the absence of qualified workmen to produce stamps by the line-engraved process, it was decided to print the low values, from 1 to 90 heller, by typography. The necessary plates were laid down and a first supply of stamps in the new design printed off in readiness for issue towards the end of October, 1918. Before they could be placed in circulation, however, the events of October 28th had rendered further issues unnecessary. The total printing of these abortive stamps comprised:—

1 heller green,	850
2 " orange,	850
3 " grey-black,	850
5 " bright green,	250,850
10 " brown,	175,850
20 " red,	50,850
25 " blue,	50,850
30 " olive,	850
45 " black,	850
50 " green,	850
60 " violet-blue,	850
80 " carmine,	850
90 " violet,	50,850
1 kr olive on greenish,	1,650

In addition to the foregoing regular postage stamps an issue of newspaper stamps was made on behalf of the Austro-Hungarian military post-offices in August, 1916, and one of charity postage stamps in October, 1918.

The newspaper stamps, in four denominations, bearing the head of Mercury, were provided for franking regimental magazines or journals, which were carried at greatly reduced rates. They were printed in the following numbers:—

2 heller dark blue,	3,500,000
6 " orange,	400,000
10 " carmine,	400,000
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2 centesimi	on 1h blue green,	300,000
3 "	on 2h scarlet,	365,000
4 "	on 3h sepia,	375,000
6 "	on 5h green,	125,000
7 "	on 6h violet,	120,000
11 "	on 10h carmine,	200,000
13 "	on 12h dark blue,	100,000
16 "	on 15h rose,	200,000
22 "	on 20h chocolate,	125,000
27 "	on 25h blue violet,	120,000
32 "	on 30h green,	135,000
43 "	on 40h olive,	120,000
53 "	on 50h dark green,	125,000
64 "	on 60h claret,	100,000
85 "	on 80h steel blue,	225,000
95 "	on 90h dark violet,	120,000
2 lire 11c	on 2 kr carmine on yellow,	100,000
3 lire 16c	on 3 kr dark green on bluish,	100,000
4 lire 22c	on 4 kr carmine on greenish,	100,000

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3 centesimi	on 2h dark blue,	50,000
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11 "	on 10h carmine,	
22 "	on 20h brown.	

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3 centesimi	on 2h orange-red,	50,000
6 "	on 5h olive,	

Postage Due Stamps (Bosnian series, 1916-18).

6 centesimi	on 5h carmine,	50,000
11 "	on 10h "	
16 "	on 15h "	
27 "	on 25h "	
32 "	on 30h "	
43 "	on 40h "	
53 "	on 50h "	

These stamps were sold by 22 Austrian military post-offices in Italian territory.

Stamps in the new surface printed type of 1918, additionally surcharged with values in Italian currency, as in the case of the general issue, were "prepared for use, but not issued." The total printing amounted to 25,850 copies each of the values 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 22, 27, 32, 48, 53, 64, 85 and 95 centesimi, and 20,769 of the 1 lire 6c.

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3 cent on 7½c olive (Violet opt.).
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III.—SPECIAL ISSUES FOR OCCUPIED MONTENEGRO.

Seventeen military post-offices were set up by the Austro-Hungarian forces operating in Montenegro during the years 1916-17, which were also opened to the civilian population on May 25th, 1916. Except for a special issue made on March 1st, 1917, to commemorate the establishment of the Military Government at Cettinje, the ordinary stamps of the "Feldpost" series were utilised throughout. This special issue consisted of 50,000 copies each of the 10 and 15 heller values overprinted in three lines "K.U.K.—MILITARVERWALTUNG MONTENEGRO."

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IV.—SPECIAL ISSUES FOR OCCUPIED ROUMANIA.

The two series of "Feldpost" stamps surcharged in local currency for use by the Austrian military post-offices in Roumania, were fully dealt with in the last number of this journal.—*West-End Philatelist.*

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COMMUNICATION.

TO THE EDITOR :—

Now that you have given the readers of the WEEKLY a chance to guess on why small towns use the slogan "Address your Mail to Street and Number" on hand stamps, let's get down to the real facts in the case.

These hand stampers are made by E. Baumgarten of Washington, D. C. It has been his business for a number of years to make rubber stamps and has been the successful bidder with the P. O. Dept. for rubber faced hand stampers which are used in all fourth class offices. Third Class offices are supplied with steel faced hand stampers which are made by Chambers Bros. at Lodge, Va. This latter information is given to explain the reason why Mr. B. is not supplying third class offices.

Like any other business man, Mr. B. is looking for business and he naturally wants to sell all the rubber stamps he can find a market for. He conceived the idea of appropriating the "Address Your Mail" slogan to a discontinued design of postmarking stamp which he made some time ago. In order to make this he used an exact reproduction of this part of the die used on machines manufactured by the International Postal Supply Co.

This new design of postmarking stamp Mr. B. offered for sale direct to postmasters and out of several hundred price lists which he sent out he succeeded in selling at least fifty or more to postmasters. This impression was unknown to the P. O. Dept. when we wrote the Fourth Asst. Postmaster General in May, 1922. At this time we sent the P. O. Dept. impressions from several offices using this stamp and a short time after this the postmasters at these offices discontinued their use. We took it for granted the Dept. requested them not to use it.

The explanation is all right that mail in small towns is not generally addressed locally and that in a roundabout way these markings educate the "rustics," but there is not much use in making a scientific subject out of an ordinary business deal. If the P. O. Dept. had authorized these or had given their permission for their use, we could look at them in a different light, but in reality they were sold and placed in use contrary to previous rules and regulations which should have been familiar to both postmaster and manufacturer.

In Sept. issue of the *Collectors' Digest* on page 154, is given a list of forty-four post-offices at which these postmarking stamps had been used up to that time. Several new ones have been located since. In the July 29th (1922) issue of the WEEKLY this postal marking was illustrated and described and much of the above information was included.

To those who read the philatelic press closely they can find many of these little things explained (?) by those who imagine the answer rather than take the time to look up the facts. Every little while some one sends in to Beverly a foreign mail permit. These are chronicled as metered mail. Metered mail so far has never been used outside of the United States. The Postage Meter Co. have their meter covered by patents. After nearly a year's work the Mail-O-Meter Co. of Detroit have secured a patent on a postage meter but separate from the printing mechanism. They have a machine in use in the wholesale house of Marshall Field, in Chicago, and one in their office in Detroit, but these are the only two machines they have completed and sold.

There is a vast difference between a mail permit and a meter mark, almost as much difference as between a postage stamp an an oil painting. It may seem immaterial whether all these are referred to as permits or as meters until we understand the subject, but when we do understand it it sounds ridiculous. The best philatelists in the U. S. subscribe and rely on the WEEKLY for information and I have replied to hundreds of letters from collectors who want to call these foreign permits meter marks simply because the WEEKLY calls them meters.

The mail permits they are using in Germany and other foreign countries are nothing more than what you have seen on U. S. mail for years, simply a permit for Third Class Mail without stamps affixed. They are printed in red and have a more distinctive design than the three or four straight printed lines that have been used here, but the numbers included in what we would call the canceller is the permit number and not a meter number.

Please refer to the Booklet No. 43 which you issued on mail permits and on pages 8 and 9 the five types of U. S. permits are illustrated. Types A, D and E are meter marks but more strictly speaking only Types D and E are meters and both of these have the letter M or the word "meter" which the government insists *must* be included in the indicia. Firms using metered mail can mail one or ten million letters at a time, those using the other permits even though first class but without a meter must bring to the post-office not less than 300 exact pieces and pay for them when delivered. The P. O. Dept urges the use of meters, and discourages the use of ordinary permit mailing for first class mail.

I am not getting excited over this lack of understanding. I have spent a great deal of time and money on this subject in order to know the game. Perhaps I don't know it yet, but what I don't know I am going to do my best to find out rather than guess at it.

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ANGUILLA.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

While Anguilla has a Post Office, and stamps of both the Leeward Islands, and the St. Kitts-Nevis Presidency series are on sale, there is no special marking to distinguish the stamps used there from those used in St. Kitts. The cancelling tamp used at Anguilla is an old one sent over from St. Kitts, and it, as well as those used by all the offices in St. Kitts, are similarly lettered, i. e., St. Kitts, the only difference being that some re larger than others. That at Anguilla has a diameter of 20 mm (with date in the center in two lines, JU 27 — 22), and is used in conjunction with an obliterator, in the form of an eclipse on end of graduated bars (three above, three below, and one at each side) with A 12 inset.

There is a fortnightly mail service by ailing boats between St. Kitts and Anguilla. Mail received at Basseterre from Anguilla is generally backstamped with cancellation, a single lined circle, 25 mm., with the date in three lines in the enter—C — JU 29 — 22. The registraon stamp used at Anguilla (an upright val, enclosing a large "R") measures 5 x 24 mm; that at Basseterre measures 0 x 26 mm.

Anguilla, the most northerly of the Leewards, 60 miles to the northwest of t. Kitts, of which it is a dependency, 16 miles long, varying from a half to miles in width, with an area of 35 quare miles. It is flat and low, and of oral formation. Over two-thirds of its rea is unfit for agricultural purposes, ut the remaining third is very fertile. Its population of 5,098, mostly blacks, is ngaged in breeding cattle and raising mall crops of Indian corn, tobacco and ome cotton, which find a market at St. Thomas in the American Virgins. Salt nd phosphate of lime is also exported. Whites are conspicuous by their rarity. magistrate represents public authority mong these law-abiding people. There re five schools, under Government upervision.

A cluster of rocks to the northwest. nown as the Dogs, and whose only roducts are guano and phosphate of me, is a dependency of Anguilla.

The island of Anguilla was discovered y Columbus in 1493; colonised from St. Kitts in 1650, and in 1689, the settlers aving been greatly mistreated by the ish and French, were removed to Angua. The name Anguilla means snake, ut it is generally conceded that Herrera, he earliest historian of the Spanish-merican colonies, really called the land Aguila, the eagle, and its present ame is a corruption of the original.

On September 15, 1922, the island was sited by the hurricane, which did such amage at Barbuda, off to the southast, and over 700 were made homeless.

Water is a problem in Anguilla, just s it is in many of the smaller of the aribbean islands, and in a recent report the Secretary of State for the Colnies, the Government Geologist wrote hat eventually, due to the comparative ailure of wells, the people of Anguilla must fall back on storing rain water. At present the inhabitants of West End illage are content to walk 3 miles each ay for water, and the inhabitants of rocus Bay prefer to climb a steep hill, 20 ft. high, and down the other side to he Valley well, a total distance of nearly miles, there and back, rather than tch the water off their own roofs, and his just because it has been the custom om time immemorial to do so."

COLONIAL COLOURED PAPERS.

he Genesis of the New Yellow Paper.

By C. J. D. LEES.

BLACK AND RED ON YELLOW.

The majority of stamps printed in black and red on yellow paper are of the d value, but it is necessary to include so several 25c values, the 2 rupee Ceyn, the 96c British Guiana, 1 dollar Kedah and 2/6 St. Helena new type.

Apart from the great changes in the olour of the paper in this value, there the even more important change in the watermark, from the old Mult. CA to the new type Script CA. Whereas the colour of the 3d is changing from purple on yellow to blue, it is intended to continue the 4d value in black and red, but on the new Script paper.

As in the case of the 3d, this value exists in numerous varieties as follows:

A. The Original Paper, 1912-13. This paper appears shiny on the face as well as at the back, the quality being good, and the texture thick.

Two minor varieties exist: (i) Surface: Grey-black and red on yellow. Back: Orange-yellow. (ii) Surface: Black and red on yellow (centre foncé). Back: Lemon-yellow or yellow. N.B.—both sides alike.

B. The well-known white Back variety, 1913-16. Surface: As A. Back: White or buff-white.

C. The Lemon Paper, 1916. This paper is coloured throughout as "A," but a much brighter yellow than formerly and with quite an unmistakable green tinge. Surface: Yellow. Back: Lemon.

D. The Provisional Papers, 1919-21. There are two distinct types of these provisional papers, which are the first step towards the new paper. (i) The "Experimental" Paper. Quite distinct from any of its predecessors, in that it is of a dull or brown-orange colour. This paper tends to reduce the coloured type on the face of the stamp to a pale shade, which some people term "buff." Surface: Pale black and red on yel.-brown. Back: Dull orange-brown. (ii) A paper similar to the 1920 issue of the 3d Gilbert and Ellice, which forms a happy dumping ground for doubtful stamps. A pale paper, but not so pale or thin as the new yellow paper, and generally accompanied by small spots at the back. Great care must be exercised not to confuse this variety with the new yellow paper, and it is perhaps as well to mention that the colour on the face in this instance is deeper than the back, whereas in the case of the new yellow paper both sides are alike. Surface: Pale red and black on yellow. Back: Dull yellow.

E. The New Pale Yellow Paper, 1920-22. The paper employed in this issue varies, being thick for surfaced and thin for non-surfaced stamps, but the paper in either case is thinner than previously. In some instances the yellow can be washed off the stamp leaving it white. Surface: Black and red on pale yellow. Back: Pale yellow. N.B.—Both sides are alike.

F. The New Pale Yellow Script Paper, 1922-3. The new script paper used for the first time to produce stamps coloured throughout. Surface and Back as before. It is perhaps hardly necessary to point out that the back of the stamps is the place to look in diagnosing the different variations. The order of rarity, except perhaps for a few isolated examples, is C, D, E and B equally rare, then A, and of course F, the pending issue. The "rarities" are the 4d Lemon Jamaica, which in my estimation stands alone; Mauritius 25c "white back" and "experimental paper;" East Africa and G.E.A. 25c experimental paper; Fiji lemon and experimental 4d.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

THE TRIALS OF MR. RUFFO.

(From the *Musical Record.*)

The trials of *Tonio* in a troupe of strolling players or the misfortunes of an *Amonasro* in an Egyptian landscape à la Verdi, are naught to compare with the "slings and arrows" that beset the path of the philatelist in these days. It is easy to sustain one's reputation as an "international baritone" when one has a voice like Mr. Ruffo, but the problems of an internationally known stamp collector are fraught with difficulties. When the celebrated singer wears a worried look and hastens from the opera house with a preoccupied air it's odds on that some member-state of the Little Entente has brought out a new week-end issue of stamps. In this piping period of "self-determination" there is nothing for the Philatelists' League to do but affiliate with the unions concerned and organize a strike against the printing of new postage stamps until all recent issues have been catalogued.

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* 1920, 6 var, (147-152)	.68	.23
* 1921, 5 var. (153-157)	.22	.09
* 1921, 9 var. (158-167)	1.20	.50
* 1921, 9 var. (168-176)	.52	.22
* 1922, 2 var. (178, 180)	.07	.03
* 1920, 10 var. (251-260)	.84	.35
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* 1922, 1 var. (88)	.12	.05
* 1922, 3 var. (89-91)	.11	.05
1920, 2 var. (201-203), used or unused	.20	.10
1921-22, 6 var. (204-209), used or unused	.45	.18
* 1921, 3 var, (251-253)	.14	.05
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1921, 8 var. (871-878)	.16	.05
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1919, 11 var. (50-60), used or unused	.54	.18
* 1920, 11 var. (70-80)	3.24	1.40
* 1920, 11 var. (81-91), used or unused	1.90	.35
* 1921, 14 var. (97-110)	1.35	.48
* 1921, 7 var. (183-189)	.67	.35
* 1922, air mail, 3 var. (190-192)	.52	.20
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* 1920, 1 var. (29)	.25	.10
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* 1921, 3 var. (154-155a)	.23	.10
* 1921, 3 var. (163-165)	.45	.14
* 1922, 14 var. (170-183), used or unused	.37	.13
1922, 5 var. (313-318)	.19	.06
* 1919, 19 var. (413-431)	.60	.21
***RUSSIA** 1918, 2 var. (149-150)	.14	.05
* 1921, 11 var. (177-187)	2.33	1.25
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

W. L. George, the English writer, in one of his recent daily articles, distributed in this country by the United Features Syndicate, deals with "Collections" in a way to make the judicious rave. Evidently, Mr. George wants to shatter any shred of self-complacency that we may have as stamp collectors; and he wields his pen as a club with a berserk at one end in a skin-full of fire-water. He says that he believes that there is something "slightly imbecile" in any form of collecting, even though there are matured folks who collect stamps; and it is alleged that they know nothing about the beauty of a stamp. He thinks that if you are a collector, you are diseased and that you are much akin to the opium addict. Mr. George collected stamps and other things until he began "to live" when all objects became trivial, in comparison to the outlook afforded by the world. He begs his readers not to confirm their faith in collecting of any kind and above all not to confine within the covers of an album the power to participate in the joys and sorrows of life,—unless you want nothing more from life. Only the ages of adolescence or senescense are the proper periods for collecting. We have quoted only skippingly as we can conceive of nothing more humiliating than to be called down for infringing on the copyright that throws its protecting cloak around these pearls of thought. Mr. George's essay is such a round-robin of exaggeration that it may be refuted at any point. We must say that we know of a few collectors of stamps that are living in the world; they are found "in the van of human progress" and they are not soft but sophisticated. They have been known to pat the python on the back and lean against the south pole; they have led armies and have ruled at sea and altogether have entered into life in a way to make the theorist who thinks he knows the world a jellyfish, in contrast to a porpoise.

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Snooping through the *Illustrated London News* of January 18th, 1845, with its impression in red of the one penny newspaper fiscal tax, we find a reference to "the subscription raised as a testimony of the sense entertained by the nation of the value of the reform introduced into the post-office by Mr. Rowland Hill." The hope is expressed that the amount subscribed to the fund "will form a gift worthy of a great nation to a great benefactor."

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We have not seen the January number of "History", MacMillen Company, two shillings, but according to the *Spectator,* Mr. B. D. Reed contributes an article to it that "shows how philately or stamp collecting illustrates political changes and how it may be made to assist the work of the teacher of history." Here is corroboration of no little importance, first that "History" recognizes that the political changes of a nation may be reflected in its stamps; and secondly, that the *Spectator* selects Mr. Reed's article for definite mention.

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A Spanish contemporary says that the tendency in stamp design is to substitute for "royal or presidential" portraits, designs that are truly characteristic of the countries of issue. The example of Malta is cited in breaking away from custom. We invite the attention of our contemporary to our new U. S. set, which while adhering to the best in traditional treatment adopts as well the modern idea to advantage.

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An addition is made to purely philatelic postmarks through the enterprise of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc. On a letter postmarked, Boston, Feb. 8, 10-A. M., 1923, the box cancellation reads: "Philatelic Exhibition, Boston, Public Library, March 19-24, 1923." The following notice was enclosed in the envelope: "The Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., will hold an exhibition of postage stamps at the Boston Public Library from March 19th to March 24th inclusive, 1923. As a souvenir of the coming event you are receiving this notice enclosed in a cover with special cancellation, of which there are only three hundred and ninety-nine bearing its first date of use. B. F. Borhek, Chairman Exhibition Committee."

An esteemed correspondent says that recently he picked up a copy of the five cent of 1847 with numeral cancellation, 7, in black; and he adds: "Are they not rather scarce?" Casting aside our tendency to qualify the simplest of statements, we are almost inclined to asseverate in answer to the question so archly asked, that the owner of the stamp is well within his rights in saying that it is "rather."

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A letter from Vienna says that it is becoming inconvenient, if not difficult, to buy postage stamps, as many of the places at which stamps formerly could be obtained no longer stock them. At the comparatively few offices at which stamps may be had, there is a crush of people bent on getting them. No little complaint is heard against this condition which imposes hardship on many of the people.

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The postal beginnings in America are of much interest and until the time comes when all information about them is presented in book form, we shall have to cull accounts of early postal affairs from a wide range of publications. In "The Relation Between the Virginia Planter and the London Merchant," by John Spencer Basset of Trinity College, published in the annual report of the American Historical Society, 1901, we find: "A similar inconvenience was the irregularity of the mails. The post-office was introduced into Virginia in 1692. Before that time, letters were left to the rather uncertain accommodations of ships. . . . . . Sometimes the letters went astray through being forwarded in any chance ship that came to Virginia. By this means they might be sent in a James River ship and be as difficult to get on the banks of the Potomac, where Fitzhugh lived, as if they were still in London. The direction was to leave letters at Cooper's, who would forward them safely, or give them to any captain who was coming to the Potomac River in Virginia. This condition of affairs evidently produced serious trouble when, as in 1693, there was not a London ship in the Potomac."

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We have been informed that Mr. Joseph Hoffman of New York City, from whom we have heard recently from Cuba, by-the-way, has undertaken to plan for the rehabilitation of the Society of Philatelic Americans whose difficulties were discussed at the last convention of the organization. The S. P. A. has been luckless in some ways but in meeting the situation squarely, as it evidently is the intention to do, the loyal members of the society are to be given credit. The hope is held that a working basis will be established whereby just results will follow and it is something to know that a policy of conservation has been adopted.

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—The Syracuse (N. Y.) *Herald* of Feb. 11, contained a cartoon "As Seen from the *Herald's* Airship." In it are pictured A. Atlas Leve and D. Cady Fulmer having a stamp talk together. Mr. Leve is shown true to life with magnifying glass passing judgment on one of Mr. Fulmer's treasures.

—Edward E. Goodchild sends us a letter received by him from a member of the House of Commons in which it is stated that there is every indication that Canada will soon establish a philatelic stamp agency. The scope of the agency will necessarily be limited, as the number of Canadian issues is comparatively small.

—Rev. Henry W. Mercer of San Francisco, an A. P. S. member (2628), passed away last week at a ripe old age. He was an ardent philatelist and a bidder at an auction held a few days before his death.—E. P. SEEBOHM.

—Craig P. Smith, informs us that Bowie & Son are sending out old Borneo Exhibition stamps as new issues. Are there other subscribers who have had a similar experience?

—Henry Perlish sends us a clipping from a recent issue of the New York *Tribune* which is of more than ordinary interest. It is an editorial with the caption "A Great Year for Stamps" and it says of stamp collecting:—"It is really a valuable scientific pursuit." Had we the space we would gladly publish the editorial in full.

—Henry Lacks of St. Louis sends us the particulars of the annual banquet of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society, held Jan. 30, at the Peacock Cafe. A nice chicken dinner was enjoyed. W. D. Helman, president, introduced A. W. Johnson who served as toastmaster. Short talks were made by Messrs. Diamant, Eilers, Smith, Marston, Swatek, etc. The club is going finely.

—Frank A. Goldsmith has shown us the following new advertising cancellations:—"Better Homes Exposition April 2-14" from Hartford, Conn. and "Don't Miss 300th Anniversary Celebration Gloucester, Mass.. August 1923."

—The Toronto, Ont. *Globe* has lately started a stamp column, under the head of "The Circle of Young Canada Stamp Club." Interesting articles are printed in each Saturday issue, with illustrations Toronto is an important center of stamp selling and collecting and the series should be beneficial all around.—CHARLES H. BALL.

—"A new issue of stamps has been ordered for Newfoundland and the designs will contain views of different parts of the island, with the exception of the 3c which will depict the statue of "The Fighting Newfoundlander" in Bowring Park, St. John's. The issue will include a 13c stamp."—JOS. V. WELLS.

—"In your issue of February 3, Mr. Washburn explained at great length the manner in which parcels put in the mails abroad are delivered to destination through Customs brokers. But he did not state on what authority this is done nor how to avoid it, which I imagine are of more vital interest. The answers to these questions you will find in the U. S. Official Postal Guide, July 1921, page 185, in section 219 of the "Foreign Mails" section under the heading "Official and semi-official or express service."—H. E. KLEIST.

—"I have been collecting envelopes for some years, and find that the so-called drug on the market, is due to the fact that they are not properly classified in our Standard Catalogue. Allow me to make a few suggestions. First, that they be listed according to dies (this wouldn't necessitate the changing of numbers, use the old ones and add letters to new varieties). Secondary, get both dealers and collectors interested in this matter and take it up with the publishers."—WALTER M. GREENWOOD.

—We are advised of the death of Henry O'Neil, who for many years has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY and especially interested in British Colonials. He resided at Dorchester, Mass., and for many years has been a staunch philatelist. He died suddenly January 22.

—E. J. Newcomer, Yakima, Wash., would like the present address of A. F. Gamber, formerly of Fargo, N. D. Mr. Newcomber says that he has written several times to the Fargo address but can get no replies.

—Mrs. Maria E. Garcia, 122 West 90 St., New York, who has for a long time been in close contact with a number of collectors in Spanish America, informs us that she is about to publish a philatelic paper in Spanish with the purpose of getting together the American dealer and the Spanish collector.

—Leon Minassian, 120 W. 116 St., N. Y. City, desires information concerning his collection of Levants, Crete and Turkey which were stolen from him at the time of his hurried departure from Smyrna. His collection of these stamps was practically complete and he feels that some dealer either here or abroad may offer these stamps for purchase.

—Mr. Vallancey's want list of back numbers of the WEEKLY has been much reduced. We now wish to secure Nos. 53, 60, 81, 170, 176, 650, 744, 1155 and 1160. If you can furnish these, kindly drop this office a card.

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Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—The new 3c purple, front face portrait of Abraham Lincoln, together with the $1 violet brown, showing a front view of the recently dedicated "Lincoln Memorial" in Washington, were placed on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency at Washington, D. C., on Monday, February 12, 1923, the 119th anniversary of the birth of our 16th President. A supply of the 3c were also sent to Louisville, the central accounting station, for transmission to Hodgenville, Larue County, Kentucky, his birthplace, while the $1 was sold on the first day at Springfield, Illinois, the last resting place of this great man.

The homely features of Lincoln really make the stamp attractive and to my way of thinking it is the most pleasing Lincoln stamp ever turned out by the Bureau. The same portrait is used as found on the $5 Federal Reserve Note. The stamp like the Roosevelt variety has the background omitted, making the head stand out clearly. The same general frame decoration found on the other low values is used. As mentioned before all future new portrait stamps will have the background missing and it will not come as a surprise if the background is in time dropped from those already issued.

The $1 is similar in size to the 3c with the long dimension horizontal. The central design is within a semi-circle surrounded by a panel which is supported on either side by acanthus scrolls. Within the panel and above the design appear the words "United States Postage" in white Roman letters. On a ribbon below the design are the words "Lincoln Memorial" and under this at the bottom in a white edged panel appears the word "Dollar" while at either end of this panel in the lower corners within circles "1." The entire stamp is enclosed within a single white line border, with triangular white line ornaments in both upper corners.

The 3c is printed in sheets of 400 while the $1 is in sheets of 200. These are of course cut into post-office panes of 100. The first sheet as usual was signed by the Postmaster General, Hubert Work, the Director of the Bureau, L. A. Hill and the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Warren Irving Glover. The 3c was from plate No. 14297 while the $1 was plate No. 14268. These two plates are the only ones completed as yet of these values, consequently all placed on sale the first day had the same plate number.

The $2 I am now told will appear in March, and it is hoped that the 12c will be ready to place on sale on the anniversary of the birth of Grover Cleveland. The $5 may be ready about the same time with the 14c not far off. Die proofs of the $5 have been submitted for approval and this will no doubt have been approved before these notes appear.

Mr. A. H. Pike writes to state that he as well as others in Buffalo are of the opinion that the 25c shows a view of the Canadian Falls rather than the American Falls as mentioned in this column some time back. Although my first information was official I have taken the matter up again and am assured that my first information was correct. It is from a photograph of the American Falls, taken from the extreme end of Goat Island.

New booklets of the 2c Washington are being placed on sale, and as the booklet plates for the 1c value have not been completed, some of the first combination booklets will have the old 1c Franklin and the new 2c Washington. Would it not be nice if we had the coil stamp printed from a combination of the two issues so that we could obtain pairs showing both issues?

Messrs. E. B. Sterling, R. H. Langdon and E. B. Chamberlain write to state that they have covers showing early uses of the 2c coil stamps, from a number of different towns, so that this variety has been pretty generally distributed.

Through the courtesy of the Boston Philatelic Society, I have received a cover, postmarked at Boston, February 8, 1923, and reading "Philatelic Exibition—Boston Public Library—March 19-24, 1923," the second philatelic cancellation ever officially used in this country. A printed card within advises that it is sent as a souvenier of the coming event and that only 399 were sent out on the first day. I am informed through a valued correspondent that these were cancelled in the presence of certain postal officials as well as Mr. B. F. Borhek, of the Boston Society. It is said that even the tryout slips used to try out the die were destroyed so that only this number of first day impressions exists. The die was placed into general use on the following day and will continue until the close of the Exhibition.

Washington will no doubt follow with the third at the time of the A. P. S. convention in August, and if those boys take advantage of their opportunities even more in the way of a philatelic oddity may be obtainable.

From Mr. Charles J. Phillips, formerly of Stanley Gibbons, Inc., of London, but now located in New York, I have received a very attractive 54-page cloth bound booklet, describing in detail the wonderful philatelic treasures gotten together by the late Mr. Henry J. Duveen. The booklet lists all stamps and items valued at more than $50 and covers practically all of the countries that issued the so called classics.

In United States I note especially a 10c Baltimore, a Brattleboro, a "R. H. M New York, besides the three plates the St. Louis reconstructed. In gener issues he had a wonderful lot, includir one of the finest assortments of bloc ever gotten together. There is a blo of the 10c 1847, several of the 5c, and wonderful block of the 1851 1c, showir types I and III. A unique mint blo of the 5c is on hand with blocks of t 10c and 12c. All of the 1857 are prese in blocks, including the 5c brick red, ar in the '61 issues I especially note bloc of the 3c pink, the 5c ochre and the 2 steel blue. I am under the impressic that the 5c is unique. Many blocks the grills are there, including singles the 5c and 30c, entirely grilled as well a 3c, 18x15. All of the 1869 are repr sented by blocks, including a block six of the 90c. Used singles of each the inverts are mentioned. Of the ra special prints none seem to be missin We are told that the collection is f sale by countries only and that later if any are remaining they will be broke Oh! for a millionaire's pocket book.

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)*ffices in China.*—During the latter art of January there was real excite- ent in New York, for the last mail om Shanghai had stamps of the $2 on value overprinted in magenta by eans of a rubber stamp. They were ncelled in Shanghai, and the fact that en doubles were to be had simply led e purchasing dealers to think that the ork was hastily done, hence the errors. ashington was communicated with and ey advised that they had not authorized e overprinting, but in November they d filled a requisition for unsurcharged amps after they had cabled to learn if rcharge stamps had not been wanted, fact, Washington wanted to know why ey wanted more stamps at all when the ice was going to close so soon. They re advised that large shipments would me forward the last month.

It now turns out that certain employes a large silk importing house in New rk were in the habit of selling the rcharged stamps to New York dealers. hen a quantity of the $1 stamps arrived the last mail without overprint they ply saw so much money gone. Some ght genius thought of supplying the ciency by means of a magenta ink d and a three-line rubber stamp read- "Shanghai $2 China." As long as y stuck to the stamps on the Shanghai kages it was impossible to discover fraud, for no information had come ough official channels from Shanghai. e demand, however, was so great and profit so attractive that they en- vored to take care of the dealers by ing the cancelled $1 stamps in New rk. Result, Shanghai stamps cancelled Boston, Washington, etc. At the time writing these notes I have not learned to what action has been taken by the rauded dealers.

EYLON.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the grey on script watermarked paper.

HAMBA STATE.—Mr. R. Roberts ad- s of the appearance of the 1a brown a, type A58, and the 2a6p of India h the two line surcharge "Chamba te" in black.

ONGO.—We are indebted to Mr. Henry oreman for sending to us three values a new design of stamps for this ony. The stamps are square and pic- a native girl facing to the left in the 10c green value while the 15c olive brown shows another young woman facing to the right. The other value, 15c brown, pictures a native weaving a basket. At the top of each stamp are the words "Congo Belge" while at the base "Belgisch Congo." At the right of the 10c are the letters "BALVRA" and at the left in the next value "Babvende." The 15c has "Vannerie" at left and "Mandewerk" at right.

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EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 15m blue, No. 75, with the surcharge "O. H. E. M. S." and two lines of native characters. Mr. Roberts refers to this as type 1.

IRELAND.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the 5sh and 10sh stamps of Great Britain surcharged in black in three lines for use in this country.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the 25c. on new yellow paper and the 1r emerald all through.

PATIALA STATE.—Mr. R. Roberts shows us the 1½a of India, current design, with the overprint "Patiala State" in two lines in black.

RUSSIA.—We have received from the National Stamp Co. a cover with eight copies of the No. 62 stamp, imperforate, with the surcharge "P. 40 p." at the bottom and above a five-pointed star. The overprint is in black and our correspondent adds that each ruble equals 1,000 rubles and thus it costs 32,000 rubles to send the letter which was mailed from a small town near the chief city.

OUR CHINESE OFFICES CLOSED

By S. R. SHELDON.

The readers of your paper are no doubt aware that the P. O. authorities in China have contemplated enlarged revenue from new postal rates. I understand that a new issue of stamps was in readiness with colors changed to agree with the 50% increase in rates which was to have gone into effect. There has been a general protest against the increase both from the Chinese and from various foreign governments which has resulted in the withdrawal of the order. The last two days of the American P. O. witnessed a great sale of the surcharged stamps, collectors stood in line waiting for lots. I am informed that only the 1c, 2c, 8c and 12c values of the second printing were put on sale. On that basis I should consider the rest of the second printing as sold in Washington as in the class of never issued or at least never put in use. Therefore the first printing, all of which were in use, should bring a considerable premium over the second printing, many values of which have never been in Shanghai. The following from the *China Daily Press* will be of interest:

At midnight tonight when the clocks striking 12 usher in 1923, the American Post Office—the only American postal agency outside the actual borders of the United States—will close its twenty years existence in Shanghai.

The post-office is handling the last mail it is to handle today—mail from the President Jefferson from Manila, and the Empress of Canada from Canada, Europe and the United States—and will receive the last mail it will except for trans-shipment to the United States at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The office will remain open until 12 o'clock tonight to complete the last details before closing for all time, and after the New Year holiday—on Tuesday—workers will begin dismantling the office by removing the mail boxes.

The local American post-office, which has been the only American postal agency in China, has been in existence for 20 years, being founded shortly after the Boxer troubles in China. The United States was one of the last of the powers to take advantage of the opportunity, opening its own postal agencies and only opened the local office after it became increasingly apparent that China was unable to properly look after the mail of Americans in China. Likewise the United States was one of the first nations to recognize that China had now made every effort to build up a modern and efficient postal service and took the lead at the Washington Conference in returning postal privileges to China.

During the existence of the post-office three postmasters have served in Shanghai. Mr. John Darroch was the first American postmaster and served the longest term of any of the three. He was succeeded by Mr. Ed Everett, who, after serving his term, returned to the United States and is now located in San Antonio, Texas. Upon the election of President Harding, the present postmaster, Col. Clyde S. Ford, was named and assumed office. He retires with the closing of the post-office tonight after having efficiently served the American public here during his short term of office.

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10c on ½c (334)	.06
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1c on 1c, No. 37	.25
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1902-12	
*½c, No. 44	.02
2½c, No. 47	*.04
5c, No. 49	.03
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10c, No. 51	.04
12½c, No. 52	.04
25c, No. 56	.10
30c, No. 57	.15
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1gld, No. 55	.06
2½gld, No. 56	.40
7½c, No. 57	.05
17½c, No. 58	.06
22½c, No. 59	.08
1908, Buiten Bezit.	
½c, No. 60	.03
1c, No. 61	.03
*2c, No. 63	.05
2½c, No. 64	.04
*3c, No. 65	.05
7½c, No. 67	.12
10c, No. 68	.02
15c, No. 70	.06
17½c, No. 71	*.15
22½c, No. 74	.12
25c, No. 75	.05
30c, No. 76	.05
1gld, No. 78	.20
1908, Java.	
½c, No. 80	.02
1c, No. 81	.02
*2c, No. 82	.04
2½c, No. 83	.04
3c, No. 84	*.10
5c, No. 85	.02
7½c, No. 86	.10
10c, No. 87	.02
12½c, No. 88	.03
15c, No. 89	.05
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1912-15	
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17½c/22½c(124)	*.13
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*12½c, No. 130	.08
20c, No. 131	.10
32½c, No. 132	.15
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1915, Charity.	
*1c+5c, No. 175	.06
1911, Dienst.	
*1c, No. 201	.03
*2c, No. 202	.03
*2½c, No. 203	.06
*2½c, No. 204	.10
3c, No. 205	*.05
*4c, No. 206	.05
*5c, No. 207	.06
*7½c, No. 208	.15
*10c, No. 209	.08
*12½c, No. 210	.25
*15c, No. 211	.18
*17½c, No. 212	.30
*20c, No. 213	.18
*22½c, No. 214	.40
25c, No. 215	.25
*30c, No. 216	.30
*50c, No. 217	1.00
*1gld, No. 218	.65
*2½gld, No. 219	1.60
*10c, No. 220	.06
*12½c, No. 221	.35
*15c, No. 222	.20
*20c, No. 223	.20
*25c, No. 224	.40
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1882-95, Postage Due.	
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*5c, No. 255	.06
*10c, No. 256	.10
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*3h, No. 129	.25
*5h, No. 130	.04
6h, No. 131	.25
*10h, No. 132	.04
12h, No. [illegible]	[illegible]
1916-18	
5k, No. 161	.03
[illegible], No. 162	.07
10k, No. 163	.50
*2k, No. 172	.04
3k, No. 173	.08
*4k, No. 174	.12
*10k, No. 175	.50
1918 Deuteschreich	
*2k, No. 196	
*3k, No. 197	
*4k, No. 198	
*10k, No. 199	
1922-23	
1000k, No. 288	
2000k, No. 289	
1920-22, Newspape	
*2h to 3k, Nos. 382 to 409, ea.	
1921, Special Deliv	
50h on 2h, No. 557	
1918, Air Post.	
*1.50k, No. 575	
*2.50k, No. 576	
*4k, No. 577	
1922, Charity.	
*2½k to 100k, Nos 631 to 637, set	

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1921-22	
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4½k to 10k, Nos 352 to 356, ea.	.02
15k, No 357	.03
25k, No. 359	.05
40k, No. 360	.08
1923, Parliament.	
*20k violet	.06
*30k lake	.12
*50k blue	.15
*100k brown	.25
1917, Charity.	
10f+1k, No. 506	.05
15f+1k, No. 507	
Occupation Issu	
*30f on 2f (1072)	
*150f on 3f (1074)	
*150f on 5f (1075)	
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*2b, No. 1208	
*3b, No. 1209	
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For H. A. M.

There are no old book-shops in the neighboring city of El Paso Del Norte. I miss them greatly. "Back home" I haunted those seats of learning, as my book-shelves attest. In lieu of the genuine article, however, the multitude of second-hand furniture stores have a few books on sale, picked up in the purchase of household goods. These I glimpse during the surcease of space between the witching hours of twelve and one.

"There's a place you should really see, down in Fifth street," said the friendly dealer after I had picked up a couple of "items" from his shelves. "A Mexican runs it," he added. "It is a sight. Go down, and let me know results."

The following day I sauntered forth into the Mexican quarter. The way is through the Chinese quarter. I passed three or four Chinese shops, and then a sign caught my eyes: "Lee Hong Yep. Merchant." I was back in retrospect forty years. As a boy, in the classic shades of Ann Arbor, Michigan, I met a Chinese of that name. Everyone called him "Sam". For some unknown reason I did not adopt the American nomenclature. To me he was always Lee. This pleased the man. The acquaintance eventually ripened into friendship. From him I learned much of interest to a boy. My friend was an ardent tea-drinker, for the bouquet of tea alone. He made it in a quaint tea-pot, and drank it out of the finest and most delicate China. One day he asked me to try some new tea which had recently come to him from China,—for he was an importer of silks and teas and chinaware and bronzes,—exquisite bits I first learned through him to appreciate.

That was the beginning. I have ever been a devotee of the gentle herb, made in the Chinese fashion, unto this day.

The weeks slipped by, and the months, and the years. I thought occasionally of Lee, and the quaint stamps he saved from his letters for his American friend. There was a real affection on both sides. I missed him greatly. Inquiries made were to the effect that he had been suddenly called to San Francisco. The deliverer of the message informed me that Lee Hong Yep said he would see me some day, afar off. At that time I seemed firmly rooted in the middle west life. Later, ill-health sent me into the woods and the desert places of the far west.

I had almost passed the store. I stopped, read the sign again, and went in. A Chinese sat at a desk, writing. He looked up.

"I saw the sign as I was passing,—Lee Hong Yep. It is the name of a very dear friend I knew back East when I was a boy. That was fort years ago. I thought perhaps you could inform me if by chance it is the same Lee Hong Yep?"

The lids of the Chinese man's eyes fluttered. Then he spoke, in perfect English, softly, almost without inflection

"You are the friend for whom he has been waiting. He told me today you would come soon. My father is very old, but he remembers. You are—" And then he spoke my name, in full. He smiled, and added:

"Father always called you 'Ed Please come."

I passed behind the little railing, went down a passageway. The stopped, drew aside a portiere, spoke:

"He is here."

I entered. An aged Chinese ar held out both hands to me, and in soft, slow speech—the tones of w I remembered so well—spoke my na

"Lee! Oh, Lee!"

That was all I could say, as we clung to each other's hands and t to see each other's faces through mists of years and tears.

Then we sat and talked of the days. We drank tea as we discou of the dear dead days—of the rav of Time.

"It is a long time for Youth to looking forward; but, oh! how q are the years behind us!" My fr looked upon me again. "I rememb all the days you were friendly and familiar. That, with my people, is in all. It is the spirit we love—fri liness and faithfulness and rever and love. Yes, and remembrance. is good. The others are inherent. oh my friend! have passed through fire. You are like a bit of br chastened and refined."

I waved my hand in depreca But who besides myself and those and dear knew the ravages and chastenings? So much does the W Plague do for us, its victims.

"And the stamps I gave you, in old days? They have all passe know; but there are days ahead, and the old love, so long somnoler reawakened?"

Then I told my old friend of passing of the collections, and the newal of interest. He smiled, as clapped his hands. An old Ch came to the doorway. Lee spok few words to him—first in Eng then in Chinese.

"He does not speak our langu Lee said, in explanation.

I smiled inside, for "our" lang seemed quaint at first. But it was language, in fact.

The Chinese returned with

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Editorial.

Contributions to this dept. are now in order, so if you can shake a humorous self filler don't be backward about coming forward with your best efforts, either prose or poetry as you may elect.

They say, that he who can grow a smile where a smile never grew before deserves credit, therefore, as we want to grow miles of smiles, we must have lots of credit-ors.

Tickling the funny-bone has been the means of putting many big things over, and it will help to make Philately more attractive and boost our hobby, so please remember this—

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley—but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush, if you can't be a tree.
If you can't be a sun, be a star—
Be the best little booster whatever you are.

Consider the Acorn.

It is a nut, yet when it falls from the tree it has wrapped up in its shell an unalterable resolution to produce an oak tree.

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It is a nut, but it never produces a bean vine, a lemon tree or a huckleberry bush.

It is a nut, but it specializes on oak trees and never fails.

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Consider the acorn; it, too, is a nut.

Eva Dently.

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The New Collector.

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Amid the scenes of Newfoundland I spend a pleasant hour,
And tarry in New Brunswick to pluck a tiny flower.
When I land in Canada the time is in the past;
That evening journey's ended; two hours have gone too fast.
When I take another trip it will be by aeroplane,
I'll cross the old ocean wide and start my trip with Spain.
Upon the common Portuguese I'll take a little peep,
Among the stylish French I'll spend about a week.
The early German states will claim a passing glance,
As I hurry on to Belgium and back again to France.
Helvetia, too, must have its ancient place,
And many kings of Italy will fill up many a space.

With many miles of travel my trip has just begun,
I'll have to start again back at Number One.
The U. S. A. is IT with all its noted men,
I spend an entire evening from six o'clock to ten.
I missed a lot of Europe, and Afric's tropic clime,
And for Asia and the Islands I did not have the time.
In Central and South America I did not make a call,
The islands of the sea, I've had to miss them all.
In India and Australia where I would like to stop,
I'll have to see again when I take a hop.
With your stamps you can always take a trip,
It's not a bit of bother, for you never lug a grip.

—E. D. K.

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ooks, which he placed upon the table. Ve drew up our chairs. Lee opened he first volume. Here were Chinese tamps, on and off covers — pairs and trips and blocks — all beautifully nounted, and written up, in both Chiese and English. I grew absorbed as ee related the history of the stamps in letail. He was more than a collector—e was an expert philatelist.

"All this came to me from friends. ut you were the first who interested ne—back in our old home. Since then have collected. It has been the stamps f my country solely. It is now comlete."

The second volume was akin to the irst. There were uncatalogued rarities, nd points only an expert would heed. ee pointed them out to my eyes—bits ere and there which even the informed ollector unknowingly would pass unless e had studied the issues.

Then we talked of stamps and of the ife behind us.

"When I left Ann Arbor, I sent a nessage to you, but you were not at ome," said Lee. "I knew, some day, ve should meet. I knew you were of he unspoiled people, and that the spirit vould be you although Time may have hanged you outwardly—which it has. ut I knew you at once. I have waited ere four years."

"Oh, Lee! Why didn't you write me, r send me word?" I was greatly overome, that four years should have seen s within a few blocks, comparatively, ach unknown to each.

"It is the Law," said Lee, humbly. It is written."

Then we fell silent, each sorrowful ith his own thoughts.

Outside the dark was falling. Inside e delicate light and the odor of sanalwood wafted me back time after time the boyhood days.

"Tonight we go home—my son and I. ou remember we talked of him when u were with me back east?"

Lee smiled at me, sitting there, deep thoughts of the "days that are no ore."

Remember! Could I ever forget, while fe lasted?

We held each other's hands long and ally. I knew I was looking upon his ce for the last time. Then we parted. The next evening, upon my arrival at e place we call home, my daughter met e at the door.

"Daddy! Daddy! The most beautifully annered man came this afternoon — a hinese. He left a gift for you. He id you would understand — that there as no message."

Upon the cases which hold a fragment my library, falsely so-called, was the ost exquisite bit of bronze inlay I had er seen. The vase was perhaps six ches in height, but beautiful beyond ords. It was an antique. I took it my hands. There was a bit of paper eping from the top. I drew it forth, d opened it. The delicate odor of ndalwood impregnated the air.

"To my beloved friend—with thanks yond words."

This was the message, and attached s a stamp — the replica of a Chinese issue, the very first given me by my Chinese friend.

A fortnight ago a friend, who is a connoisseur, dropped in to gloat for the fiftieth time over a quaint old Navajo blanket, much worn but still beautiful, which had been given to me by an old chief over in Arizona. He saw the vase, and the rug was not.

"Where did you get it? Where?" he asked, incredulously. "Man! it's worth a soul's ransom!"

Then I told him the story, as I am telling it to you, gentle collector. It was not only worth a soul's ransom, as my friend inadvertently declared, but to me it was worth far more—the ransom of two souls, long separated, but nevermore, here nor hereafter. The Spirit of Life walketh always with them who know and who understand.

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HISTORY FROM POSTAGE STAMPS.

By CHAS. G. WILSON.

Peter The First, once King of Servia, whose portrait appears on Servian stamps issued from 1904 until that country was united with Jugo-Slavia in 1918, was an interesting character.

He was born in Belgrade in 1846 but left the country of his birth in 1858, with his father, who was banished in exile. Peter went to school in Hungary, made many visits to Russia, and finally entered the French military college of St. Cyr. He graduated into the French army as an officer in time for the Franco-Prussian War. He served with great distinction; was captured three times by the Germans and three times made his escape.

Returning to the Balkans he lent his aid in the rising of 1875-1876 in Herzegovina which culminated in the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878 and brought about the complete establishment of Servian independence.

After a period of roving he went to Montenegro and in 1883 married the Princess Zorka; which marriage connected him to the Russian and Italian Courts.

From 1890 to 1903 Peter, though a recognized pretender to the Servian crown, lived quietly in Switzerland. But in 1903, King Alexander of Servia and his Queen Draga were murdered and four days later Peter was elected to the Kingship.

Peter was a loyal supporter of constitutional government but fully sympathized with national aspirations for a greater Servia. He made bitter protest against the annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary in 1908 and again in 1912-1913 when the Dual Monarchy took from Servia the territory she had wrested from Turkey in the Balkan War and which gave Servia access to the Adriatic. From the strained relations which kept growing worse between Servia and Austria-Hungary proceeded the Great European War.

When the Great War began Peter took the field with his troops and with them led the life of a soldier. Thrice the Austrians invaded the little nation and thrice were they expelled. In the third invasion they took Belgrade, the capital, but after seventeen days' hard fighting and a hundred-mile march in three days Peter rode into Belgrade at the head of his army on December 15, 1914. And when they came to the cathedral as many as could crowd in entered. "And lacking some one to say mass, the King became a priest—which is an ancient function of Kings—and as he knelt, the officers and soldiers and people knelt. There was a vast silence for a moment; and then, in every part of the church, a sobbing."

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By FREDERICK W. ALLEN.

Already some adverse comments on the prices of the Aeroplane, Victory and Pilgrim precancels in the new catalogue have reached my ears. I fully expected this, but I wish to impress a few points on precancel collectors in general.

Who will question that Dr. Mitchell is not the foremost authority on precancelled stamps and an unbiased judge of values? When he consented to price my compilation of the three special issues mentioned above, I felt that the result would be popularly received. It has been in the majority of cases, but there are a number of collectors who are disappointed that certain stamps did not soar sky high and that others took such a tumble. What Dr. Mitchell has done in the new catalogue is the greatest boon that the precancel game has received for some time. He has regulated the prices of stamps which for the past two years have been running wild. He has created a sensible standard which should be a valuable guide to all. But greatest of all contributions, he has dealt the speculative issues a crack under the belt which they have long deserved. The prices are meant to be net, figuring fine condition as full catalogue.

Since the completion of the catalogue a few new items have appeared, some of which were issued during the regular course of business and some which were not.

Hastings, Nebr., in the new electro, has appeared on the 1, 2, 5c Pilgrims and undoubtedly are made to order. This is a city which ought to get a knock and not a boost. Although we find many worth-while stamps coming through the regular mail, there are others which emanate from there which rather spoil our taste.

Bedford, Pa., on the 6, 16, 24c Aeros, 3c Victory and 1, 2, 5c Pilgrims coming normal and inverted look very much like made to order stuff, and they are held at very lofty prices.

Van Buren, Ark., on the Pilgrims is to be looked upon with a careful scrutiny.

St. Meinrad, Ind., on the 1c Pilgrim comes only in one variety which is a commending point in itself.

Lancaster, N. H., also is using U-18 on the Pilgrims and as Lancaster always has had a pretty good reputation, notwithstanding its location, these seem all right. The 1c normal and 2c up are all that I have heard of up to date.

Fernald, Ia., seems to have a speculative taint. If the regular issues and no others had appeared no comment would have been forthcoming. But with the Aero's, Victory and Pilgrims dragged in and the overprint coming in the four positions, things don't look regular. The high prices asked for them are absurd. Come down, Mr. H! Come down!

The Fitchburg, Mass., postmaster claims that they have never had any Aeroplane stamps in the office, so that any on the market are precancelled to order or faked. The Victory in U-8 was used in the regular course of business, but this stamp was also precancelled to order when *not* in stock.

Recently I dropped a line to the postmaster of Derby, Conn., and enclosed a copy of the 3c Victory printed in black capitals between lines. He wrote the following letter in reply: "The cancelled stamp attached to your letter is not an authorized precancelled stamp in the sense that you use the word. The stamps (I mentioned Victory and Pilgrims) were placed upon several packages and cancelled the same as any other parcel post stamps would be cancelled, except that at the request of the addressee we used a little more than ordinary care in cancelling the stamps. This office issues no precancelled stamps nor do we precancel any for our own use even in the busy Christmas season."

Richford, Vt., Types I and II are one-at-a-time handstamps. The proof I have of Type II shows no triangular ornaments as described by Bushnell. That the two handstamps are wielded in and out of season turning out as possible to oblige a Mr. G. is apparent.

I earnestly desire to hear from all collectors wishing for information along the line of precancels and wish that anybody desiring to take issue with me on any of my statements would write me without delay.—*Precancel Gazette.*

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LEEWARD ISLANDS, PLATE 10, 1921-22.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

The first of the Leeward Islands series to appear on script watermarked paper were the ½d and 1d, late in 1921, followed by the ¼d in April, 1922, and the 2d in June. The ½d and 1d were released in London by the Crown Agents several months before issue in the Islands.

These stamps were printed from plate 10, introduced in June, 1921, sheets of 120 stamps 2 panes of 60, separated by a narrow gutter. The plate number appears twice in the lower margin, in the usual positions, the upper margin being blank. A marginal line surrounding each pane is broken at each line of perforation with but one or two exceptions.

The 1d carmine on script paper was never on sale in St. Kitts-Nevis, their stock on the old paper lasting until the summer of 1922, by which time a color change had been effected; and the ¼d on script was not issued there until November, 1922. Up to the first of July, 1922, Antigua and the British Virgins were without the ¼d brown, ½d green and 1d carmine stamps, with script watermark. The 2½d ultramarine, and 6d dull violet and red violet, on script paper, were issued July 13, 1922, overprinted "Barbuda," but in unoverprinted state they do not yet exist.

1921-22. King George V, Postage and Revenue. Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. Perf. comb 14. Plate 10.

¼d brown,	April, 1922.
½d green,	October, 1921.
1d carmine,	October, 1921.
2d gray,	June, 1922.

NEW VALUES ADDED, 1922.

On 3rd January, 1922, increased parcel rates (in some cases the increase was almost a hundred percent), came into effect, made by an Order in Council of December 1, 1921, and by an Order in Council dated 9th January, 1922, effective February 1st, 1922, the rates on other matter were increased, the principal increases being: letters for the British Empire, and the U. S. A. 2d; to foreign countries 3d; post cards, 1½d, and registration fee, 3d. Stamps of other denominations than contained in the series now became desirable, and an Order in Council, made January 9th, authorised the issue of 4d, 5d, 2s, 3s and 4s stamps.

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And whereas, it is expedient to add to these values stamps of the following values, namely, 4d, 5d, 2s, 3s and 4s.

Now, it is hereby ordered by the Governor in Council under the authority of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act, 1890, as follows:—

On and after the 1st day of April, 1922, there shall be in addition to the several values of stamps fixed by the hereinbefore recited orders, stamps of the value of 4d, 5d, 2s, 3s and 4s.

And it is hereby further ordered that the proper dies and other implements to be used in connection with the said new stamps be provided accordingly.

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These stamps were printed from plate 10, in sheets of 120 stamps, 2 panes of 60. They were received in St. Kitts late in April, and issued on May 12, 1922. The figures and letters of the value tablets are in color on a plain ground, within a hexagonal frame. The duty plates for these five plates are provided with a broken marginal line, so that completed sheets have a double marginal line, that on the inside belonging to the keyplate, and that on the outside, to the duty plate, and being printed in the colors of their respective impressions.

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The shilling values are required for use on parcels, and the 4d and 5d for combined letter and registration charges on inter-island, and Empire letters, respectively.

May 12, 1922. King George V, Postage and Revenue. Watermarked multiple Crown CA (4d, 2s); multiple Crown and script CA (5d, 2s, 3s, 4s). Perf. comb 14. Plate 10. Chalk surfaced paper for all values.

4d black and red on yellow (C).
5d dull violet and olive green (C).
2s violet and ultramarine on blue (C).
2 types of watermark.
3s green and violet (C).
4s black and carmine (C).

COLOR CHANGE, 1922.

To conform with the regulations of the Universal Postal Union as to colors (green, red and blue), for those denominations of postage stamps most used in the international mails (formerly ½d, 1d and 2½d, but now ½d, 1½d and 3d, on printed matter, post cards and letters, respectively), a re-arrangement of the Crown Agents' color scheme for the lower values became necessary.

In some Colonies, (Grenada, St. Lucia and Trinidad & Tobago), the 1d was printed in brown, but for the 1d of Leeward Islands, a new color was introduced, officially termed "blue purple," which is in reality, a deep violet. In August, 1922, this value, from plate 10, in deep violet, was issued in St. Kitts. In July, 1922, the 2½d and 3d of the St. Kitts-Nevis Presidency series were issued in brown and blue, respectively, followed by the 1d in deep violet in August.

1922. King George V, Postage and Revenue, watermarked multiple Crown and script CA, perf. comb 14. Plate 10.

1d deep violet, August, 1922

GOVERNMENT.

The Leeward Islands Colony is a federation of five presidencies, formerly separate colonies, i.e., Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, Dominica, Montserrat and Virgin Islands. There is one Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the Colony, who is resident at St. John's, Antigua. In Antigua the government is administered by the Governor of the Colony; in St. Kitts-Nevis and Dominica by Administrators, and in Montserrat and the Virgins, by Commissioners. The present Governor and Commander-in-Chief is Sir Eustace Fiennes, Bart., (late Governor of Seychelles), who arrived at St. John's, Antigua, and was sworn into office on Sunday morning, December 4, 1921.

The expenses of the Federal establishment are voted by the Federal Councils, and apportioned among the Presidencies; the following are the figures for 1922-23:

Antigua,	£7034/ 1/ 8
St. Kitts-Nevis,	£7437/16/ 9
Dominica,	£4887/ 2/ 0
Montserrat,	£1870/16/ 8
Virgin Islands,	£ 447/ 9/11

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	Aera Sq. Miles.	Population census, 1911
Antigua,	108	31,394
Redonda,	2	4
Barbuda,	62	871
St. Kitts,	68	26,283
Nevis,	38	12,945
Anguilla,	35	4,075
Dominica,	291	33,863
Montserrat,	32½	12,196
Virgin Islands,	58	5,562

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At the outbreak of the Zulu War Prince Louis left his home of exile at Chislehurst, England, and went to South Africa as a member of the British Army. On the 7th of June the Prince was riding with a reconnoitreing force of a few men near the Blood River. They were suddenly attacked by Zulus when resting and in the melee the Prince was unhorsed and slain. The surviving British fled.

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The last few days I have received several inquiries asking if the Western Stamp Co. had moved to Florida. Failed to understand the why of the question. Just received the issue of Feb. 3, and note the adv. of the Western Stamp Co. of Jacksonville, Fla., which evidently is the foundation of the question.

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NEW IRISH STAMPS, DESIGNERS, NEW POST OFFICE, INTERNATIONAL AERIAL AND WIRELESS SERVICES.

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At last, out of the darkness of the night that is nearly past, the riot and burnings of the past year, the beginning of the end is in sight, hold-ups are getting more hazardous, though the few who escape the meshes of Law and Order manage individual destruction on country railroads and country houses. Despite the glaring news from day to day it is becoming a strange fact that the majority of the mails get through, and where organized raids on the post-offices have recently taken place, while actual cash and records have not been touched, that the seizure of the stamps which have eventually been destroyed are mainly those of the new map and "Saorstat" overprinted issues.

On February 2nd the new 1½d map value made its appearance, in the official colour of "maroon," in a few days the penny value in the same design will appear, and in the course of a week or so the following will appear:—½d, 5d, 6d and 1sh, "Sword of Light" (Claidheamh Salius); 2½d, 4d and 9d, Arms of the Four Provinces (Munster, Leinster, Ulster and Connaught; 3d and 10d, Celtic Cross.

Designs are being prepared for the higher values (2s6d, 5sh and 10sh) which are intended to be the last word in the printer's art, and will show the original Parliament House (at present the headquarters of the Bank of Ireland—which incidently I had the pleasure of being taken through accompanied by an armed guard fingering an automatic!), the old G. P. O. in Sackville, O'Connell Street, at present in ruins, and the Custom House, besieged in 1916 by the British Navy.

The designers of the stamps are:—Map of Ireland, Mr. James Ingram, Glasnevin, Dublin; Sword of Light. Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, Westmoreland St., Dublin; Arms of the Four Provinces, Miss M. Girling, School of Art, Dublin; Pictorial designs, Professor Atkinson, Dublin, and Celtic Cross, Miss Lily Williams, Ranelagh, Dublin.

It is interesting to note that the last mentioned also designed the Celtic Cross "Sinn Fein" stamp that was so extensively used for propaganda purposes several years before the European War—and recently brought out again as a souvenir of the Irish "Rebel and Civil" wars—from which Miss Williams adopted her present design.

It is given on good authority that one of the new designs, essayed to be the "Sword of Light," will be issued on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, in commemoration of the 1,500th Anniversary of the Patron Saint's Missions (A. D. 423-1923).

INTERNATIONAL MAILS AND AIR SERVICES.

Addressing a deputation a few days ago Mr. J. J. Walsh, the Irish Postmaster-General, stated that already regular mail services had been establishe daily between Dublin and France, an Dublin and Germany, with direct lett and parcel mails weekly to New Yor Philadelphia, and Baltimore via Cob (Queenstown). A further service w being considered between Cork and Bre for French and Continental parce traffic, which would serve a special pu pose for the export of bacon produ and linen industrial manufactures, et Also the Irish Free State Governme were in course of negotiations for a air service between London and Cobh, extension of the present French, Germa and Dutch airmails.

Special wireless services were to brought into use that would either supe sede or maintain the present interrupt telegraph and telephone services.

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Mr. Walsh also mentioned that owing to the British Post Office confiscating Sweepstake Circulars sent from Ireland, these were now being mailed in England, which was meaning a loss of thousands of pounds to the Irish Post Office. (Actually the same Sweepstake Circulars which are being posted in England, are being mailed in small numbers from various post-offices throughout the country, in order to avoid the chance of discovery, and which might also have been done in Ireland, but the promoters found that they could save 25% by posting in England where the single letter rate postage is 1½d, against 2d in Ireland—plus of course the fact that there is yet no organized customs between Ireland and Britain, though from Britain to Ireland all passengers and goods are searched by the *British authorities* for firearms and ammunition!)

While the Irish Post Office had always been run at a loss, it was hoped, Mr. Walsh said, that these innovations would result in a definite turnover, and it was fully believed by the Government that a turn for the better had taken place.

It has since been stated that the Free State Government had been offered an exchange of Aerial Mails to Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia and to India with a continuation on to Australia.

At present owing to labour troubles which have nothing to do with the political situation, the only mail communications are via Dublin and Holyhead, even the Welsh direct route via Fishguard being suspended, mails going to Dun Laoghaire (Kingstown) and Dublin, and being thence transhipped via sea to Cobh and Corcaigh (Cork).

BOOK REVIEW.

We have received from B. Gordon Bushnell the "Perf. 12 Section" of his standard Precancelled Stamp Catalog. It lists the precancelled stamps of the United States perforated 12, with the universal type system and other illustrations. The book is a monument to the industry of the publisher, Mr. Bushnell, and represents a great deal of painstaking labor. Blank pages are provided at the end of the book in which to enter any additions, corrections or remarks. The price of the book is $1 post-paid. It is uniform with the catalog issued under date of 1921-22, and may be obtained from the publishers at 2648 Northwestern Av., Indianapolis, Ind.

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1907-8	
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1886-1900	
2ö, No. 40	*.04
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6ö, No. 44	.10
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8ö, No. 64	.02
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2.12 on 5k (91)	.50
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90ö, No. 96	.06
1918, Surcharged.	
7ö on 10ö, No. 97	.03
12ö on 25ö (98)	.03
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27ö on 55ö (100)	.10
27ö on 65ö (101)	.10
27ö on 80ö (102)	.10
1918-21	
1k No. 111	.04
3ö, No. 115	.02
5ö, No. 116	.02
15ö, No. 118	.04
30ö, No. 120	.03
40ö, No. 121	.02
60ö, No. 122	.02
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20ö, No. 126	.02
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50ö, No. 141	.04
1kr, No. 142	.10
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*(3ö), No. 202 ..	3.00
1916, Charity.	
*5ö on 2ö (211)	.12
*5ö on 3ö (212)	.10
*5ö on 4ö (213)	.10
*5ö on 5ö (214)	.10
*5ö on 6ö (215)	.10
*10ö on 12ö (216)	.18
*10ö on 20ö (217)	.18
*10ö on 24ö (218)	.18
*10ö on 30ö (219)	.18
*10ö on 50ö (220)	.18
10ö on 5kr (221)	*3.50
*5ö on 1ö (222)	.20
*5ö on 3ö (223)	.20
*5ö on 5ö (224)	.20
*5ö on 6ö (225)	.20
*10ö on 30ö (229)	.20
10ö on 1kr (231)	*7.50
7ö on 2ö (232)	.10
5ö on 3ö (233)	.07
7ö on 4ö (234)	.07
7ö on 5ö (235)	.07
7ö on 6ö (236)	.07
12ö on 12ö (239)	.10
12ö on 20ö (240)	.10
12ö on 24ö (241)	.10
12ö on 30ö (242)	.10
12ö on 50ö (243)	.10
1920, Airpost.	
10ö on 3ö (301)	*.04
20ö on 2ö (302)	*.08
50ö on 4ö (303)	*.20
1874, Postage Due.	
*1ö, No. 351	.10
*3ö, No. 352	.10
*12ö, No. 355	.05
24ö, No. 358	*.50
24ö, No. 368	.10
1kr, No. 372	*.10
1874-93, Official.	
24ö, No. 408	.10
6ö, No. 415a	*.15
24ö, No. 419	.10
50ö, No. 421	.06
1kr, No. 422	.03
10ö on 12ö (423)	*.18
*10ö on 24ö (424)	.25
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10c, No. 10	.05
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5c, No. 20	.30
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4c, No. 21	.20
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2c on 3c, No. 27	.30
2c, No. 29	.10
*2c, No. 29	.15
8c, No. 30	.50
1905	
20c, No. 33	.25
25c, No. 34	*.30
40c, No. 35	*.30
*50c, No. 36	.50
*1fr, No. 37	.75
*2fr, No. 38	1.50
*5fr, No. 39	3.00
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*25b, No. 47	.20
*40b, No. 49	.40
*50b, No. 50	.40
1915-17	
*5b, No. 51	.06
*10b, No. 52	.08
*15b, No. 53	.12
*20b, No. 54	.13
*25b, No. 55	.18
*30b, No. 56	.18
*40b, No. 57	.20
*50b, No. 58	.25
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4s, No. 15	.05
2s, No. 16	.10
3s, No. 17	.65
8s, No. 19	.30
5ö, No. 27	*.40
20ö, No. 31	.07
50ö, No. 33	.04
100ö, No. 34	.10
100ö, No. 51	.03
1901-15	
24ö, No. 52	.07
4ö on 8ö, No. 55	.03
*4ö on 8ö, No. 55	.05
15ö on 24ö (56)	.06
*15ö on 24ö (56)	.10
25ö, No. 65	.03
50ö, No. 66	.10
100ö, No. 67	.20
35ö, No. 75	.07
50ö, No. 76	.02
100ö, No. 77	.02
35ö on 16ö (78)	*.25
35ö on 20ö (79)	*.25
35ö on 32ö (80)	*.45
5kr, No. 84	.50
1ö to 35ö, Nos. 85 to 94, each	.01
50ö, No. 95	.03
80ö, No. 96	.18
*80ö, No. 96	.35
1kr, No. 97	.03
2kr, No. 98	.12
5kr, No. 99	.60
*80ö on 12ö (100)	.75
*80ö on 8ö (101)	.75
1918, Surcharged.	
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*27ö on 5ö (106)	1.50
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27ö on 5ö, No. 114	.20
27ö on 7ö, No. 115	.20
27ö on 8ö, No. 116	.20
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27ö on 20ö (118)	.20
27ö on 29ö (119)	.25
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27ö on 41ö (121)	.20
27ö on 1k (122)	.20
1918-19	
12ö, No. 124	.03
27ö, No. 125	.06
30ö, No. 126	.02
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40ö, No. 128	.03
50ö, No. 129	.03
60ö, No. 130	.04
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25ö, No. 136	.04
40ö, No. 137	.03
70ö, No. 138	.06
90ö, No. 139	.08
5kr, No. 140	.50
10ö, No. 141	.02
20ö, No. 142	.02
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1kr, No. 160	.04
*8ö on 7ö (161)	.05
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5kr, No. 209	.10
10kr, No. 210	.20
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8ö, No. 214	.09
20ö, No. 216	.06
29ö, No. 217	.18
38ö, No. 218	.15
41ö, No. 219	.15
1kr, No. 220	.05
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*10ö, No. 272	.10
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We have received a most remarkable letter from Mr. George H. Grinnell of Los Angeles, California, bearing directly on the biggest story that ever "broke" in philatelic circles. Recently, we quoted a telegram that had been received from Mr. Grinnell, in which he promised to send an account of the later developments in the Hawaiian missionary case; and we now have his communication before us. It is needless to say that Mr. Grinnell's words will fall on listening ears: "Enclosed are the photographs of the entire find of Hawaiian Missionary stamps. One photo shows the entire lot of twenty-six stamps that I did not sell. The other shows the forty-three sold to Mr. Klemann: and also the two (in upper right corner) which were taken from Mr. Wood by Capt. Walsh in 1919. I am thoroughly convinced that the stamps are genuine for this reason: they were given me by Mr. Shattuck who said they were among his mother's things when she died in 1856. He had kept them in his own possession ever since that time. He did not know anything about stamps, philatelically. When I said that I thought they were of value and wanted to pay him something for them, he would not listen to any such proposal but said that I was welcome to them. He remarked that they would probably be burned up after he was gone, anyway. He said that there were two other letters which he had saved. They were in envelopes that had 'Sandwich Island' stamps on them but he could not find them at the time. It is significant that his daughter testified at the trial that there were three letters among his effects after he died, which belonged to his mother, in view of the fact that other testimony of hers was to the effect that all of their things were burned in a fire in 1890; and therefore he could not have had anything that had belonged to his mother. Mr. Shattuck's son told my attorney and me in an interview that he burned all the letters that were among his father's things, soon after his death. At that interview he said that I must not bother his mother in any way, and that if either side should summon her to court as a witness in this affair, he would go on the stand himself. He seemed very outspoken against me and the daughter seemed in the same frame of mind." We make a division in Mr. Grinnell's letter here as in the next paragraph he takes up an important phase of the case.

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All of the Missionaries in Mr. Grinnell's lot as sold to Mr. Klemann revealed minor points of difference from the known originals and that Mr. Grinnell has concerned himself about these discrepancies in the production of the stamps is shown by the following: "The important point is that my stamps do not match up with any of the known originals that were produced in court, and even those did not match up with one another; and further, all of mine seemed to be identical in all respects. I can only account for this upon the theory that those which were brought into court for purposes of comparison were printed at different times from movable types, while mine were printed from stereotype plates. My stamps so nearly accorded with one another that it strongly indicates that they were printed from stereotype plates, or, as Champion says, by lithography. (See Champion's Bulletin for October 25, 1922, page 24.) In Henry J. Crocker's book 'Hawaiian Missionaries,' Page 22, referring to the Hawaiian Missionary stamps, he says: 'The Numeral Stamps—of this and subsequent issues—were struck off in the Government printing office in this city as they were required from time to time, ...' In the paragraph above this one, Mr. Crocker refers to the Missionary Stamps as follows: 'These were the first numeral stamps which were set up from types, with the figured or pattern border around the numerals and plain double line border around the whole.' This shows conclusively that the word 'Numeral' as here used was intended by the author to include both the Missionary Stamps and also the later numeral issues. I believe that there are some more of the same printing as mine somewhere in the world which are well authenticated and which can be found through a thorough publicity campaign." Some time before the trial last year, Mr. Grinnell expressed to us his conviction that his Missionaries were indubitably genuine but were of a printing, officially made, of which his stamps were examples; and he hoped clearly to prove that the specimens originated on the islands. By the process of elimination, all Missionary Stamps that differed from the accepted stamps cannot classify, on looks alone, as genuine stamps; and so Mr. Grinnell wants the supporting testimony of other stamps of the character of his own stamps." Truly, "faith is the substance of things hoped for," and, it may be added: "There are no tricks in plain and simple faith."

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We follow Mr. Grinnell in his letter and come to the human interest element that is developed by Mr. Grinnell: "I think that Mr. Klemann believed the stamps to be bad when he brought suit but as my attorney relied upon a point of law involving the question of warranty, which was not sustained by the judge; and further, since I was unable to secure any other stamps for comparison, those which were presented in court having all been selected by Mr. Klemann, I cannot feel otherwise than that an injustice has been done in this matter. If the stamps are bad, I will burn them rather than have them again on the market. If they are good, I think that they will be vindicated before long. Mr. Klemann has made concessions in this settlement which represent a very considerable loss to him and while I feel that he first should have checked up the history of these stamps rather than condemn them without investigation, yet I am not willing to criticize his motive, not knowing all of the facts of what took place immediately following his arrival in New York, at the time he purchased these stamps. My own greatest mistake was in not getting a lengthy written statement from Mr. Shattuck. I thought that a statement from him could be had at any time but I delayed getting it too long and when I wanted it, he was dead."

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It becomes evident from a reading of Mr. Grinnell's letter, which is printed substantially as received, that the case may be reopened, in-so-far as the genuineness of the stamps are called into question, at any time. If happy circumstances should attend the endeavors of Mr. Grinnell and tend to prove that Mr. Grinnell's contention is well-advised, the thought of "truth, crushed to earth will rise again" will sing in Mr. Grinnell's mind. We have the two large photographs showing the Grinnell lot of stamps and we shall decide upon what course to take to show them to best advantage. No doubt we shall be able to obtain from Mr. Grin-

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nell sufficient text to make them stand as the features of a story that would indicate wherein the differences between the pictured stamps and the admitted originals were most pronounced. It is apparent that the history of the Missionary Stamps is to receive an addition but how significant a one, remains to be seen.

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The following letter which is self explanatory has been received from Mr. John A. Klemann. "I beg to advise you that the bill introduced in Congress to allow the printing and publishing of illustrations of foreign postage and revenue stamps has been amended to admit of illustrations of parts of United States stamps enlarged. This bill has been reported favorably from the House Judiciary Committee and is now on the House calendar.

As you must know, it is vital to the best interests of philately that this bill be passed, for as matters now stand, all illustrations made and printed are a direct violation of the law and those making them are subject to criminal prosecution.

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The time is short as the session ends on March 4th and all legislation not acted upon at this session must be introduced again before it can be acted upon, and as Senator Frelinghuysen who introduced the bill retires at the close of this session, considerable delay might occur.

Be sure to refer to Senate Bill No. 2703, House Report No. 1547, House Calendar No. 281, and be sure that you write immediately as it is necessary to get this bill through in order to legalize the making of any illustrations. It is now a question of getting this or nothing at all."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Frank A. Goldsmith has shown us the first of the new issue precancelled. It is the 10c precancelled for New York City. We suggest that our subscribers who wish us to note these new precancels, write direct to F. W. Allen, 521 S. 4th St., Grand Forks, N. D., the editor of our precancel department. Will subscribers please note this request?

—J. C. Matthews has just issued a pricelist of bargains in sets. A specimen will gladly be sent on application. Address him at Olympia, Wash.

—The Holyoke (Mass.) *Daily Transcript* in its issue of Feb. 16, reprinted the stagecoach article that appeared in a recent number of the WEEKLY. Full credit was given our publication.

—Thanks to Perry D. Dye, Jr., we are able to give the following information in regard to the sale of Lincoln stamps at Hodgenville, Ky., Feb. 12, the birthplace of Lincoln. 5000 of the 3c stamps were placed on sale on the date in question and about 500 letters and 50 parcels were mailed, though the exact count was not kept. Thirty-three orders were received from stamp dealers on Feb. 12 and about twenty-five came later. The largest order filled for any single person or firm was for $5.

—Richard Lamprecht sends us a pair of German stamps that were used upon the back of an envelope and are uncancelled. They are the 5m brown, large numeral, bearing an inscription dealing with a stamp dealer's convention to be held at Leipzig, March 4-7, 1923.

—We have received from Nelson B. Gaskill a copy of the Jersey City *Telegraph* of Feb. 24, 1849. Upon the first page is found an official notice by the postmaster of Jersey City, that he has received a supply of postage stamps from the P. O. Department at Washington and "persons can be supplied at the post-office."

—"February 3rd, I read, 'Mention was made, many months back, of the fact that although the report of the Director of the Bureau showed that a good quantity of the 40c Documentary had been overprinted 'Stock Transfer' and 'Future Delivery,' no copies had ever been reported in the hands of collectors." I do not know how many months back you refer to, but I have had them in my collection for six or seven months.—FREDERICK BROCKMAN.

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—After four years of editorial connection with the Baltimore *American*, C. Lat. Wilhelm has been compelled to discontinue his stamp department in that paper. This announcement is made for the benefit of exchange publications.

—Frank A. Goldsmith has shown us two new advertising cancellations. One is of special interest and indicates a splendid piece of publicity work upon the part of Boston philatelists. The inscription "Philatelic Exhibition, Boston Public Library, March 19-24, 1923" is wrought into a cancellation in a very handsome manner. This cancellation is doubly attractive in that it marks the second time that mails have been used to advertise a philatelic event. The second cancellation was used at Augusta, Me., and reads, "Winter Carnival, Augusta, Me. Feb. 15-16-17, 1923."

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—Since my last Chronicle announcing the issue of the 3c Lincoln at Washington on February 12th, I have received through the kindness of Mr. Warren P. Ware, a cover showing this stamp used on the day of issue from Hodgenville, Larue County, Kentucky, the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. As it was not known until almost the last minute that a supply of these would be ready in sufficient time to send to this village, the official announcement was not given out until just a few days before the event.

We can now semi-officially announce that the $2 will appear in March possibly along with the 12c Cleveland which they hope to place on sale on the anniversary of his birth, March 18, 1923. Heretofore they have issued two or three stamps at the time, I believe to make it easier for the Philatelic Stamp Agency to take care of the great demand promptly and efficiently. If they came out just a day or two apart it would mean that some writing for early supplies to Washington would have to be disappointed. They have taken on several new clerks as well as larger quarters, but with the Land Office business that they are doing, even the increased force cannot more than keep things a-going.

While speaking of new things from Washington, announcement comes of the fact that we are likely after all to be able to illustrate United States stamps under certain conditions. For years the Secret Service has been strongly against it, but it seems now they are willing to see such a bill pass Congress. From their past attitude, one would have thought such a move was in the far distant future but through the activities of Senator Frelinghuysen and Congressman Ackerman, such a bill has gone to the proper committee and will without doubt have become a law by the time these notes appear. Everything is being done to bring action before the close of this session on March 4th.

Mr. H. W. Porter kindly sends me a block of the 1c Franklin from plate No. 14192 wherein the horizontal spacings differ between two rows, and it is possible to get a block of six, showing a difference in the two spacings.

Mr. B. K. Miller writes that while abroad, he had the pleasure of viewing the collection of Sir Nicholas Waterhouse and found that he had the entire 1861 series in the September print on the August paper. It has been known for a long time that most of the denominations of the September issue appear on the hard, thin, brittle paper of the August issue, but this is the first time I recall where they have all been together. Scott recognizes the 10c September on the August paper in their specialized catalogue but makes no mention of the others. For the last two or three years, they have been listing the 24c in a second shade of "grey lilac" and I have seen the copy in the Scott reference collection from which the variety is listed. It is undoubtedly on the August paper but surely this does not prove that it is the August variety any more than the other denominations on this paper. As a matter of fact it is doubtful if any of them except the 10c and 24c are more than printer's samples, if we may designate as such stamps that were never postally issued but were prepared by the engravers possibly as finished proofs to be submitted to the government as samples.

The Waterhouse collection also contains several of the September, 1861, stamps, used on dates previous to the earliest that we have seen listed heretofore, namely the 1c on August 29th, the 5c on the same day and the 24c on October 4th.

Mr. F. R. Demmerly sends for inspection a copy of the large series A playing card stamp, perforated 11½. These, we understand, are issued by the department imperforate and the means of separation applied by the playing card companies. This however is the first time we have seen the variety perforated.

Shanghai.—It is understood that the Postal Agency at Shanghai, China, was closed on December 31, 1922. I have however, just received a letter from Shanghai posted on January 24, 1923, with two of the surcharged 2c on 1c green and cancelled with the regular Agency cancellation on that day, the postmark being very clear. This I cannot account for but am making inquiries.

ANGORA.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise of the issuing of two values of stamps, one of brown color and the other bright red, both with the picture of a public building in the centre and the star and crescent in the upper corners.

CHINA.—Mr. A. W. Tyrrell shows us a mysterious provisional, used on a parcel, in the shape of the $2 blue and black (dollars type of 1913-19) overprinted in red with some Chinese characters over the inscription "Republic of

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ANZIG.—The Economist Stamp Co. ise that there has appeared a 20mk np in brown color in the type of tt's AP4. Also the same correspond- submits copies of the 10mk, 50mk 100mk postage due stamps in the al design and color.

OMINICA.—A new issue is in prepara- The design will be of the general now coming into colonial favour, head of H. M. the King occupying medallion and the device of the ony the other. The medallions will printed in black for all values, the ders being in colour. The values ge from ½d to £1, and we note that official description mentions emerald er with Script watermark for the 1s 4s while the three values with ow paper are still to have the old ermark. The ½d and 1d have already n despatched to the colony.—*Gibbons' thly Circular.*

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ESTHONIA.—Prof. M. Loewy has sent to us for chronicle a copy of a 1m in the type of Scott's A10. The stamps are imperforate and dark brown in color. The Economist Stamp Co. have also shown us the same stamp perforated.

FINLAND.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the new 2m blue stamp. It is perf. 14.

IRISH FREE STATE.—We have good authority for stating that it is unlikely that the date in the "SAORSTAT" overprint will be changed to "1923," the date "1922" being that of the setting up of the Free State.—*Gibbons' Monthly Circular.*

Mr. Michael Francis O'Donnell sends us a copy of the 1½d in the new permanent set. The color is red lilac and the stamp was placed on sale the 2nd of February. Mr. O'Donnell also adds that the Saorstat issue is now complete from ½d to 10sh. The last value to be issued was the 4d which was offered to the public on the 20th of January last. The following is from the *Irish Times* of Jan. 27th:

"Mr. J. J. Walsh, Postmaster-General for the Irish Free State, yesterday told a representative of the *Irish Times* what some of his plans were for the development of the Post Office, and what his intentions were with regard to the extension of the telephone system and the improvement of the telegraph.

He showed a sheet of 1½d stamps which, he said, would be issued to the public on February 2nd. The design is the same as that of the 2d stamps, but its colour is maroon. Penny, threepenny, and tenpenny stamps, with a Celtic Cross design, will shortly be issued, perhaps before the end of February. Halfpenny, fivepenny, sixpenny, and shilling stamps, bearing a representation of the Cliadeam Soluis (Sword of Light), were being printed, and the 2½d, 4d and 9d stamps would bear a representation of the Arms of the four provinces. The designer of the stamps, which bear a map of Ireland, is Mr. James Ingram, of Crawford avenue, Glasnevin. Miss Lily Williams, Lower Beechwood avenue, Ranelagh, the designer of the first Sinn Fein stamps, is also the designer of the Celtic Cross stamp. Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, 8 Westmoreland street, is the author of the "Sword of Light" design, and Miss M. M. Girling, of the Dublin School of Art has contributed the Arms of the Four Provinces. There are special designs for stamps of values from 2s 6d to 10s. These are by Professor Atkinson, Dublin, and will include representations of the Old Parliament House (Bank of Ireland), the Sackville street General Post Office, and the Custom House (before its destruction)."

MESOPOTAMIA.—The designs for the new issue, now in preparation, include winged Cherubim from Solomon's Temple, Babylonian Sculpture, Ruins of Ctesiphon, Serpent-headed Date-palm, Mosque at Muadhdham, Guffah scene, Tribal Camel Standard and Mosque at Kadhimain. The Mosques are of the Sunni and Shiah sects respectively. Meanwhile supplies of the current issue continue to be despatched.—*Gibbons' Monthly Circular.*

PORTUGAL.—Our Oporto correspondent, Mr. C. C. Tait, writes:—"In consequence of the fall in the value of Portuguese currency, new scales of charges for both internal and international postage appear in the 'Diario do Governo' (or *Official Gazette*), and are published in today's papers (January 11th).

The following new values or colours are announced:—5c sepia, 15c black, 20c deep green, 25c deep rose, 40c chocolate, 60c carmine, 75c magenta, $1 deep blue, and $1.50 slate.

The ¼, ½, 6, 7, 12, 24 and 80 centavos will no longer be printed. The 7 centavos mentioned is evidently a mistake, and should be 7½c.

The values thus rendered obsolete, as well as those whose colours have been changed, are available for use until the present stock is exhausted.

Nothing is said about any change in the design, so it may be assumed that it will be the same as at present."—*Stamp Collecting.*

RUSSIA.—As we expected, the fantastic famine "stamps" of Odessa have been denounced by the Soviet authorities as bogus. *Scott's M. J.* illustrates another long set, equally quaint and mysterious, with which we have not yet been troubled on this side. The Editor is very doubtful of its status and we share his doubts to the full. Readers should beware of these "stunt" issues until those who are working for the good of the hobby are able to get accurate information regarding their status.—*Gibbons' Monthly Circular.*

SARAWAK.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 12c, 1918 type, in a new color. This time it is blue.

SPAIN.—The Economist Stamp Co. call our attention to a new 10c green that has just appeared. In the centre is the likeness of the King with the Crown just above. At the bottom is "Espana" with "correos" just above. The figures of value are in the lower left corner and "Cs." in the lower right.

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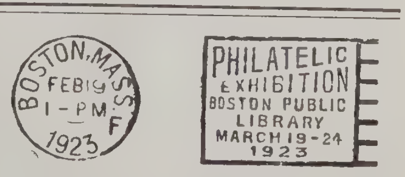

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By LEONARD A. GIBBENS.

To those with the eye to see and the will to read, a stamp collection has much to tell. We philatelists who have mastered the alphabet of stamps may read the very charming "paragraphs" set across our albums and thereby learn of the downfall of kings, the creation of republics, and even of some tiny isle hemmed in by the seas at the remote ends of the world, whose dim existence is brought into some sort of prominence by the trifling squares of its postage stamps.

Further, if one has the patience, one may read records of conquests and of discoveries, and the harvests of the Grim Reaper are frequently marked on the pages of the stamp album. Of these, the most common perhaps is the fate of an unfortunate and unenvied president of some fanatical republic, whose portrait confronts us in all serenity on that country's postage stamps, and the subsequent issues tell us of his premeditated and cruel assassination. These are but a few of the incidents we may find expressed across the pages of a well-filled stamp album.

Today I am writing of an artist, a stamp designer, whose end is shrouded in mystery, and the very existence of that unfortunate gentleman would not have come into my perspective had it not been for philately.

In the year 1894 the lithographic department of a printing establishment in Japan was occupied with the manufacture of a series of nine stamp values, each one of which had one word of English embodied in its design. In due course the printing was completed and the supply of stamps dispatched to China, the country for which they had been prepared, the set being officially issued in China on November 17th, 1884, in honour of the sixtieth birthday of the Dowager Empress.

The design of these stamps is distinctly Eastern, and it would seem ludicrous to associate with them in this connection the work of a Western hand. However, essentially Eastern as they may appear to the Western eye, which is perhaps inclined to be a trifle unappreciative and prejudiced, the types of the stamps of this issue appear bare and almost unattractive, with the possible exception of the 24 candareen, which bears a centrepiece somewhat reminiscent of the old Willow pattern plates still hanging on the walls somewhere about the house.

The hand responsible for the designs of this celebration issue was that of Mr. R. A. de Villard, an artist resident in China.

It is fortunate that the customs of China are not those of this country, for—twenty years ago at least—in that Eastern clime the autocrats ruled the aristocrats and democrats—and with an iron hand. The slightest offence against the rules of these great personages and the offender, whoever he might be paid a heavy penalty for his indiscretion—either decapitation or exile to some country universally shunned and despised.

In designing the stamps for this issue Mr. de Villard innocently offended certain Chinese conventions. His offence, if such it may be called, had to do with abbreviated inscriptions and, at a later date, insult was added to injury by the introduction of a forbidden colour for the 20 candareen. The colour was imperial purple, the use of which is said to be permitted only to Chinese royalty. For this interesting information we are indebted to Mr. Melville's "Postage Stamps in the Making," which also tells us "It will probably never be ascertained with certainty whether Mr. de Villard's subsequent surveying expedition to Tibet was in the nature of a death sentence, but in setting out upon it the artist wrote to Mr. Whitfield King that his letter would probably be the last he would ever receive from him and from that time no further news has been heard of him."

Several years have elapsed since those lines appeared, during which period further news as to the fate of the artist may have come to light, and all philatelists, and others, would, I am sure, be deeply interested to hear of any later reports.

As it is, we are left to interrogation. Did Mr. de Villard return from his ostensible surveying expedition? Does some corner of the Forbidden City hide his place of burial? Tibet does not strike one as being a particularly cheerful place either to live or to die in. The climate is characterised by the excessive dryness of the atmosphere and the severity of the winter, and from October to March vegetation is almost dried up, whilst the cold in winter is intense.

Perhaps some philatelic journal has dealt with this subject and given fuller particulars. Perhaps Mr. Whitfield King himself could tell more, or failing that, maybe some reader of this magazine can and, we hope, will throw more light on this mystery.

I consider matters such as I have dealt with in this short article are of great importance in stimulating interest in philately, and doubtless there are many more of similar character, and it would, I feel sure, be fulfilling a useful purpose to again put them in print, as doubtless collectors of the present day would find in the reading much that is original and of interest.—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

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By CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

(*A Talk at the Collectors Club Feb. 21.*)

In the very year that I was born—1863, Mr. Stanley Gibbons made the best purchase of his life, and one upon which he based his future success.

At this time young Gibbons was an assistant to his father, who was a well known pharmaceutical chemist, at 13 Treville St., Plymouth. E. S. Gibbons was allowed to use one portion of the window to show samples, and one morning two sailors passing the shop saw them, and went in to ask if anyone there bought stamps. Next day the men turned up, one of them with a large kitbag over his shoulder.

They were asked into the back parlor, and turned out the contents of the bag onto a large round table. The stamps were all triangular Cape of Good Hope, thousands and thousands of them, many in large blocks and woodblocks, and Perkins Bacon printings all mixed up. Gibbons asked the men how they had got a sackful of triangular Capes, and one of them replied:—

"When our boat got to Cape Town we had leave, and some of us went on shore for a spree, and me and my mate here happened to go in a show we found folks crowding into, and found a bazaar going on. Some ladies persuaded me to take a shilling ticket in a raffle, and we won this here bag of stamps which the ladies had begged for all around Cape Town for this bazaar."

Well, the men were very pleased to get $25.00 for the sack of Capes. And I should fancy Gibbons was equally pleased with his purchase.

It may interest you to know the rates at which Gibbons sold Capes in those early days. The figures I quote are authentic as I found Mr. Gibbons' letter book for March to June, 1864.

On March 16, 1864, he wrote to A. Rosenberg:—"I can supply you in any quantity 1d, 4d and 6d Cape of Good Hope, twenty cents a dozen, genuine old woodblock 75c a dozen." Next month prices were up, as he sent Mount Brown three dozen woodblocks at $2.50 a dozen.

About the same time he sent J. Pauwels of Torquay some 1s Capes at 35 cents a dozen, and quoted him $1.00 each for 1d blue and 4d red woodblock *errors*. By June, 1864, the price of Cape Errors had enormously increased as he was then offering them at $3.75 each! ! !

In the same year young Gibbons wrote to his agent in Cape Town, and ordered some of the new rectangular 1d and 6d stamps, and at the end of the letter said "Please not to send me 1d triangular, unused, as they are no good to me."

He had so many unused that he could not use more at face value of 2 cents each.

Mr. Gibbons vouched for the truth of the following incidents, all of which he well remembered.

He had many correspondents in South America, one was a Mr. Georges Nunes, who sent him many thousands of the early Brazils. Among these there were some hundreds of the sloping figures 180r, 300r and 600 reis.

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About 1888, I was up in London one week end, and visited a dealer in Cullum St., off Fenchurch St., in the city. On a show card in his shop window I saw a fine horizontal strip of three of the 1s New Brunswick, used and quite perfect. I got this for $50.00. I wonder what it would fetch at a Morgenthau auction today?

From 1890 I lived for a few years at No. 8 Gower St., London. One evening a man came in with one of those old Lallier albums well filled with nice old stamps. He asked me to make an offer, but as is usual in the trade, I said "no, you are the seller, you must name your own price."

After some talk he told me he had a catalogue at home and that he would value the book and come in the following evening. I was ready for him with a good wad of nice, clean Bank of England notes, as I expected to have to pay a few hundred pounds.

The next evening came and so did the man. I said "Well, have you fixed on your price for the album?" He replied that he had worked at it nearly all night and fixed the price at $150! After I had paid him, and got a receipt, and the album, I asked him what catalogue he had valued the stamps by, and he then gave it to me. It turned out to be one of Mount Brown's 1864 editions.

This was, I think, the cheapest collection I ever purchased. Most ordinary straight issues up to 1863 were complete. I found in it lots of rare errors. I remember two in particular:—New South Wales 1856, 2d blue diademed, the exceedingly rare error wmk., double lined "II". Western Australia 1869, 1s bistre, error in the color of the 1d, and I believe the only copy known. I sold this to Ferrary in 1895.

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Dealing with a large number of stock books and collections which a considerable number of clerks have to handle, there is no wonder that mistakes in pricing or in placing a stamp often happens. One such occurs to me in which the joke was on me. I was in my office one day, when Lieut. Napier was announced. As I was engaged with a client, I sent word for him to wait in the shop for a short time. In due time he came up to my room and then showed me a rare Transvaal, saying "Don't you want to buy this for your stock?" It was the 1d of 1877 with the wide space between the V. R. and TRANSVAAL, a variety that only occurs once in a double pane of 80 stamps. I said I would buy the stamp if reasonable and we closed the deal at $50.00, at which price I was well content. I then said to Napier, "Where did you find that scarce variety?" He replied, "Oh! I bought it downstairs while waiting to see you, out of your own stock book where you had it priced $1.85!

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There is a curious history attached to many stamps if one only had the time to think them up and then to write them down. A case in point occurs to me about the famous British Guiana 1850, 2c rose. Many years ago the late Mr. Henry Duveen heard that a pair of these stamps had been found in Demerara. He commissioned his friend Mr. V. Gurdji, then of New York, now living at Nice, to go to British Guiana to buy these stamps. Gurdji started and got, I think, as far as Trinidad; there he got typhus fever, and never got to British Guiana, but the stamps did get to the Duveen collection, and their history is as follows:

The pair of the 2c stamps on a cover addressed to Miss Rose, Blankenburg, were found by a lady in British Guiana, I think in Georgetown. She gave them to the clergyman of her church who sold them for $1010.00, to Mr. Luard. He in turn sold them to our firm for about $4,250, and in due course we sold them to Mr. Henry Duveen for $7,250. Now some 20 years later the same pair of stamps is valued at $15,000.00.

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A great deal of interest has been taken in the rare issue of British Guiana of 1856, (that is the large oblong stamps), since the purchase made by our member, Mr. Arthur Hind, at the Ferrary sale, of the unique error "one cent" in the color of the "four cent." I think I can give you the history of this world famous error. About 1888 I was Secretary of the Birmingham Philatelic Society which I founded. One evening we had a little gathering of our President, Mr. James Bottley, Thomas Ridpath, the Liverpool dealer, and myself.

Ridpath started telling us some of his experiences in his early days, and said that some years before he had a correspondent in Trinidad who wrote that he could get him some of these large 4c of 1856 and asking what price he would pay. Ridpath wrote and offered $5.00 each and in due course received a fat envelope full, and a draft, drawn at sight for the value; this he said was so large an amount for him then, that he had some difficulty in meeting it. In this consignment he found the famous error. Mr. Bottley had first call on what Ridpath got, as he financed him. Bottley however did not care for the copy as the corners were slightly clipped, and as he had a selection of the 4c stamps at about $10.00 each for very large and superb copies. Ridpath thereupon sent the stamp to Ferrary, I do not remember the price he said he got, but I do not think it was over $125.00.

(*Continued next week.*)

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

"Looking Backward, or Fragments from a Checkered Life," the condensed life story of J. E. Handshaw, as told by Mr. Handshaw himself. A keen interest has already been manifested in this book which has just been published, and especially among philatelists because of Mr. Handshaw's long connection with philately. Indeed, the book is flavored to a considerable degree by items of interest to stamp collectors, and the descriptions of the various ocean voyages and land journeyings are strong features of the book. There are twenty-nine chapters, such as "Leaving Home," "A Great Revival," "A Barrel of Stamps and a Serious Accident," "A Dream About to be Realized," "A Third Ocean Voyage," and "Buying a Corporation." The book is illustrated with a number of half-tone engravings, including some taken in foreign lands. Quite naturally J. W. Scott, the veteran stamp dealer, figures in the book due to Mr. Handshaw's long acquaintance with him and the fact that he bought his entire stamp and publishing business. The book is nicely printed on fine paper, bound in cloth, price $2.25, postpaid. Imitation leather, gilt, $3.00, postpaid, but of this latter binding only a limited edition is offered. Mr. Handshaw will devote all of the profits of this enterprise to philanthropic work. The book is a handsome production and should have a large sale.

PRICE TREND OF U. S.

By MUNSTER D. URBANUS.

Very good evidence of present market prices of several U. S. stamps was afforded by the Kelton & Sloane auction at the Collectors Club in New York Saturday afternoon, Feb. 24. The sale consisted of 517 lots of U. S. stamps only. Of these the first 67 lots were of the New York 5c black postmaster's provisional, some 54 stamps, and many proofs, essays, reprints, etc. The stamps came used, unused, on and off covers, both pairs and singles.

Following the New York's came nearly 40 lots of 5c and 10c 1847, the 5's in good variety of condition, also including some pairs and cancellations.

There were 16 lots of the 10c 1851 issues, and a fair showing of the other values. 1857, 1861, 1869 and later issues were well represented.

The professional character of the bidding lends particular value to the results. Probably 90% of the bidders were dealers, so one may safely assume that 10% to 20% must be added to the prices realized to arrive at current retail prices.

Three stamps proved themselves outstanding favorites; they were the 5c New York, 5c '47 and 10c 1851; among which no really fine postmarked copy failed to bring full catalog, while many left the nominal quotations far in the rear. Even somewhat defective copies brought a large percentage of catalog in the case of the favorites.

Pencancelled copies of the New Yorks in fine condition ranged along between $41.00 and $51.00, though a fine copy of No. 2 on the plate fetched $65.00 in pencancelled condition. The postmarked copies when not cut into brought as high as $90.00 for a single off cover. Stamps cut close on one side or slightly creased sold at $30.00 and more. A very pretty pair on a small piece of cover was bid up to $126.00.

Fine covers, with postmarks or pencancellations "tying" the stamps to the cover, all went well above catalog. No. 38 with the ordinary red Paid falling not too neatly on stamp and cover commanded $69.00. No. 42, pencancelled and also tied on with Paid, $65.00; No. 43, $72.50; No. 44, $61.00. Less attractive covers, some of them far from works of art sold from $35.00 to $40.00 and even damaged copies fetched over $20.00. Two copies on one cover to Buffalo sold for $104.00, while a pair on cover with address cut out and one stamp close, cost $102.00.

Only one fine copy of the 5c '47 sold for less than $7.50. The first one offered, lot 69, with good margins but an ordinary shade, slipped by at $6.75. After that the prices ran $10.00, $9.75, $8.25, $9.75. All pretty copies with ordinary red grid cancellation. All rated under that elastic word "superb" but nothing to put one's eye out. The "very fine" copies with some sort of margins all 'round sold without exception (at auction) at from $7.50 to $8.25. Copies cut into or creased brought $4.00 to $4.75, and a nice pencancelled stamp $4.50. If to these figures is added a small percentage to cover inevitable ove sights and a working margin of pro it seems obvious that the present mark prices of the 5c '47 in average to go condition is about $7.50, technically "fin copies; and very fine about $12.50. The prices for red grid cancellation on or nary shades.

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cellations offered. The Philadelphia Paid in oblong frame on a fine dark brown shade sold for $21.00 off cover; a nice red "5", $18.00; rather messy magenta grid, $14.00; brown grid, $14.00. Two nice pairs, ordinary shades, one with small margins at top, brought, respectively, $36.75 and $32.50. All the 10c '47's were defective and sold from $15.00 to $26.00, with $33.00 for a big shift with one side cut away.

The only "early" in the sale I thought truly superb—that is, with good margins, fine color, lightly cancelled—was a 5c 1851, which sold at $58.00! It was a fine, bright stamp, early impression, but margins not so large as to show any of the surrounding stamps.

Three nice copies 3c 1851, a red grid, red town, and star cancellation, sold for $6.75!

The 1c '51's were not fine but averaged more than full catalog.

All of the 10c '51's sold well. The copies with fine margins sold from $6.25 to $6.75, good stamps of no particular character, at $3.30 to $4.75, stamps cut into $1.40 to $2.50. A nice copy of full scrolls $14.00, with a nice pair quite liberally cancelled going at $31.00. These figures seemed to fix current retail prices at $8.00 to $10.00 for very fine copies, $6.00 to $7.50 for fine and full catalog for ordinary stamps.

Poor copies of the 12c '51 found no favor, but a fine copy with fair margins all round brought $11.25, a pair close on two sides but small sheet margins at left, $32.50 and another pair one stamp showing shift in label, $42.00.

Except for the 10c of the 1857 issue, Scott's Nos. 49 and 50, which sold above catalog for good copies, the showing was not good enough to furnish figures of any value. There were no fine copies of the 5c red brown or brick red, and the later printings of the 5c all sold below catalog. A well centered copy of the 12c sold at $5.50, a nice 90c at $17.75.

Nine copies of the 1c '61 went in a lot at $3.50, but two nice pairs sold for $3.25 and two vertical strips at $4.50. The 1c on laid paper sold for $14.40. Two nice copies of the 24c red lilac got $7.50 and $7.60 and a pair of No. 78, off center but reddish cork cancellation, sold at $8.00.

There was nothing interesting to me in the offerings of the 1867 issues, and not much in the 69's. Then a very nice copy of the 24c sold at $9.60, and copies with slight defects at $4.00 to $5.00. A good 30c went at $5.00.

The bank note issues sold well, though nothing of importance was offered. Four pairs of the 12c Continental brought $13.25.

High value Columbians lightly cancelled were in good demand and brought 75% of catalog figures. All really fine copies of the high values in the 1894, 1895 and 1898 issues sold at large percentage of catalog.

Departments had to be very fine to bring anywhere near catalog but the 90c Justice brought $29.50 and the 90c State $6.90.

The few fine copies of Confederate States offered all sold above catalog. The 5c New Orleans on blue at $8.50, a marginal copy of the 5c green general issue at $6.00, or double catalog; a superb o. g. copy of the 10c rose at $17.25, cats. $12.50, and a used copy of the same close at top, $8.75.

Revenues were also strong—a strip of three $1.00 Manifest, imperf., $6.75, cat. $4.50; strip of $20.00 Conveyance, one creased, cat. $6.00, sold at $10.00. The $20.00 Probate went at $26.00; $20.00 blue and black was knocked down at $14.75, the $25.00 same issue at $20.00 and an off-center copy of the $50.00 at $12.25.

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The Secretary of State for the Colonies has again issued instructions to the Colonies respecting the production of unnecessary issues of stamps. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. forward to us the following letter received by them within the past few days from the Colonial office:—

"I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to refer to your letter of the 3rd January, addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, a copy of which has been forwarded to this Office, and to inform you that he has already had under consideration the desirability of limiting as far as possible, new issues of Colonial postage stamps.

I am, however, to point out that in some recent instances, such as Kenya Colony, and Malta, an alteration in the status of the territory seemed to call for a new issue of stamps, while in the case of Tanganyika and Iraq, which had previously been using surcharged stamps, it was clearly desirable that a separate issue should be made.

A further source of new issues during recent years has been the introduction of paper bearing the new Script watermark, and it is possible that a revision of the colours of the different values may be required in some Colonies as a result of international agreements.

His Grace has, however, instructed Governors of all Colonies and Protectorates that they should not put forward proposals for new issues of stamps unless some satisfactory reason can be adduced, and has stated that he cannot allow the prospect of revenue from sales to collectors as an argument in support of proposals for a new issue."

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. inform us that "the above letter is in reply to one which we addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, protesting against the issue of unnecessary stamps, created mainly for the purpose of sale to collectors, and especially citing the new stamps of St. Kitts and Nevis, avowedly made with the object of raising funds for providing a public park for the people of the Colony, towards which the subscribers to our New Issue Service will have contributed over £1,000 when our February distribution, now commencing, is completed. We believe that all collectors, whether they subscribe to a new issue service or not, will welcome the drastic action of the Colonial Office in putting a stop to future issues of commemorative and unnecessary stamps."
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House Report 1547, accompanying Senate Bill 2703, gives the whole story; and the bill that passed the Senate on February 17, 1922, is as follows: "An Act to allow the printing and publishing of illustrations of foreign postage and revenue stamps from defaced plates. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nothing in sections 161, 172, and 220 of the Act entitled 'An Act to codify, revise, and amend the penal laws of the United States,' approved March 4, 1909 (Thirty-fifth Statutes at Large, at pages 1118, 1121, and 1132), shall be construed to forbid or prevent the printing or publishing of illustrations in black and white of foreign postage or revenue stamps from plates so defaced as to indicate that the illustrations are not adapted or intended for use as stamps, or to prevent or forbid the making of necessary plates therefor for use in philatelic or historical articles, books, journals, or albums, or the circulars of legitimate publishers or dealers in such stamps, books, journals, or albums; and nothing in said sections shall be construed to forbid or prevent similar illustrations, in black and white only, in philatelic or historical articles, books, journals, albums, or the circulars of legitimate publishers or dealers in such stamps, books, journals, albums, or circulars of such portion of the border of a stamp of the United States as may be necessary to show minor differences in the stamps so illustrated, but all such illustrations shall be at least four times as large as the portion of the original United States stamp so illustrated."

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On February 6, 1923, the following report, in part, as presented here, was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed. The report was by Mr. Hersey from the Committee on the Judiciary, and we reproduce only that text that is not duplicated in its meaning by the bill that has been copied: "The committee amendements above stated are recommended by Hon. W. H. Moran, Chief of the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department, and there follows a copy of letter received from Mr. Moran, dated January 26, 1923, giving his approval of the legislation: Washington, January 26, 1923. My Dear Congressman: Upon returning from an extended official trip, I find your letter of January 15 awaiting me, and am returning herewith a copy of a bill amending sections 161, 172, and 220 of the Criminal Code, suggesting the following slight changes in phraseology in order to meet the objections I first raised to the amendment. The second proviso, as the bill was introduced in the Senate, provided that none of the illustrations sanctioned by the amendment would be made in colors, nor should 'such illustration or plate be of a stamp of the United States.' These objections are not met in the bill submitted. I would, therefore, suggest that on line 8, after the word 'illustrations,' the following be incorporated: 'in black and white of foreign.' With this change I can see no objection to the amended bill. Very truly yours, W. H. Moran, Chief." This letter was sent by Mr. Moran to the Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. We continue: "The bill is also approved by the Department of Justice; the letter from Assistant Attorney General Crim approving the same is also printed herewith as a part of this report: Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., November 17, 1921. Hon. Knute Nelson, Chairman Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate. My dear Senator: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 15, transmitting a copy of bill S. 2703, and to say that I can see no objection to the proposed legislation. For the Attorney General: John H. Crim, Assistant Attorney General."

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We believe that the bill as passed by Congress is acceptable to stamp collectors and that its provisions in a working sense will meet the expectations of philatelists generally. It is something to know that the American Philatelic Society has planned for years to accomplish the result and those who have had experience in dealing with proposals of this kind in a legislative way can understand that the achievement is one that gives every reason for rejoicing. The efforts of the different committees of the society having the objective in view constantly, seconded by the co-operation of our philatelic representatives in Congress are rewarded; and now collectors may give themselves up to pleasant reflections of the possibilities and advantages to be derived from the victory. While a full showing of philatelic strength may not have been made through the requests by letter of the philatelic constituents of senators and congressmen for favorable action on the bill by reason of calls, latterly for a demonstration of the kind by collectors, yet in response to the word that was passed around by some of the philatelists who were in possession of direct information, some showing was made in this particular.

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One finds it interesting to ponder the benefits that will follow the practical application of the boon conferred by the bill. First, the thought comes that now the issues of our country are released from the handicap that attends the collecting of United States stamps, complexities that have discouraged not a few philatelists in studying the stamps of this country will now be removed. It has been somewhat ironical that our stamps have been so dependent on variations that cannot well be described in text for much of their collecting popularity; and the prohibition of our laws to make the difference clear by picture has imposed a burden on the average collector. Withal, the interest in United States has mounted to a degree that has been the wonder of many and, now, that it is to be said that all restraints to collecting our stamps have been thrown off, it is felt that the present acute interest in our issues will be accentuated. Indeed, philately in the United States has been immeasurably strengthened by the congressional act of courtesy.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Carroll Chase, M. D., informs us that he will leave for England and France, March 17, and expects to return about June 1. He requests that no R. R. cancellations be sent him until after the first of June.

—The Edward Ludwig Stamp Co. informs us that they have discovered a specimen of 1sh Victoria blue on blue, type A13, with double lined numeral 1. Scott's catalog lists this stamp with watermark single lined only.

—We have received from Gustave Larson of Worcester, Mass., the particulars of some counterfeits of Swedish stamps, based upon an article by Harry Wennberg in the *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift.* Four stamps have been found with counterfeit surcharges, Scott's Nos. 423a and 424b having been discovered in a new and somewhat different type from the old and well known forgeries of this issue. Scott's 98a was represented with inverted surcharges both at top and bottom. Five of the air-mail stamps, 301a, 302a, 303a, 304 and 305, have been seen in counterfeits. Expertly cleaned copies of Scott's 103 have appeared and have been offered as No. 95.

—A former advertiser, Harry Ioor, has returned to our columns and his announcements will hereafter be seen regularly in our paper. He is now permanently located at 801 State Life Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind., and will be pleased to see local collectors.

—The Michigan Stamp Club of Detroit celebrates its ninth annual banquet at the Hotel Wolverine on Saturday, March 17. Mr. Boers will no doubt send us an account of the event.

—E. E. Homes, 614 Ave. A, Bethlehem, Pa., can get no replies from letters addressed to C. W. Rumsey, R. 3, Box 47, Dushore, Pa.

—A good many clippings come to our desk that are not sufficiently newsy for us to reproduce in the WEEKLY, but we are grateful to our subscribers for their co-operation in sending them in. George K. Whitney sends us two clippings that we are very glad to receive. One is from the Independent Inter-Weekly for Schools entitled, "The First Postage Stamp and What Came of It," by Gardner Teall. It is mighty interesting and has no fewer than six illustrations. It will prove a valuable publicity producer. The Boston *Transcript* of Feb. 21, had a large page feature by W. J. Voss dealing with the new set of stamps. It is finely illustrated, with a picture of W. Irving Glover, Third Asst. Postmaster General.

—The fourth annual banquet of the Syracuse Stamp Club, Syracuse, N. Y., will be held Friday evening March 16, 1923, at the Chamber of Commerce banquet hall in the salt city. This is the Philatelic event of Central New York. The committee promises six or seven hours of solid Philatelic enjoyment for only two dollars the plate. Besides stunts there will be stamp talks, an exhibition of rarities and a stamp sale. A. A. Leve is publicity manager of this growing stamp organization.

—Kent B. Stiles refers to our editorial of Feb. 17 which commented upon the sending out of an Associated Press despatch relative to the first use of the portrait of a woman on our postage stamps. He states that the A. P. found out its mistake and tried to correct the error, but various newspaper editors disregarded the "kill" and published the story.

—The San Diego Stamp Club was formed by twenty-five active collectors, January 1st, and is now holding regular meetings at 7.30 P. M. the first and third Mondays of each month, to which stamp collectors and visitors are cordially invited. The rooms of the club are located in the Snyder building, 835 Sixth street, room 6, and the club's officers are as follows: President, P. A. Coffard; Vice-President, C. Lee Tubbs; Sec.-Treas., J. W. Snyder; Librarian, A. H. Wright; Sales and Exchange Officer, D. A. Lobenstein.—JOHN L. FOX.

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By J. M. BARTELS.

A very startling piece of information, isn't it? Just like a bolt out of a clear sky, but it is so. This law went into effect last September and is now in force, though we are just beginning to feel its effects.

"Foreign Postage Stamps, Envelopes and Postal Cards" have been free from duty since about 1893, but nothing is said of our own home government product. A law was enacted in September last declaring that any United States product which has been exported can only be reimported free by the original exporter, but no one else. A careful search of every rubric and paragraph fails to reveal any clause which will admit free of duty any of the above or even U. S. securities or bonds.

The writer purchased from an estate in Europe last summer a very fine collection of U. S. Stamped Envelopes, expecting its delivery about October 1st. It is still held by the custom officials for the payment of several hundred dollars import duty, as envelopes manufactured in the U. S., declared at a specified figure on which 25% is charged. An appeal to the highest port authorities has brought no results. The case is now in good hands in Washington, where it is hoped a special ruling by the Treasury Department will be secured again placing stamps on the free list.

Needless to say that this change in the statute was not intended to import a duty on U. S. postage stamps, however, they have been caught in the net which was spread to prevent the reimportation of goods sold at low prices in Germany by the army officials when the forces of occupation were withdrawn. We learn that several other dealers have had trouble and in some cases been compelled to pay duties. Nothing should be left undone to bring about the needed whip without delay.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Emile Yost as well as Mr. E. N. Costales of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company have shown me copies of the new 2c red, Washington, perforated 11 x 10 on unwatermarked paper. These stamps it will be recalled are made from the coil waste and it will not be surprising to see at some early date copies of the same variety perforated 11. The former, by the way, are from the perforated coil waste while the latter are made from the imperforate waste. The block which Mr. Yost submits shows the open star and plate number 14099 in the upper left corner of the sheet.

1923, Rotary Print, Perforated 11 x 10.
2c red, Washington.

In an earlier chronicle mention was made of the fact that the Bureau was in need of 2c coil stamps for filling requisitions and had to distribute the new variety previous to the day announced by the Department for their issue. While January 15, 1923, was the day they were officially placed on sale, Mr. L. B. Coley now shows me a cover with this variety cancelled in St. Louis on the 13th.

Through the courtesy of the Postmaster, Mr. R. B. Thurman, of Hodgenville, Larue County, Kentucky, we are able to inform our readers that about 500 letters and packages passed through his office on February 12th and this number included all of the 3c used on the first day in addition to the normal local mail.

Mr. E. N. Costales calls attention to the fact that he has located two very distinct double transfers on both the 1c rotary, perforated 11 x 10, and the 1c Pilgrim. It is not definitely known upon what sheet the rotary varieties occur but the Pilgrims are the 47th and 48th stamps on the lower left pane of sheet 12418.

Through the courtesy of Mr. L. A. Hill, Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing we are able to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including February 20, 1923.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class.	Series.	Subj.
14291-292	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14293	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
14294-295	4c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14296-299	3c	Ord.	1922	400
14300-303	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14304-305	2c	Ord Cvd.	1922	170
14306	$2	Ord.	1922	200
14307-310	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14311-312	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14313-320	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14321	4c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14322-325	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14326	$5	(Center) Ord.	1922	100
14327	$5	(Border) Ord.	1922	100
14328-331	10c	Spec. Del.	1922	200
14332-339	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14340-341	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170

In the above list we find the first of the 3c, the $2 and the $5 plates of the new series as well as the first 400 subject rotary plate of the 1c stamp. Only one of the four 3c plates, namely 14297, was completed in time for use in supplying the stamps issued on the first day. It will be noted that the $2 stamp like the $1 is made from a 200 subject plate, while the $5 like all of the two colored stamps turned out by the Bureau will be engraved from a 100 subject plate. This work is done slowly on a hand press and with such a denomination it will be so carefully watched that we need not look for an invert. A second set of new 4c coil plates is upon this list in addition to a lone plate which no doubt takes the place of one of the other four which is possibly defective. As the $5 is printed in two colors it will be understood why a border and a center plate are made.

Mr. H. Clay Reed informs me that he has located several new provisional envelopes not listed heretofore.

1920-21 2c on 3c Provisional Envelopes.

Brooklyn Overprint.
Die A on white, Size 3, Wmk. 19, L. B.
Die A on white, Size 3, Wmk. 20, H. B.

Pittsburgh Overprint.
Die A on white, Size 5, Wmk. 19, L. B.

St. Paul Overprint.
Die A on white, Size 3, Wmk. 19, L. B.

Mr. Leslie P. Bigelow sends for inspection a 1c paid permit overprinted 2c used by the Toledo Shriners.

Mr. LeGrand Payne sends for inspection a counterfeit tax-paid stamp used by bootleggers in sealing what appears to be bottled-in-bond, honest-to-goodness, before-the-18th-amendment, liquor.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman and the Economist Stamp Co. have submitted for chronicle a set of five stamps for parcel post use of a new design. The values and colors are as follows: 5c brown, 1.50frs bright green, 1.80frs lilac, 2.10frs yellow green and 2.40frs purple. Also the same correspondents advise of the appearance of a 40c brown and 1fr purple in the postage due series.

DANZIG.—The Economist Stamp Co. call our attention to the following new items of this country: 150m violet and carmine on grey, 250m violet and carmine on grey, 500m dark green and carmine on grey and 1000m dark brown and carmine on grey. The 150m value is in small format, with the Arms of the Free City supported by lions salient; while the design of the others is a traverse elongation of the 1921 type for the values of the 5m and upwards, with the difference that the heads of the supporters are turned outwards.

HONDURAS.—Mr. F. W. Budde informs us that a Government notice has recently been issued stating that a new series of postage stamps have been contracted for in Germany, and it is expected they will make their appearance in August. At the same time a commemorative stamp will be issued and the proceeds of the same to be used to build a new postal administration building in the capital city.

HUNGARY.—We have received a set of five stamps issued to commemorate the centenary of the Hungarian poet Petofi. There are five denominations, 10, 15, 25, 40 and 50 korona, each of a different design. The only inscription the is the word "Magyarorszag" an value. They are sold at the post- in single sets only at double face but can be obtained wholesale fr

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UNGARY.—The Economist Stamp Co. shown us the 20kr red lilac, 50kr and 100kr brown, all in the usual aiament type.

HORE.—The Economist Stamp Co. rm us that the 25c violet and green been printed on script watermarked r.

AURITIUS.—The Economist Stamp have shown us the 12c red in the d design and the 50c dull violet and black, King George type, the former on script watermarked paper and the 50c on multiple CA.

NICARAGUA.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. advise that the 5c of the 1914 set has been overprinted "Vale 1 centavo de cordoba," in three lines in red. Also 10c yellow, type of Scott's A34, has been surcharged "Vale 2 centavos de cordoba," in the same manner and color.

TURKEY.—A correspondent informs us that letters reaching Mosul from Turkish territory bear a new stamp issued by the Angora Government. The design consists of a soldier holding a rifle with fixed bayonet, and a Turkish inscription reading "Independence is the right of my nation. My nation worships the truth and my flag is the flag of the free." We have not seen copies and no information is forthcoming as to denominations. —*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us copies of the following values in a new design: 2½d purple on yellow, 4d red on yellow, 5d sage green on white, 6d purple on white, 1sh orange, and 2sh carmine on emerald, 3sh black on red. All are on script paper except the last two values which are printed on paper with the old watermark.

OUR 2c LETTER-POSTAGE RATES.

Reports have come from different parts of the American continent and the Old World that the two-cent postal-letter-rate zone has been extending rapidly for some time and still is extending. The changes from higher rates came so rapidly at times that people who correspond here with others in foreign countries which had not the two-cent rate but later adopted it were sending their letters for months at the old postage rates before they knew of the change.

The United States now gives more long-distance postage service for the money than any other country in the world. New Zealand comes within the two-cent-stamp zone. American business men, it is said, reap considerable benefit from the low postage rates which it has been possible to establish with other countries, but it is now generally felt that this is not the greatest gain. A low postage rate results always in increased correspondence between countries, which means, it is also contended, the growth of international understanding and friendship.

Spain and Argentina are the latest countries to come within the two-cent-letter zone, and the Canary Islands, the Palearic Isthmus and other Spanish possessions also come within the two-cent ruling. To the surprise of many, Australia does not yet come under the two-cent ruling. The British Empire, generally, however is in the zone. England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales can be reached by letter for two cents, but correspondence with India or Egypt is more expensive. Many South American and Central American countries, including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, and adjoining countries are most of them in the zone. France has not yet come within it. Before the war there was a two-cent rate for letters sent to German ports in German ships, with no movement in sight to restore the old rate.—*Popular Magazine.*

THE BAER COLLECTION.

In the WEEKLY of Jan. 27, appeared an advertisement of the purchase of a notable collection by the Economist Stamp Co. It was a very strong collection of Confederate provisional postmasters' stamps, the property of M. S. Baer of Baltimore, Md. It is probably the finest lot of Confederate issues that has changed hands for a long time. There are many good things in the collection, including such gems as the Danville 5c red, the Petersburg stamps, the Nashville provisionals, the New Orleans postmaster issue, and the Spartansburg, on original. Mr. Stern is to be congratulated upon the acquisition which will no doubt be easily broken up to the satisfaction of many specialists in Confederate issues.

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39	1.00	.75
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40	.06	.06
40b, unused, thin spot	..	3.50
41	2.00	.05
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42a	2.00	.25
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55	1.00	1.00
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75	.03	.01
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86	.05	.01
87	1.00	.40
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THE POST-OFFICES IN FIJI.

By FORREST SHREVE.

The interest in cancellations that has made such a great growth in recent years with respect to our own early issues has also spread to the collecting of many foreign countries. While some of the older issues are still the prime favorites for this type of specialization, there is, nevertheless, a growing interest in the collecting of recent postal markings on Twentieth Century stamps. In most of the smaller colonies of Great Britain, France, Portugal and other countries the machine cancellation is little used, and the postmark falls mainly on the stamp itself. This makes it possible to secure a series of stamps bearing the cancellations of all post-offices in the colony without having to get a piece of the cover, as is necessary for machine cancellations.

In collecting the town name cancellations of a given colony it is always desirable to have an authentic list of the post-offices, not only for the sake of knowing how complete one's collection is getting to be but for the equally useful purpose of identifying names that fall only partly on the stamp. A very neat little field, and by no means an easy one, is afforded by the postmarks of Fiji. There is not much of interest in the markings on the earlier issues of this colony, as numerical cancellations were never used, and the most common obliteration is the cluster of radiating lines used at the General Post-Office in Suva, the capital. At the present time the commonest type of marking is a circle enclosing the town name and abbreviated date, the letters of the name usually being rather large. At some of the small offices the cancellation consists simply of the name in a straight line, without boxing, and in small Roman letters. This type is used, for example, at Ba, and this is probably the smallest official obliteration ever applied to a stamp.

For the benefit of those who are collecting the town names of Fiji, or have the hardihood to begin it, the following list of offices is presented. The names are taken from an official printed list dated January 1, 1922. It is of some interest to note that with the exception of Ellington and Richmond the names are all of native origin. If any collector has the names of obsolete offices not on this list he will perform a service by sending them to the WEEKLY. As most of the offices do an extremely small business any collector who has more than 45 out of the total of 67 names should make early application for admission to the Order of Obliterative Merit.

Ba
Baulailai
Bua
Buca Bay
Cicia
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Davutu
Delanivanua
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Ellington
Korovou
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Lautoka
Lekutu
Levuka
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Mago
Matuku
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Rabi
Raki Raki
Richmond
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Savusavu West
Savusavu Central
Sawaieke, Gau
Sawanika
Solevu
Somo Somo
Suva
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Udu Point
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By Thos. H. Drake.

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For instance, I have just mailed a letter to Germany with 10 cents postage, franking it with a centre block of four 2c and a pair of 1c, which in time will be much scarcer than one 10c stamp, especially they being *used,* hence a matter of value.

I have now a good collection of pairs, strips and blocks and find it, besides being very interesting, in some cases very difficult to obtain them, even in very common stamps (postally, if possible) used. There always seems to be plenty of unused to be got.

I never divide any I get in the above form and always mail in pairs or blocks if possible vide this letter.

A parcel received from England with 3 separate 1sh stamps would have been something worth having with a "block of four 9d."

PRECANCELS.

By H. S. Dickey.

The earliest history of Precancels shows New York City using precanceled postage dues in a very pretty lettered N. Y., struck through a dotted circle; these are among the earliest precancels to be generally used in quantities; and if you'll look over your sets of U. S. dues of 1880 to 1890 you will probably find that you have several of these precancels.

Today New York City, New York, is using what is perhaps the prettiest three line type precancels that exist; even though you may not be a precancel collector, it would pay you to take the trouble to mount up a set of these just to see how pretty they are. Someday some of these "common" New Yorks are going to sell for fancy prices; the 13c does already.

Among the new cities using precancels I have found Golden, Colo.; Mexico, Mo.; Framingham, Mass.; Flushing, N. Y.; Boonville, N. Y.; DeKalb, Ill.; Dearborn, Mich.; Warren, R. I.; Peru, Ind.; Meriden, Conn.; Ripon, Wis.; Oskaloosa, Iowa; High Point, N. C., etc.

With the new U. S. stamps starting to come on the market, I believe all stamp collectors will welcome them gladly; I have seen the 5c Roosevelt and 6c Garfield, and to say that they are pretty doesn't half tell it; they are indeed works of art. I'm proud of the engravers that turned out those two stamps; I understand the rest of the set is just as pretty too; and when the precancel fans start to collecting these new stamps won't there be a jolly scramble to get your sets complete.

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By G. B. TALBOT.

The question as to whether a stamp with an inverted watermark is a collectible variety or not has always been a vexed one, some collectors maintaining that it is, at best, only a very minor variety, whilst others again consider that the carelessness which provides us with inverted surcharges, errors of colour, etc. (which have always been considered collectible) is also responsible for the inverted watermark.

In this, as in all similar questions pertaining to Philately, the decision is best left to the individual collector; after all, we collect stamps for our own enjoyment, to please, principally, ourselves, and if it pleases some to collect only 1d blacks, it pleases others to collect varieties, minor or otherwise.

I believe that the following list, incomplete though it be, will prove of interest to many, and any additions which readers may be able to make will be gratefully acknowledged.

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Type 1 (Kangaroo). Wmk. Type 2.
  ½d green, 1d carmine, 2d grey, 3d olive.
  6d blue.
 Wmk. Type 5.
  5sh grey and yellow.
 Wmk. Type 6.
  3d grey, 2sh brown.
Type 3 (K.G.). Wmk. Type 5.
  ½d green, 1d red, 4d orange, lemon, pale yellow.
  5d brown.
 Wmk. Type 5 (Mult.).
  1½d chocolate, brown.
 Wmk. Type 6.
  1½d chocolate, brown.

BAHAMAS.

Type 6 (Staircase). Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA. Overprinted "War Tax."
  3d black and brown.

BARBADOS.

Type 14 (Large Sea Chariot). Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA.
  ½d brown, 2½d ultramarine.
 Victory Issue. Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA.
  1d black and red, 3d black and magenta, 6d black and orange.
  2sh black and purple-brown.

CEYLON.

Type 52. Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA.
  3c green, 5r black on green.
 Overprinted "War Stamp One Cent."
  1c on 5c purple.
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  5c purple.

COOK ISLANDS.

Type 3 (Te Torea). Wmk. N.Z. over Star (Type 7). Chalky paper.
  ½d green.

GIBRALTAR.

Type 10. Overprinted "War Tax." Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA.
  ½d dark green.

GRENADA.

Type 26 (K.G.). Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA.
  1sh black on green, 1sh black on emerald green.

INDIA.

Type 56 (K.G.). Wmk. Star.
  ½an green.

JAMAICA.

Type 18 (K.G.). Overprinted "War Stamp." Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA. Local overprint in two lines (Type 20).
  1½d orange.
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KEDAH.

Type 1 (Rice sheaf). Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA.
  3c purple.

MALTA.

Type 13 (K. G.). Overprinted "Self-Government." Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA.
  ½d green.

MONSERRAT.

Type 8. Overprinted "War Stamp" in red. Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA.
  ½d green.

NEW ZEALAND.

Type 60. Recess-printed. Overprinted "Official." Wmk. Star. Perf. 14 x 13½.
  3d chocolate.

NIGERIA.

Type 1 (K.G.). Wmk. Script CA.
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Type 5 (K.G.). Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA.
  3d purple on orange.
 Overprinted "War Tax" in black.
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Types 2 and 3. Wmk. Springbok's Head.
  ½d green, 1d red, 1½d brown, 2d dull purple.
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Type 51 (Postage Due). Wmk. Springbok's Head.
  1d black and scarlet.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.

Type 12 (K.G.). Overprinted "War Stamp." Wmk. Mult. Crw. CA.
  3d purple on yellow.

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HISTORY FROM POSTAGE STAMPS

By CHARLES G. WILSON.

Queen Victoria's portrait has appeared on more postage stamps than that of any other woman in the world's history. From 1840, beginning with the famous "penny black" until 1901, her features graced the stamps of England, and all her colonies and the portraits themselves are an interesting study of the development of the Queen as they range from showing her as the slim young maiden she was when she ascended the throne to the stout, worldly widow of the closing years of her reign. The world well knows of the golden reign of Victoria, of the many civic, military, national and international triumphs which transpired during it, but Lytton Strachey in his witty, intimate book "Queen Victoria" tells of an amusing incident in the domestic life of the young Queen which shows how human are Royalty after all and how "the Colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady are sisters under their skins."

On the 10th of February, 1840, Queen Victoria was married to her German cousin Prince Albert Emmanuel of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. The private life of the Royal pair was on the whole very happy but now and then little differences of personal taste and opinion would arise. On one of these occasions Albert, in a fit of temper, locked himself into his private apartment. There was a knocking at his door.

"Who is there?" he asked.

"The Queen of England!" came the reply.

Albert said no word. Then came a perfect hail of knocks but still there was no response. Then a pause, then gen knocking.

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THE FIXING OF CATALOGUE VALUES.

By Charles J. Phillips.

(Talk at Collectors Club, Feb. 21—Part 2.)

I am sure that all of you must be interested in the methods adopted by those men who are entrusted with the fixing of prices year after year, in the great stamp catalogues of the world.

For over thirty years I have had sole control of the pricing of the Stanley Gibbons catalogues, and from 1890, when I purchased that business from Mr. Stanley Gibbons, I recognized that the backbone of the business was the catalogue, and my constant aim was to improve this, enlarge it, and gradually try and make it the recognized price list of the world.

This could not be done without constant work one's self, and from the very beginning I recognized that the catalogue prices, must, to a great extent, depend on the help of the great specialists, and without any exception I can state definitely that our British specialists have, one and all, always been of the greatest use to me in this work.

Among those on whom I depended very largely in the early days were Gordon Smith, Lieut. Napier, Gilbert Lockyer and M. P. Castle. Later on I had great help from E. D. Bacon, Leslie Hausburg, R. B. Yardley, S. Chapman and many others.

Now in pricing a catalogue I very soon recognized that it was a waste of time to depend on other catalogues; it seemed to me that only one basis was of any use, and that was that as a general rule, prices in a catalogue must be based on stock, and the prices quoted by a firm should be those at which that firm was prepared to sell their goods.

In those early days (I am now speaking of over thirty years ago) the Gibbons' stock was contained in many hundreds of drawers, each drawer of about 120 divisions, each one large enough to hold some 200 stamps.

In addition to these drawers we had perhaps one hundred collections, on shelves all about the office; some of these collections were of 20 volumes or more. You can imagine the running about there was when an order came for a stamp that was not in the stock drawers, perhaps 50 or more books had to be looked over before a copy was found.

From this state of chaos I started our system of stock books. We gathered together from all books and drawers, etc., all the stamps of one country, and entrusted these to experts, like Napier, Lockyer, and G. Smith, who arranged the stamps in catalogue order and when there was sufficient in stock there would be a page of unused and a page or more of used, and all these were numbered by the catalogue numbers in the margin.

Well, this was the start of making the catalogue prices, to be based on stamps in stock, but this only was of use for ordinary stamps, of which my firm possessed a stock. We next had to evolve some system of getting at the relative rarity of stamps which were seldom or never in stock. There I found the "Want Lists" of specialists of the greatest use. In England it has been the custom for the larger collectors to send lists of their "wants" in their pet countries to my firm, and the most important of these I used to "abstract," and keep notes about in my own private catalogue.

Let me show you one of these—turn to New Zealand. Against certain stamps there is the letter "F" showing that stamp was missing in Ferrary collection. Then you see "D," that shows that Duveen wanted it. A "P" was for Pack. In a separate catalogue I had a complete want list of Worthington, and in other catalogues want lists of Castle, Hausburg, Yardley, Hawkins and many other noted collectors. Just think how useful all this was when the matter was used intelligently.

If Ferrary missed a stamp it was no common variety, but if that particular stamp was missing in nearly all the great collections, one could price it as a first rate rarity. This system could be worked down and gave a good general idea of the relative rarity of most of the early issues.

Later on as specialism came in, we had to largely extend the scope of our catalogue and these new lists were very largely priced by the help of experts. Let me note here how much my firm was indebted to a well known American collector—Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack—many of our prices on Victoria, New

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I think I have handled more fine collections of this country than any other dealer and five years ago published a little list of the issues of 1856 to 1872. I made an analysis of the stamps of the 1868 issue then in our possession. We had 4,405 stamps of the 6c, 12c, 25c, 50c, 100c, of thin and thick figures together. Of the imperf. thin figure there were only eight copies each of the 50c and 100c, surely an absolute proof of the rarity of the rarities when we only had 8 of each in 4,400 stamps of this issue.

To quote M. Coue "Day by Day I am getting wiser as to relative rarity of stamps." Since I have been in New York I have been able to make notes of several important collections, and I should like to quote some examples to make my point clear.

I am indebted to the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. for the loan of a parcel of Mexican stamps of 1868 and 1872. I have sorted these into the different "district numbers" and they work out as follows:—

25c Imperf. 1868, Thick figures:— No. 1, (1), No. 2, (13), No. 3, (13), No. 4, (22), No. 5, (67), No. 6, (91), No. 7, (10), No. 8, (10), No. 10, (8), No. 11, (37), No. 12, (28), No. 13, (51), No. 22, (13), No. 23, (5), No. 30, (4), No. 36, (9), No. 37, (41), No. 39, (10), No. 41, (72).

These are only the commoner numbers but as far as the numbers go they give me some idea of relative rarity. I must warn you not to pin your faith too much on one parcel of stamps. You may get a parcel in which the stamps came from certain towns, but the owners of the correspondence may not have had any customers in other towns that are equally common; so in fixing prices the dealer must base his figures on as large a stock, from as many varied sources, as he can obtain.

At Stanley Gibbons with the huge stocks resulting from the amalgamation of the stocks of other dealers, such as W. H. Peckitt, Hugo Griebert, Hamilton Smith & Co., etc., etc., we had the material to form a pretty good judgment of relative rarity.

A member of this Club allowed me to inspect a remarkable collection of Peru early issues. As usual I made notes of the contents, and the following list is Stanley Gibbons catalogue numbers, and prices:—

Cat. No.	*Description.*	*Stock.*
14-17	1858, 1d blue,	249
18-19	1858, 1p red,	28
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22	1858, ½p red,	4
23-25	1859, 1d blue,	95
26-27	1859, 1p rose	99
28-30	1860, 1d blue,	99
31-32	1860, 1p red,	57
33	1860, Worn plate, 1d blue,	31
34	1860, Worn plate, 1p red,	18

I could largely extend this list but it is sufficient to make my point clear. We can learn a little from the above few figures. Nos. 14-16 are priced too high used, and the same might apply to Nos. 25-27. No. 33 is certainly too high and No. 34 too low. It is seldom such a lot as this is got together and such figures are those the catalogue pricer must use.

Lately I have been arranging an important collection of the "silk thread" stamps of Switzerland. These have been gathered from all available sources for many years and they are the only large lot I have had the chance of working on since I purchased the "Castle" Collection of European stamps some 20 years ago. The numbers below show clearly that many of the catalogue quotations do not reflect relative rarity. Such lists are interesting and I should like to advocate the publication of similar lists by dealers when they have the opportunity of handling large stocks of any particular issue.

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69	15 rap. rose	18	26
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74	2 rap. grey, yellow thread	1	6
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Many years ago I was in Leipzig, and spent some time with an old and dear friend, the late Theodore Haas, then Manager of Senf Bros. One day we were discussing catalogue prices and Haas showed me with great pride a monumental work showing German methods of business. They had a series of enormous ledgers, about a yard square, ruled into a large number of parallel columns.

The first column was a description of each stamp, then opposite each of these there was the price of that stamp from the catalogues of Senf, Kohl, Willadt, Maury, Moens, Champion, Belin, Lemaire, Bernichon, Galvez, Stanley Gibbons, Whitfield King, Bright, Scott Stamp & Coin Co., and no doubt many others. The average of these catalogues was struck and that was the general price adopted by Senf.

Years ago Moens told me that he had a general basis for his prices based on an estimate of cost. This plan was to double the price he paid for a stamp, then to add 10% to the result. He reckoned the 10% paid the expenses, and that he made 100% on his turn over. Alas for the good old days—today 10% net is about all one can get in the stamp trade—but there *are* exceptions, even in New York.

There is one other point that the maker of catalogues must bear in mind and that is "public demand." There are many stamps that are printed in large quantities and which are fairly plentiful which have been driven up to the enormous prices in relation to the number printed.

Take the Great Britain 1d black of 1840. Of these stamps no less than 68,158,080, were printed between April, 1840, and February, 1841. Yet this stamp sells readily at from a dollar to a dollar and a half each. There are eleven plates of this 1d black, each of 240 stamps, and it is no uncommon thing, in England, for a collector to have 2,000 to 4,000 of these stamps, and plating is here responsible for this comparative high price.

Now take the United States 1847, 5c. According to Luff, 3,712,000 of these stamps were issued. This stamp, used, now sells at from five to fifty dollars, each according to the postmark.

Here I give you two examples of the enormous increase in value caused by public demand, and there are equally lots of stamps which are really rare but which bring a very low price at present, because there is no public demand for them.

Later on, if you care for me to do so, I shall be happy to give you my views on stamps and countries that are much undervalued at the present time, but which I think have a great future before them.

I have purposely confined my remarks this evening to old issues. Modern issues are mostly priced on official information as to the numbers printed, and about these I cannot speak with any authority as I have confined my work mostly to the sound and solid "old issues."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—B. J. Dattner and W. G. Maxwell of Pittsburgh, Pa., have formed the Iron City Stamp & Coin Co., and the firm's advertising will be found in our colmuns, beginning this week. Mr. Dattner has been using space in recent issues.

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PHILATELIC NOTES FROM FRANCE.

By LOWELL J. RAGATZ.

Speculation in the new issue Monaco stamps has reached a high point. All values excepting the 1, 5 and 10 franc have been sold out. Reports from the principality are of a varying nature, one post-office clerk reporting that a new printing of the stamps will be issued with a surcharge commemorating the coronation of Prince Louis, and another stating that a complete new series, bearing a portrait of Prince Louis is contemplated and that there will be no commemorative surcharges. Meanwhile odd values of the Albert series and the recent surcharges are on sale with the above mentioned franc values of the palace type at Monaco, La Condamine, and Monte Carlo, the three principality post-offices.

It is announced that the following numbers of the lately issued but now sold out values were printed and placed on sale—of the 25c, 70,000; of the 30c, 90,000; of the 50c, 60,000; of the 60c, 90,000; of the 2fr, 47,500. The stamps are being quoted as follows in Paris—3fr, 1fr 25c, 2fr 50c, 1fr 25c, and 8fr 50c respectively. The 1, 5, and 10fr are selling at 15% over face, like most current issues of the French colonies.

The large 10 franc Luxemburg scenic stamp issued in January is a distinct novelty, coming one stamp to a sheet to date. These sheets are about 2½ inches square, with the single stamp perforated on four sides. The current price for the stamp is 18 francs. The regular form sheets of this value will consist of 25 subjects. They are expected to be placed on sale during February. Meanwhile, Luxemburg will, of course, have turned many a neat 10 francs in sales made to collectors and dealers.

The supply of 26 French colonial surcharges on 15c denominations on sale at the colonial stamp office has been exhausted, and the stamp-shop prices for the series have more than doubled. The current quotations are from 3 to 5 francs the set.

Several thousand parts of cover bearing the Madagascar provisional of 1906, half of 10c used as 5c, covered with the rubber-stamped impression: "0,05 Affranchi ainsi faute de figurines," and cancelled at Vohemar, are being offered at this writing, and will doubtless find a purchaser. The impressions and cancellations are genuine, though the splits were never made to do postal service. In other words, they are philatelically used, but as cancelled to order stamps abound in French dealers' stocks, this will not be held against them. Champion lists the variety at 15 francs.

Several French dealers advertising in American stamp papers at dollar prices, request that remittances be made in any form but money order. The reason is simple, money orders are cashed at the rate of but 12.5 francs to the dollar, while drafts and the like can be cashed at the day's exchange, often 15 to the dollar or more. Uncle Sam pockets the profit in connection with money orders, and the dealers do in connection with drafts. In either event, the price to the purchaser is exactly the same number of dollars.

I ran across the following work at the Bibliotheque Nationale recently—Walter Lee Brown, compiler *Descriptive Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Italy from 1836 to 1878,* New York, 1878. I do not remember having heard of this book before.

It was my privilege one Sunday afternoon recently to inspect one of the finest collections I have ever seen. It is the property of a cousin of Jean Jules Jusserand, French ambassador to America, consists of the stamps of Europe only, and is mounted in five *de luxe* Maury blank albums. It has been over twenty years in the making, and is practically complete with every specimen in the entire collection in immaculate condition. The imperforate stamps have promenade margins throughout. This will give those who have attempted the feat in connection with the stamps of a single country, some idea of the labour which has been expended in building up the collection. Collector-like, the owner enthusiastically declares the hours he spends on his stamps to be the happiest of his life. He is also the owner of a magnificent collection of French proofs and essays, and of a smaller one of counterfeits of all countries.

The French edition of the prospectus for the International Stamp Exhibition to be held in London from May 24 to 26 has been distributed, and local dealers and collectors are planning extensive exhibits. It is said that an attempt is being made to secure the permission of the government to exhibit certain unsold rarities of the sequestered Ferrari collection.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—D. R. Heath, formerly a resident of Akron, Ohio, is now located in Plainfield, N. J. He advises us that the following new officers have been elected by the Rubber City Stamp Club:—Pres., O. S. Hart; Vice-Pres., C. W. Stiles; Sec.-Treas., D. L. Gibson; Directors, J. E. Crouch, R. P. Gordon and D. L. Gibson.

—A copyrighted photograph by Underwood & Underwood has been reproduced in a halftone and is going the rounds of the press, showing Hon. E. R. Ackerman holding an envelope to which is attached a strip of stamps thirty-one feet long and six inches wide. Another envelope has stamps representing 9,000,000 rubles. The stamps are artistically draped around Mr. Ackerman and form as it were a background to the picture.

—Major Charles W. Elliott sends us a set of Dutch East Indies stamps consisting of the 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 7½, 10, 12½ surcharged on 22½, 17½ and 20c values, surcharged "3de N. I. Jaarbeurs Bandoeng 1922." Major Elliott writes, "The word 'Jaarbeurs' means 'Industrial Exposition' and the stamps were issued to commemorate the great East Indies Industrial Fair held at Bandoeng, in Dutch Borneo. There were 20,000 of each variety surcharged and no more will be issued." On some of the stamps the overprint is in two lines and on others it is in four. Two colors, red and black, were used in the overprinting.

—*M. S.*—It is true that the professional press occasionally illustrates U. S. stamps, but it is done in ignorance of the law and not as an intentional violation. The metropolitan press can put this thing over occasionally where it would be absolutely impossible for a stamp paper to do it.

—There is a letter at this office for Jerome Milkman.

—Easton, Pennsylvania, now has a stamp club. One was organized Feb. 21, 1923, with a dozen members. Harry Updegrove is president and Thomas H. Hawk secretary-treasurer. Congratulations.

—We have received from Delf Norona, Charleston, W. Va., a wholesale pricelist where stamps are priced per ten. We note many bargain offers and the average dealer can profit by sending for this list.

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—E. P. Seebohm sends us a warm commendation of the Craighead advertisement supplied last month by the Philadelphia Stamp Co. He knew Mr. Craighead personally and calls the advertisement "one of the finest and most creditable things I have ever seen in your paper."

—A new advertising cancellation comes from New York under date of March 2. It reads "April Travel Exposition. Grand Central Palace" in five lines. A. A. Wasserscheid is our informant.

—It might be of interest to you to know that we have organized the St. Petersburg, Florida, Stamp & Coin Society here. We started Feb. 10 with ten charter members, adding three members since. A pretty good start and some very good collections have been shown already. Our local papers have called attention to our society and meetings, which is a great help. The officers are A. E. Newman, President; J. Converse, Vice-Pres., and myself Sec.-Treas. We meet on the first and third Saturdays each month in the Central Natl. Bank Bldg.—W. A. BOGERT.

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His public services have included several lectures on philately and we quote the following from a recent letter:—

"At the special request of our Mayor, William Leach Lewis, Esq., J. P., and his brother, Major Allan Leach Lewis, who are the Principals of Margate College, I paid another visit to the College, on Feb. 12, to give the pupils another lecture on Postage Stamps which was illustrated by some eighty odd slides entitled 'Eighty years of Postage Stamps.' I had a very attentive audience of nearly 400 pupils and Masters which were all very appreciative. At the conclusion of the lecture the Mayor, after thanking me for such an enjoyable visit again, announced that I would be happy to answer any questions — numerous queries were immediately put by different scholars which I answered to the best of my ability, for they certainly gave me one or two 'posers!' However, I survived the ordeal satisfactorily and evidently with due appreciation in view of the three deafening cheers they gave me before departing. I showed the Principals the cutting from your paper in which you kindly referred to my previous lecture at the College and they were interested because they said they had only recently heard from one of their old pupils now living in Vienna saying he had read with interest your report about the old College Lecture."

We quote from the Margate College *News* of Feb. 17, the following account of Mr. Adutt's lecture "Eighty Years of Postage Stamps."

Mr. A. Leon Adutt, J. P., Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society and an old boy of the College, was the lecturer, Feb. 12, when the entertainment and instruction he provided exceeded even our expectations, which is saying a very great deal. It would be impossible to give an adequate summary of the wealth of information imparted by Mr. Adutt. It is safe to say, however, that he imbued the members of his youthful audience with much of his own enthusiasm for stamp collecting, and opened their eyes to the possibilities of the pastime. After introductory remarks by the Mayor, Mr. Adutt went straight to his subject. His headings were roughly as follows:—

History, from the ancient days when the Mesopotamians wrote their epistles on bricks, to the introduction of the Penny Postage by Sir Rowland Hill, and up to the present day. The six penny stamps used in England in the last 82 years. Rare English and Foreign Stamps, introducing some of the romance and tragedy associated with the collection of some of the specimens. For example, the Mauritius P. O. two-penny, sold 50 years ago for £24, now fetching £1,500. The pair of British Guiana stamps given to the Church which sold for various sums ranging from £25 to £5,250. The Ferrary collection, now being sold by the French Government as enemy property, for which £319,000 was refused and which is expected to realize half-a-million pounds. The murder of Gaston Leroux in 1892 for a two-cent Hawaiian missionary stamp. These and other items thrilled the audience, and the lecturer passed to curiosities in stamps, all of which had a story attached to them. Missionary stamps; insults; the Panama Canal; an anachronism, a West Indian Stamp showing Columbus with a telescope; various commemoration stamps, some commemorating trivial events; advertising stamps; tourist poster stamps; Queen Victoria's stamps, with the head taken from the coronation portrait by Alfred Chalon, R. A.; beautiful stamps; ugly stamps; historical stamps and sets of the same, showing the development of the countries and their origin, *e.g.*, the South African Commonwealth; the French Republic, etc., etc., to the German Reich; occupied enemy territory stamps, showing the swinging of the pendulum in the fortunes of war; aeroplane postage stamps; war stamps; peace stamps; the Bolshevic rogue's gallery stamps, showing errors; forged stamps; all sorts and conditions; quaint collections and distinguished collectors, which brought us to His Majesty the King, who spends his Sunday afternoons with his beloved hobby.

In conclusion, Mr. Adutt showed us his own specialised American collection, indicating the beauties of the various specimens and the correct method of exhibiting them. A wonderful display, like the rest, admirably shown on excellent slides, which brought the lecture to a close.

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The philatelic pool has become a maelstrom. The stamp pot is boiling over. In other words, present-day activities in stamps are such that it is dizzying to follow them. New issues impending and stamp changes. Trade rumors and reports of transactions reaching fabulous figures. Sensational news stories hinted at that will soon be ripe for publication. Commercial coups that excite the imagination. It is not easy to keep one's balance but as soon as we let our feet off the foundation of fact, we are lost. The best that we can do is to get the news to our readers quickly when once it is reduced to reality.

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Speculative stamps, as celebration or commemorative issues are classified, are the subjects of discussion in Stanley Gibbons *Montly Circular;* and in the verbal tournament, friends and foes of these stamps are tilting away at each other. The question is always a live one and makes good copy, even though it does not elicit the intense interest that it once did, perhaps. The old society that was to remedy the evil, the Society for the Suppression of Speculative stamps had its day and crystallized a sentiment against the unnecessary and mercenary issues; but even the systematic campaign against the interlopers did not do more than excite a temporary opposition to them. In some respects, the commemorative stamp is a tribute to the growing influence of philately; it is something of a Frankenstein that has been created by collectors themselves. The growth of stamp collecting has developed naturally, a source of possible profit through stamps that nations recognize. Even so, it is not exactly fair to say that all celebration stamps are conceived in crass commercialism and that none of them embodies the true spirit of national pride or power. A line must be drawn to separate the good from the bad in this division and the flagrant offenders must be consigned to oblivion. An indiscriminate campaign against all really unnecessary stamps, past, present and future, cannot succeed. It cannot be gainsaid that a commemorative issue may gracefully record achievement, progress and glory; and to go somewhat further, it is within the bounds of probability that even if stamp collectors did not exist, an enterprising nation, here and there, would use the postage stamp occasionally to embalm a nation's history.

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We have been shown a curiosity in the form of a square of thin paper, two by two inches, described as a telegram that had been pinned to the feathers of the carrier pigeon and sent to the London *Times,* telling of the death of Sultan Mahmud. It bore the following particulars written in a small hand by the *Times'* correspondent at Paris: "A telegraphic despatch reached Paris on Tuesday announcing the death of Sultan Mahmud. On June 30th, his eldest son, although only 17, had been declared of age and proclaimed. On the 28th, orders were sent to Hafiz Pacha to suspend hostilities. Letters from Egypt, Suria and Turkey to 29th ult. state that no general battle had yet been fought; that none was likely; that the Turkish fleet was still in the Dardanelles; and the Egyptian fleet off Alexandria. Paris tranquil." No date is found on the letter which shows dozens of pin-pricks.

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"In your album of old-fashioned collectors of fond recollection, did you have a portrait of the o.f.c., who, when once a stamp was in his album, would be unyielding to bribe or blandishment to remove it? I have been working on one of this genus to make him part with a ten cent green cancellation, on the ten cent 1847 and though he knows nothing of cancellations, he is adamant," is the plaint of a wily correspondent. We are rather glad that the old-timer is true to his convictions. This experience recalls to mind the old boy who numbered each stamp of a country on a page and who would not rearrange or add to the issues that would break the sequence of numbers. He wanted to keep his count correct.

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There is glory enough for all in the triumphant finale of the stamp illustration movement. It will never be known, perhaps, how assiduously and ably scores of public-spirited philatelists worked to achieve the happy result. Without doubt, if a poll were taken of philatelic leaders in this country on the question of what consummation they most devoutly wished, the answer overwhelmingly would be embraced in the privilege of illustrating U. S. stamps for the purpose of study. Under the bill that has recently been passed, the picturing of puzzling stamp parts will proceed until what have been mysteries, minor to major, in U. S. stamps, will be an open book. It is safe to say that with the removal of a decided obstacle to a full appreciation of United States stamps by the mass of collectors, the cry for our own stamps will swell louder and louder.

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From Mr. R. H. Mower, San Francisco, we have received the following note: "My correspondent in China, in speaking of French Offices in China says in part: 'I figure that about $3,000 catalogue value of these, the 40c on 1 franc and others were destroyed by the carrier of the French P. O. in Hoi How by thumb nail and knife. The merchants tell me that he came and demanded the stamps as a gift and when he was refused, he destroyed the stamps.' This is a good argument as to the desirability of these stamps; or is it a means to force people to buy through the Paris Colonial office? In other words, there are tricks in all trades!"

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A photograph of several blocks of Russian stamps has been received from Mr. Frank R. Demmerly of Indianapolis, who writes: "I have noticed in several issues of the statements concerning Russian covers containing a large amount of rubles in postage. I am enclosing a photograph of a cover which I have that consists of two blocks of fifteen each of the 100,000 ruble surcharged on the 250 ruble stamp. This is a total of three million rubles for postage and registration on one letter." Could the prodigious imagination of Baron Munchausen have conceived anything so extreme as a postal letter charge of a million and one-half dollars, as three million rubles amounted to under conditions of the past?

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If the chap who made two blades of grass grow where only one grew before deserves well of his fellow-men, what say you of the man who makes it necessary to have a hundred, if not a thousand, of the three cent, of 1851, in the album where, as of yore, one would have sufficed.

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We learn that Congressman Ackerman is mentioned as the possible appointee as minister to Turkey. We sincerely hope that the report will develop into reality as if any country needs a restraining philatelic hand to curb its stamp rampages, it is Turkey.

THE STAMP LAW IN THE MAKING.

The 67th Congress with its four sessions, without a parallel in its history, has adjourned *sine die.*

During its sessions there were 14,474 bills introduced in the House of Representatives and 4,656 in the Senate but only 550 of these bills became laws.

The stamp bill is known as Law No. 479. As there are 531 Senators and Representatives in Congress, the number of bills enacted into law averages a little more than one an individual.

After having been passed by the Senate, Senate Bill 2,703 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in the Hous of Representatives on February 18, 192 over a year ago. Hearings were ha upon the bill on March 9, 1922, an there the matter rested until February 1923, when it was reported with amendments allowing portions of the border o United States stamps to be illustrate such illustrations to be at least four time as large as the portion of the original.

A few days after appearing on th House Calendar it was advanced to th Calendar for Unanimous Consent and o February 19, 1923, was taken up an passed by the House.

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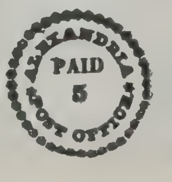

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e to take from the Speaker's table
bill, Senate 3,703, insisted on the
se amendments and agreed to the
erence asked for by the Senate.
Speaker appointed Mr. Volstead
Mr. Boies, Republicans, and Mr.
mers of Texas as conferees.

n February 23, the conferees having
Senator Cummings presented the
erence report to the Senate, but did
ask for consideration of the report
hat time.

n February 24th, Mr. Volstead pre-
ed the conference report in the House
printing under the rules and on
ch 1st Mr. Volstead called up the
erence report on the said bill. The
erence report was thereupon agreed
nd the bill went over to the Senate,
reupon the same day Senator Cum-
gs presented the conference report
e Senate and it was agreed to.

n Friday, March 2nd, a message
the Senate announced that the
ate had agreed to the report of the
mittee of Conferees on the dis-
eing votes of the two Houses, and
in the day the Speaker pro tem
ged the same. The bill then went to
Senate, when Senator Sutherland re-
ed that he had presented to the Pres-
t enrolled bills, among them being
ate 2,703.

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4, announced in a message by Mr.
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In addition to the 15c lake, Seal of the Colony, of the Coronation series, imperforate (priced by Stanley Gibbons at 10s 1923), a sheet of the 12c deep brown, Duke of Connaught, of the same series, exists in this condition, but it is not listed in any of the catalogues. In December, 1922, it was being offered by a London dealer at 30s each.

Imperforate Coronation Series, June 19, 1911.

12c deep brown, Duke of Connaught.
15c lake, Seal of the Colony.

ESSAY 2c ON 60c BLACK, CABOT SERIES, DECEMBER, 1918.

In December, 1918, just previous to the receipt of the stamps of the Caribou series (issued January 2nd, 1919), there was a shortage of 1c, 2c and 3c stamps, and consideration was given to surcharging some of the Cabot remainder stock to care for the Christmas demand. A sheet of 100 of the 60c black, King Henry VII, was overprinted at the office of the *Royal Gazette,* St. John's, in three lines, in red, "TWO—2—CENTS," the overall height of the overprint being 10 mm. However, due to the color of the stamp, the poor selection of type, and red ink, the overprint was so indistinct, that the surcharging idea was abandoned. Instead, letters with cash were taken over the post-office counter. Local and inland mail was rubber stamped "Postage Paid—G. P. O.,—St. John's, New-f'l'd.," and on mail for overseas the necessary stamps were attached by the Post Office clerks. These essays were released in March, 1922, by one of the G. P. O. officials. A block of four in possession of the writer, bears a double overprint.

Essay, December, 1918.

2c on 60c black, Henry VII, Cabot series, surcharged in 3 lines in red (TWO—2—CENTS). One sheet of 100. Double overprint.

FAKED "FIRST TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR POST, APRIL, 1918."

There is a faked overprint of the stamp made for the Sopwith air mail, by overprinting the 3c Caribou, brown, in five lines, "First—Trans- —Atlantic—Air Post,—April, 1919." This fake made its appearance in 1922, and is such that it will deceive no one who has ever seen the genuine stamp or even a photograph of it.

The type is entirely different in font, being thinner, wider, and not so tall. The month is given as "APRIL," instead of "April" (upper and lower case), of the genuine, and the figures of "1919" are different. The ink is dull blue black, instead of jet black, and the whole is very lightly impressed.

The stamp is not on cover, but bears a cancellation of wavy lines applied by an electric machine, which is not that of St. John's. No town marking is shown, only five wavy lines of a flag cancellation, which are spaced wider apart than the *seven lines* of the St. John's cancellation. The only electric cancelling machines in Newfoundland are the two in G. P. O. at St. John's. At the right of the stamp is part of a triangular marking, from a steel stamp.

Fake, April, 1919.

3c brown, Caribou series, overprinted in black in five lines, "First—Trans- —Atlantic — Air Post, — April, 1919." Type different, and month is given in caps (APRIL) instead of initial cap only (April).

ESSAYS, 3c ON 6c RED BROWN, CABOT SERIES, SEPTEMBER, 1920.

In September, 1920, there was a shortage of low value stamps of the Caribou series, and although local and inland mail was cared for by "Postage Paid" rubber stamping, it was necessary to provide 3c stamps for letters destined for other parts of the British Empire, and the U. S. A.

Between September 11th and 14th, 50,000 each of the 15c scarlet, and 35c red, of the Cabot series, were surcharged in black, THREE CENTS, in two lines, with a bar above and below, and later (on September 23rd), 50,000 of the 30c slate, Cabot series, were reduced by surcharging to TWO CENTS.

The first 3,000 of the 15c Cabot stamps were surcharged from a setting of 25 (5 x 5), which had the two bars spaced 11 mm. apart. The spacing was then changed to 14 mm, and the remaining 47,000 of the 15c and the whole of the 50,000 of the 35c Cabot, were overprinted from this setting.

From the first setting of THREE CENTS, with the narrow spacing of bars, one pane of 25 of the 6c Cabot, red brown, was overprinted in red, and one pane in black, to determine which color would show up the better. But as the stock of the 6c Caribou had exhausted in November, 1919, and the corresponding value in the Cabot series was the only 6c stamp available for use on foreign letters, it was decided to use instead the 15c of the Cabot series.

These two panes of 25 each, of the 6c Cabot, were sold at face to a resident of St. John's, in October, 1921, and were later offered for sale in the States. One copy of each passed through the post at the surcharged value. The copy with the red overprint was used in conjunction with a 5c Caribou (making up the postage and registration rate of 8c), on a letter addressed to a dealer in New York State. In addition to the large "R" within an oval, the envelope was rubber stamped in red "Registered—No. 512—Nov. 11, 1921,—St. John's, N. F." The stamps themselves have the regular obliteration of graduated bars forming an oval. The receiving postmark is dated November 18, 1921. The stamps are merely essays, and Stanley Gibbons (1923) so classifies them.

Essays. September, 1920.

3c on 6c red brown, Logging, Cabot series, overprinted in 2 lines in red, (THREE CENTS, with bar above and below). One pane of 25.

3c on 6c red brown, ditto, overprinted in black. (One pane of 25.)

COLOR TRIAL, 2c ON 30c SLATE, CABOT SERIES, SEPTEMBER, 1920.

On September 23, 1920, the 30c slate, Seal of the Colony, of the Cabot series, was issued, surcharged in black, TWO CENTS, in 2 lines, with a bar above. The surcharge was applied to a pane of 25, in red, but as it was not sufficiently distinct, black ink was used for the quantity printing.

Color Trial, September, 1920.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—It is with regret that we note that the Hon. Hubert Work has been transferred from the position of Postmaster General to that of Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Work has always been most sympathetic towards anything pertaining to philately and while the forward strides in post-office matters, philatelic, have been mainly fostered by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, and his able assistant, Mr. M. L. Eidsness, Jr., Superintendent of the Division of Stamps, nevertheless their efficient efforts have met with the sanction and approval of the Postmaster General. We sincerely trust that the new Postmaster General, Hon. Harry S. New of Indiana, will continue the good work.

Several of our correspondents have written calling attention to the fact that the new coil stamps are larger than the flat plate stamps, hence must be from a different die. This however does not happen to be the case. The stamps are larger, just as in the case of the previous issue, and that is because of the fact that when the coil plate is curved, two of them forming a cylinder that revolves and prints a continuous roll, the design is naturally stretched, making the difference that is noted.

The Nassau Stamp Company calls attention to the fact that the third stamp of the new 1c green, Franklin, under the top plate number "F 14157" shows a small white "s" sidewise just to the right of the left figure "1." Mr. David H. Burr writes that the 25th stamp of the upper left pane of plate 14129 of the 2c stamp shows a decided double transfer. We have not however seen the variety.

United States prices at the recent Kelton & Sloane auction ruled high showing that choice pieces continue to be in demand. A number of the 5c black New Yorks were sold at prices ranging from $20 for inferior copies to $126 for a choice pair. They averaged around $45 each. Choice copies of the 1847, 5c sold around $10 each while one with a blue "Paid" cancellation changed hands at $21. A superb used 5c of 1851 with boardwalk margins reached $58. A magnificent horizontal pair of the 10c sold for $31 while a pair not so fine of the 12c found a new home at $32.50. Later issues went equally well, some unusually fine item here and there bringing well over catalogue.

We wish to thank Messrs. H. Stave, George B. Newton, Jr., and Walter L. Gates for notes of interest.

Shanghai.—Mr. Eugene Klein has shown me something rather odd, namely a proof impression of the surcharge used for locally overprinting the 1c stamp, 2c. This is printed on onion skin paper and was found packed in with the regular stamps. The impression shows that the work was well done, there being no variations in the type. From an examination of this sheet one is convinced that the surcharge was not type set.

AFGHANISTAN.—We are indebted to Mr. P. N. De Souza of Jhansi, India, for the following particulars concerning the current Afghan stamps (series 1921), of which there are two kinds:—

I. Letters post stamps. Small Arms design. Perf. 11½. Printed in sheets of 16 (4 x 4).
10 paisa=1 sanar, red.
20 paisa=1 abasi, marone.
30 paisa=½ rupee, green.

II. Parcels Post stamps. Large format. Vignette of Ministry of Education, Kabul. Printed in pairs. Perf. 11½.
10 paisa, brown.
15 paisa, purple russet.
30 paisa, mauve.
1 rupee, turquoise.

Our correspondent states that most of the sheets of Parcel Post stamps that he has seen are perforated at the top, bottom or one side only, thus leaving the other edges imperforate. Some sheets of the 10p are, however, perforated all round.

An official stamp, printed in claret, without expressed value, was issued in August, 1922, but is very difficult to obtain unused.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman submits for chronicle the 1fr in the new parcel post series. The color is ultramarine.

BERMUDA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 1d red, 2½d pale yellow green in the ship type on script watermarked paper.

GERMANY.—Mr. Arthur H. Ude sends us the following information: "I have received the stamps noted below with the Network watermark, Scott's A29, 10m greenish blue, 12m vermilion, 25m brown; Scott's A31, 100m violet on buff, 200m rose on buff, 300m green on buff, 400m bistre brown on buff, 1,000m gray and 2,000m ultramarine.

GIBRALTAR.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 6d on script watermarked paper.

IRAQ.—"New stamps are now on their way from England with portraits of King Feisal, a picture of Arab river boats floating down the Tigris, and impressions of date palms in the background," writes the *Daily Mail* correspondent at Baghdad. These are doubtless supplementary to the stamps described in our issue of Dec. 16th, 1922.

The 1 anna carmine "On State Service" has appeared with Script CA. watermark.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

JUGO-SLAVIA.—Mr. Wainwright Randall sends us the following:

The Ministry of Post and Telegraph is releasing for circulation old postal stamps which have remained unsold from previous issues and surcharging them. The postal stamps presently in use have been ordered in 1920 by the Ministry from the American Bank Note Company which also printed the new 10 dinar notes in circulation since last October. The one existing printing office

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FOUNDLAND.—Frank F. Wills sends pping from a St. John's newspaper stating that a letter mail was despatched by train Feb. 11 for Labrador, part of the service to be performed by airplane. From Mr. Wills' letter we quote:—"I learn that a sheet of the 1920 provisionals has been found with the 3c on 35c inverted overprint. We already have the other two stamps of this set inverted, viz.:—the 2c on 30c and the 3c on 15c narrow spaces."

NYASALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 3d script watermark on new yellow paper and the 1sh bright emerald all through, old watermark.

PANAMA.—Mr. F. E. Heydon advises that new official seals were issued last November and are 42 x 22mm in size. The design is type set and printed in very dark blue on light red groundwork with squares arranged like a city map with white spaces between; 20,000 were issued and are now in use. The wording is "Republica De Panama Servicio De Correos Cierre Oficial" in three lines.

Mr. Heydon also adds that the same design with colors reversed have been printed but so far have not been placed in use.

RUSSIA.—Mr. A. H. Luck informs us that the 250r, first Bolshevik issue on wove paper, has been surcharged 100,000 roubles.

SPAIN.—Mr. R. Roberts advises that he has received the 10c green and 20c violet in the new design. Mr. Roberts also adds that he has also received the 10c carmine in the same design and is informed that when the Mint began to print the new issue they had not had instructions to alter the colors of the stamps according with the decision of the Postal Congress, Madrid, but they had hardly started printing the 10c before the order to change the colors was received, consequently the 10c carmine was a very small printing.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 21c on script watermarked paper.

TRANS-JORDANIA.—Two sets of locally overprinted stamps have been issued for this place. The first overprint consists of the Arabic "Ushr ul-qirsh" (tenth of piastre) on the millieme values, and "al-qirsh" (piastre) on the piastre values. The second appears to be a new overprint in place of the old one "sharq il-urdun" (East of Jordan) and reads in Arabic "Hukumat ul-sharq il-arabiya" (Arab Government of the East) and beneath this the word "nisan" (April) and the Arabic equivalent for 1921. This is all the information received as yet from our correspondent, who is absent from Trans-Jordania at present, but promises to send us some sets when obtainable.—*—Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

BOOK REVIEW.

We have received from F. Hugh Vallancey, 89 Farringdon St., London, Eng., a "Guide to Stamp Collecting" by C. C. Lambert. It is No. 23 in the series of books published from the office of *Stamp Collecting* and is priced at 25c. It covers the usual lines of books of this kind and will doubtless be a good missioner for philately.

A neat pricelist has just been received from J. G. Jewett, South Orange, N. J. It will be sent to any address free of charge.

THE LAST OF THE IRISH PROVISIONALS.

By W. WARD.

Right on the point of the announcement of the new permanent series of stamps for Ireland, three or four matters over which the Provisional Government had no control, were the cause of further "Swan Song" provisionals on the eve of the ratification of the Free State by the King on December 6th, when Mr. Timothy Healy, a well known Irish Patriot-Lawyer was appointed Governor-General of the Southern portion of Ireland, and when the event was signalised by the issue of the 2d "Map" stamp.

The first new provisional was occasioned by the change of the colour of the British 9d stamp from sepia to sage green, which stamp again bore the red or rather carmine "Rialtas Sealadach" overprint. Rumour had it that this stamp might in any case have been short lived as complaints were received from postal clerks that in artificial light it was very difficult to distinguish from the 4d bottle green which also bore a red surcharge.

Towards the end of November, without any apparent authority, but solely on account of using different gauged spacing blanks on the monotype machines, the printers made a wider spaced "die" setting with the first word "Rialtas" about 2mm longer than the original setting and the whole body spaced out slightly but enough to be easily distinguished from the previous surcharges.

The inaugration of the new State taking place on December 6th naturally the old title "Rialtas Sealadach an hEireann" (Provisional Government of Ireland) gave way to the new designation of "Saorstat Eireann" (Irish Free State), and orders were given that until the permanent series could be ready, the British stamps on stock were to be so overprinted. Thus in the few days at their disposal the printers (Messrs. Alex. Thom & Co., Ltd., Dublin) were only able to make a small printing of the wide spaced "Rialtas Sealadach" provisionals and on only a few values, the ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d and 1sh. Most of these came and went before people were able to sit up and take notice, and are certain to prove the scarcest of the Irish provisionals.

While the whole of the stamps were then overprinted "Saorstat," one value was almost immediately strangled at birth by the appearance of the new "Map" type—the 2d—and though a fair printing was made, these were almost immediately used up, since 2d is the general single rate letter postage in Ireland. Few varieties occurred in these short-lived stamps, the rarest being a few sheets of several values having a printer's rule stuck up over the top of the first word "Saorstat," in the second stamp of the fifth row, same printing as a heavy line. This was however soon corrected. Other smaller varieties occurred through a wrong setting of the machine of a "c" for an "e" or an "o" in "Sacrstat" and "hEircann." The 2d values of both the above mentioned overprints are on the Die II British stamp. Also at about this time a final printing of the Rolls of the 2d stamps were made by Messrs. Harrison & Sons, of London, also on the Die II stamp, while a number of the same value appeared with the original surcharge on a variety of the British stamp (again Die II) printed in aniline orange on a highly calendared paper.

Thus the final check list for the Irish Provisionals, without varieties, which I have however mentioned, are:—

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2sh 6d green & blue, No. 17	5.00	3.00
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1d carmine, No. 28	.15	.09
2d gray, No. 29	.50	.35
2½d blue, No. 30	.35	.20
3d vio. on yellow, No. 32	.25	.15
5d vio. & green, No. 33	.50	.30
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2d brown & black, No. 23	.50	.30
2½d blue & black, No. 24	1.00	.60
6d vio. & black, No. 26	1.00	.60
1sh black & green, No. 27	1.25	.75
½d green, No. 32	.12	.07
1d carmine, No. 33	.25	.15
2d gray, No. 34	.50	.30
2½d blue, No. 35	.75	.45
3d vio. on yellow, No. 36	.75	.45
4d red & black, No. 37	1.00	.60
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MR. ACKERMAN ON THE STAMP BILL.

We have received a copy of the *Congressional Record* containing an extension of remarks of Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman, representative from New Jersey, on the stamp bill that recently became a law. Mr. Ackerman has been a strong friend to philately and his advocacy of this measure has been of tremendous value in securing its enactment. We quote from the *Record* the following:—

Mr. Ackerman: Mr. Speaker, this law will prove a boon to humanity. Anything that tends to make more interesting a clean, instructive, fascinating hobby, or assists in facilitating the extension of such a popular pastime as stamp collecting, is conferring a blessing on a group estimated by some to be as large as a million persons in this country.

While this act amends the penal code in the direction indicated, yet it is a moot question at the present time whether the laws now existing were intended to cover the illustrations which would make clearer to the mind's eye spaces in a stamp album or to visualize from the description in the text of catalogues. These crude black and defaced illustrations which have been used ever since stamp collecting started, some three-quarters of a century ago, are merely pathfinders for the correct places where the genuine specimen should be placed and in no sense can they be considered as a substitute for the original article. If there is anything that the true collector abhors, it is a counterfeit or a repaired or imperfect specimen.

Besides bringing to the coffers of the United States Treasury a sum exceeding $100,000 per annum of net revenue, through the sales of stamps at the Philatelic Agency of Post-Office Department, and in addition thereto defraying all the expense of making the new dies and plates, the Government secures at all times the collateral interest by having this million pairs of eyes throughout the country actively engaged in looking out for anything that rogues might do in their efforts to foist upon the public counterfeit stamps or securities. It can be readily seen that the educational effect of encouraging this clean, upbuilding, instructive hobby has a worth far greater than is perceptible at first.

All classes and ages, from the lowliest and youngest to the most influential and the oldest and also both sexes, become devotees of this fascinating pursuit which has no deleterious effects and which if pursued along proper lines is not only a source of pleasure but may become a means of substantial profit, in the event that the hobby for any reason is abandoned. Governments could not do better than to assist in such meritorious pursuit as this one and it is hoped that this action of Congress will be a forerunner of more consideration on behalf of public officials in the future than has been manifested in the past for the ubiquitous stamp collector.

An article in *Ewens Weekly Stamp News* recently published, gives the number of collectors on the globe at 2,930,000 and the number of collectors annually buying one or more catalogues at 250,000.

Another authority gives the number of collectors in the respective countries as follows:

Germany,	440,000
Austria-Hungary,	110,000
Great Britain,	363,000
Russia, Scandinavia, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Balkan states,	60,000
France, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, Luxemburg,	300,000
United States and Canada,	1,000,000
Mexico, Central and South America,	20,000
Africa and Australia,	10,000
Asia,	20,000
Total for the globe,	2,323,000

These figures are believed to be substantially accurate. In any event they indicate the growing popularity of philately, which has far outstripped that of numismatics, which for centuries has been looked upon as well worthy of high consideration not only by all civilized governments but by the most distinguished savants and literati. Our own G ment at the Smithsonian Insti maintains a curator and publishes of the stamps of the United States up to 1920, and by reason of this lation, the pages of the catalogue in the future be embellished with trations, thus increasing its usef to the average collector.

The long line of literature whic been issued touching upon philat later years has been added to by suance of a "Who's Who," wherei be found the name of celebrities, the rulers of the greatest nations, of royal blood, to statesmen, adı actors, foresters, singers, and losophers in all parts of the globe these classes have recognized the lectual value of this hobby. Its reaching educational value is acc nied by a charm of persistence grips the enthusiast; by a devotio never can be totally eliminated collectors of the country are grat Congress for having enacted this lation.

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(Mr. Small is a longtime subscriber to the WEEKLY. Wherever located in the ministry, he makes a practice of getting in touch with the boys in stamp collecting. He is now located at East Pepperell, Mass., and every two weeks he meets with the boys to work out some of the stamp problems. The night that Denmark was up a map of the country was studied, pictures from the Geographic Magazine shown and the following article read.—W. O. W.)

This a joy story not a calculated investment. I'm not a regular seeker of stamps, but just a lover of fair *Philately*. She has led me to every land, but settled me in none. To-day I made new declarations of my admiration for her charms. She turned her face towards Denmark and tauntingly remarked, "What good does it do for you to admire me? I'm sick of the fellows who simply keep saying I'm so charming. I want to be of some practical worth in this world and not merely a man's hobby and a boy's enthusiasm. Hearst's man has slurred me. He has attempted to make me worthless to my admirers. Why don't you defend me? Do something for me."

Seizing the nearest pencil, I began, not to sketch her in that mood, but to show her the figures of her practical worth. Remarking that I'd put aside the admiration declaration, I recalled how I met her in the land of Denmark as late as September, 1920, saying, "Do you remember the old costume of lilac said to be produced in 1870-71 that you wore on that occasion?" (I have often noticed that if you get a woman's mind off her aggravations to some pleasant dress, she feels at once as much better as even Coue would wish her.) Smilingly she said, "It wasn't much. Just No. 17 as clerks put it down in the catalogue, and only one dollar for a square the size of a postage stamp." "Pardon," I added, "people put even a used scrap of it at $1.25 to-day. You see, that means over 12% interest in the time since we met. Most folks think 12% quite practical."

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My response was of that languid sort which says I am too used to this kind of praise, but which put itself into these words almost mockingly: "It is money makes the mare go, is it not? Money talks." It was evident to me that something desperate must be done. "Philately," I said, "are you ready to take that walk to see a little lad whose folks tell me is a very keen student of his pennies?" As I selected a new Roosevelt which I had heard the boy had wanted, I led Philately to his after school den and made him a present of the coveted stamp before asking him to show us his accounts. Philately learned that he had for three years had a Christmas present of the more than 1200 page book we call a Stamp Catalogue. She also learned that he had begun in January to keep a set of books. Philately learned to have a new Joy in life by seeing his balance of January, 1923. It read:

"Begun January, 1921, to collect stamps from Denmark, because a friend gave me what I found catalogued 75 cents. I spent most of my money for the stamps which did not catalogue very dear." Then followed the items. I was interested to see that Philately spent her time on the totals for Jan., 1923.

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Duplicates	.01
Total	$10.00

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We were smiling as we looked back on leaving to see that this 15-year-old lad was taking his pen and saying, "Just now I am going to enter my new Roosevelt stamp as your gift." When the door closed, I said, "Philately, do you think of any bank that a boy could visit for two years and get his toys at one cent upwards, have them for two years, and then get a statement from the bank saying that at various times in two years you have bought of us to the extent of ten dollars. We now credit you with $15.86?" Philately looked happy. I next told her of a fellow I knew who got in a hard place when he grew up and was married, and wanted a little money. He had never borrowed, but he felt he must have $10. In distress at what seemed like a crime to him, he tried to think to whom to go. His own little daughter came to him and said, "Papa, show me your pretty stamp book, the one you had when you were a boy." To please her he got it out and was surprised to find he had so many stamps. He remembered as a lad how he intended to make a fortune sometime from his old stamps. A little later, rather shamed of face, he put the book on a stamp dealer's counter, saying, "Is it good for anything?" When the dealer got done looking at it, he replied, "It is good for $13. Will you take that for it?" He took it, and his first purchase was of a 50 cent packet for his little girl. He is now in easy circumstances, but says that was the nearest he ever came to disaster. I assured Philately of other very practical things and she warmed up enough to reply: "All right; hereafter I think I'll stand for your compliments, even if you say, 'Charming'." And I do.

I think the rest I said was about like this: "You see very well what a practical charmer you are. I have not told it all. You are no vampire, but a worthy companion. You not only got me stamp interest in Denmark, but I have read up. You are an education. You make me a traveller. You are—"

Anyway, I believe with Theodore Roosevelt, "Never hit unless it is necessary, but when you do hit—hit hard." I am only sorry I can hit no harder for *Philately,* but facts are my club and Philately and the country of Denmark my present time joy and charming.

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May sometimes come before our eyes,
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And says, "Now, look at that!"
And the bids begin to rise
Like rockets in the skies,
For "You'll never get to heaven,
Without a watermark like that!"

Then he picks another piece—
"What am I offered for these?"
"Lot 10, Belgian, Eupen
"Oh, my fellow men!
"A nickel! a nickel! a dime! a dime!
"A tenth of a dollar"
You should hear him holler,—
"A quarter! a quarter!"
Till some one bought her
At twice he oughter
For "He'd never get to heaven
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If you feel a little sobby
Just try this good old hobby,
Give your stamp-bug half a chance
To rise up and gaily prance.
Just gather with the boys
And contribute to the noise
Which those philatelic males
Make at the fortnightly sales,
When that reverend Auctioneer
Says something kind of queer
Like, "You won't get to heaven
Without a watermark like that."

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WHY THEY STICK

By C. S. T.

A friend who is a horticulturist came to manicure my peach trees a few days ago, and noticed that there was considerable exudate on some of the branches. He has a boy who collects stamps, and being familiar with my interest in both, he mentioned the fact that he himself had been a stamp collector many years ago, in Europe, and that when mucilage was scarce, he and his boy friends gathered the gum on the peach trees and boiled it in order to obtain cement to solder stamps to albums.

I have often wondered why some of these old "stuck-downs" resisted all reasonable efforts to pry them loose, and this is apparently the explanation, as the material employed to attach the stamps behaves exactly as peach-tree gum does, *i. e.,* it swells slowly, and remains extremely viscous for an extremely long while, and when moistened it requires a long time to dissolve.

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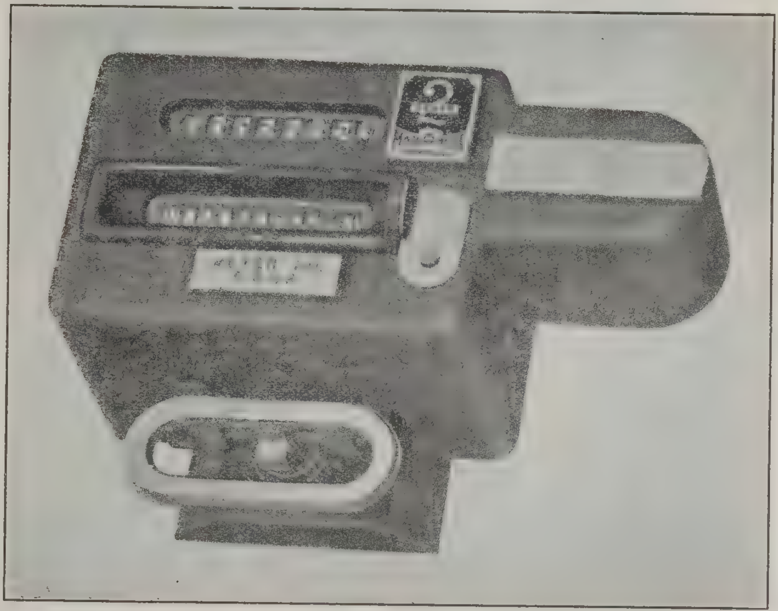

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There has been no change in P. O. rulings of any importance since our last published list. Officials at Washington, as well as postmasters in the various cities have given publicity and encouraged large mailers to take advantage of permit mailing. They have also lent encouragement and assistance to inventors and manufacturers to aid them in putting out machines combining sealing of the envelope, and the printing of an indicia at one operation. The machines already in operation are assisting wonderfully in the despatch of mail, and are already saving the government thousands of dollars monthly in the making and distribution of postage stamps.

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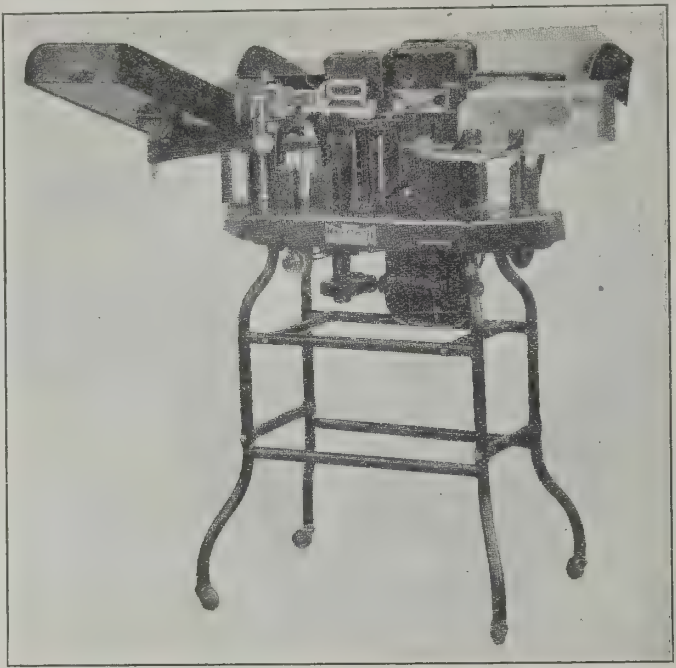

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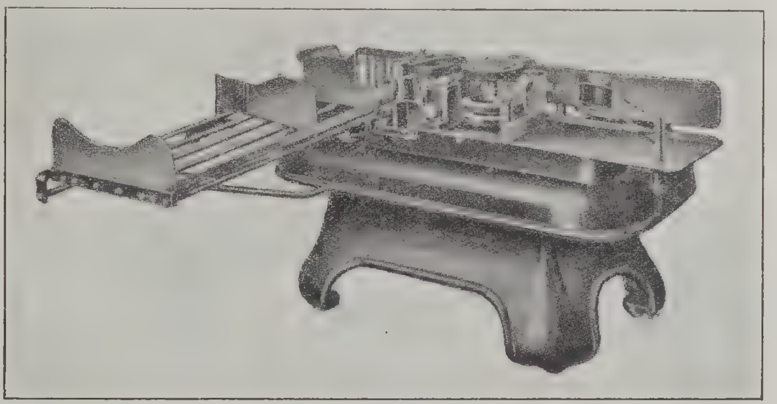
The Standard Envelope Sealer Mnfg. ., Everett, Mass., have been manufacring for a number of years several models of sealing machines. During 1922, they placed on the market a permit printer and some of their early models used an indicia that we have designated as "Type C-2" for the reason that the lines are straight instead of wavy, as required by the P. O. Dept. In a conversation with one of their representatives early in January of this year, he informed us that their new type of indicia conformed with our Type C. They are not as yet in production on this model and we have to wait for more particulars before giving further details.

Foreign Metered (?) Mail. During the last few months we have noted a number of references in the philatelic press on "Foreign Meters" especially in chronicling varieties which have been sent in. To the best of our knowledge the United States is the only country in which a meter has been used on any class of mail. In the October 21st (1922) issue of the *Philatelic Magazine* (London) a very interesting article appeared by Douglas Armstrong, under the title of "Stamps of the Future," and it was copied in part in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, page 569 (1922). These are more correctly termed "Postal Franks" and the machines are manufactured by the Universal Postal Frankers, Ltd. "In appearance the machine is not unlike a Cash Register with a slot opening for the insertion of letters, etc., for franking. On the front of the machine is a dial indicator, which can be set to represent varying postage fees and in the top is a visible register representing the value of each impression made by the machine. Inside there is a second recorder for checking purposes, which is set to register franks up to a given amount, and then automatically reverts to zero. This meter is detachable and is sealed and set by the Post Office to furnish postal franks up to the value paid in advance by the user." Although a meter is mentioned in the above description, it is used mainly as a counter and a meter number is not included on the impression that the machine makes on mail matter.

In Germany, another type of impression is used on Third Class Matter, giving the name of the city, with the date and time within a single line postmark. The cancellation includes the words "DEUTSCHES REICH" above and a number beneath denoting the amount of postage in marks. The design of the canceller varies according to the amount of postage. As far as we know these are not used as first class permits in Germany.

On May 13th, 1922, the Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter was authorized for use in Great Britain, and on October 20th of the same year it was authorized for use in Canada. So far we have been advised of only one user outside of the United States and that a representative of the manufacturers in Canada.



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Representative Ackerman expects to be abroad altogether about six weeks, going first to London to the Philatelic Exhibit, and later spending some time in France, Holland, and other countries on the Continent.

Senator Frelinghuysen will leave Washington immediately after the adjournment of Congress for a trip South on his yacht, the Victoria. Although he will not be accompanied by the President and Mrs. Harding, as was reported some time ago, it is expected that their routes will cross at several points.

Following this cruise in Southern waters, Senator Frelinghuysen will go to London to attend the stamp exhibition. As to his plans after this, nothing definite has been learned as yet.
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Herman W. Boers writes us that at the annual election of officers of the Michigan Stamp Club held March 3rd the old officers were all re-elected. H. Preston Hoskins is president, H. J. Kaufmann secretary, and Mr. Boers continues as publicity agent.

—J. C. Berkey, Niagara Falls, N. Y., A. P. S., membership No. 6680, writes us that he has been sick for a year and is recovering slowly. He has been compelled to sell his business and as a result of his illness spends a great deal of his time in bed. He questions whether some of our stamp friends could spare him a few duplicates. We pass the request on to our readers.

—The stamp collectors of Middletown, Ohio, have organized a Junior Philatelic Club. Geppert Marsh is president and Charles Lang, secretary. The promoters of the club expect it to be a live factor in the life of the community.

—The Milwaukee *Journal* of March 6 contained a very fine illustrated stamp feature dealing with the new stamps and illustrated by some of the old despatch, pony express and postmaster stamps. It makes a fine feature.

—There recently appeared in the *Drug and Chemical Markets*, published in New York, an article on "Stamp Taxes and the Drug Trade" by Franklin S. Smith. We are holding the article in the expectation that later on we shall be able to print it in the WEEKLY with the usual credit. Mr. Smith is an authority on the subject and a number of articles from his pen have already appeared in our publication. Williams Haines, president of the company which publishes the paper in question, informs us that an article which recently appeared in the WEEKLY was responsible for the one under consideration.

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This stamp is listed in the 1923 catalogue as No. 436a and the description mentions the offset print as being of types IV, V or VI. Type IV is the rare type, the one that shows the first and second and the fourth and fifth lines in the button joined at top and bottom. The stamp is listed in the new specialized U. S. Catalogue as No. 436 Imperf. Type IV and priced at $2.50, either used or unused.

Being an imperforate stamp, it was issued only on special request to the Post Office Department for imperforate sheets of 400 stamps, and as a result was found only in a very few of the larger cities. There is much history connected with this stamp, and we would like to have time and space to relate it here, but will hold this story for future use. Let us say, however, that the stamp is a much rarer item than catalogue valuation would indicate. Few dealers have the stamp in stock and few have ever had the stamp. It is far more rare than the 5c red ERROR. Being an imperforate variety, it allows the enthusiast a wide field for variety and the demand from this class of collectors helps cut down the available supply.

Our stock is not so large as to worry us about disposing of the same. We have looked into the many bear stories regarding supply on this stamp and find that most of them are genuine New York Exchange Bear and nothing else. The facts seem to be that the stamp is not in the market in quantity and buyers can rest assured that we shall maintain prices we are now making on these stamps.

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EDITORIAL.

A friend has shown us a complete set of the 1902 issue, United States, including the special delivery, surcharged specimen, accompanied by a portion of a letter addressed to a senator by the postmaster general of that day, saying that the stamps in question were "from the first stamps printed." The two cent specimen in the set is of the flag design.

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The Washington *Star* of Sunday, March 11th, 1923, presents a picture that is about the best advertisement of the charm of collecting that we have seen for many a day. Under an excellent picture of five gentlemen of impressive appearance is the text: "Stamp Collectors of Congress get together and show their collections. Left to right: Representatives Walter H. Newton of Minnesota, Guy U. Hardy of Colorado, Roy Fitzgerald of Ohio, Frederick W. Dallinger of Massachusetts and Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey." These worthy men are seated at a table examining cards and sheets containing stamps and the philatelic atmosphere is transferred admirably to the plate. We are proud of this evidence of popularity of collecting among men of affairs and the picture is one that should be used effectively in advancing the claims of philately. For publicity work, a reproduction of this striking picture should be distributed broadcast; and permission should be obtained to allow the printing of cards for wide distribution to show that collecting indeed has "class."

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From Clarence J. West, chairman of the committee on bibliography of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry, we have received a copy of the Maryland Academy of Sciences Bulletin, for January, 1923, with words of commendation for the philatelic section maintained by the Academy, under the charge of the chairman, Mr. C. Lat. Wilhelm, whose contribution on "The 1913 White and Green Seal Issues of Sonora" is a feature of the publication.

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In his column in the Chicago *Daily News*, Mr. Keith Preston asks "whether Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador are getting out spring, fall and winter sets of postage stamps as they used to." He asks the question as a "one time stamp collector." You have cut your eye teeth as a collector, Keith, and your question will not fall on unresponsive ears.

Mr. H. M. Hobbins, secretary and treasurer of the Miehle Printing Press and Manufacturing Company of Chicago, is a collector of many years' sfanding and incidentally, we learn from him that the company has been given an order for fifty-eight power plate printing presses to be delivered during the present year to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington. The same company supplied the Bureau with fifty presses about two years ago.

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How do they get that way? He was showing his album of cancellations on the early U. S. "Here is the 'crusader's cap,'" he said, pointing to a formless blotch of black ink that disfigured a three cent green. "How do you like the 'sehorse' cancellation, on the three cent, 1861?" he asked, indicating an inchoate spatter that looked like the wreck of the Hesperus. "Here's the 'hangman's noose,'" he said, nodding at a representation of a formless fried-cake that Pittsburg Joe would not recognize. "I like the 'wrist-watch' cancellation, on that specimen," he vaunted, fingering a three cent of 1861 that was defaced by a puddle of black ink." "Hold," we cried, the wrist-watch was *non est* in the '60's. "Yes, and that's why the cancellation is so scarce on that stamp," he answered. The man without imagination is a prosaic creature and he does not fare well in the Garden of the Gods, for instance, when the hopeful guide points out the different animals and such that nature is accused of sculpturing out of the rocks, but some of the cancellation collectors that we have met are possessed of eyes that are out of focus, to put it mildly.

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Delving among the earlier issues of Peru, we again have been impressed by what every experienced collector knows and that is that these stamps are worthy of warmer regard than they enjoy generally. There is some difficulty found in distinguishing between the designs, 1858 to 1860 inclusive, which is to be overcome only by some study and comparison. A reader says that he has found how to tell the A6 from the A8 type of the catalogue when, as sometimes happens, the wavy or the zigzag lines are worn away in the spandrels, by a simple little test. In A6, the "o" of Franco is oblong and in A8, it is round, although the difference is not to be seen in ordinary catalogue cuts.

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The February supplement to the *Postal Guide* has some interesting data for the postal student. We find in it, among other interesting notations, a picture of the old postal office seal that recently has been resurrected. A copy of the old seal was discovered, it having survived the housecleaning that succeeded the fire at the national capital in 1836. It shows "the god Mercury riding upon the clouds" while the present seal represents a messenger astride a galloping steed. There has been something akin to a mystery attached to the old postal seal so far as fixing the time when the change to the present design was made officially. We read now that the second legend was adopted "around the years 1835 or 1837" during the administration of Postmaster General Kendall, although it is maintained by several antiquarians that Benjamin Franklin employed pony in action in Revolutionary days.

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In the *Cosmopolitan* for April, Irvin S. Cobb, in "The Eminent Dr. Deeves," arises to a descriptive height when he says that Doctor Deeves "collected degrees as a stamp collector collects stamps; getting one made him covet more." Now, friend Irv's reputation for funny cracks is such that we must admit that his little dab with the philatelic brush is not wholly satisfying. We do not believe that he ever sat in real philatelic councils as it has been a long time since collectors have been content with a single addition and now, they annex the stamps by the dozens, thanks to the prodigality of stamp issuing countries generally.

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Mr. Edwin C. Brown, Minneapolis, Minn., favors us with a joke from *The American Legion Weekly* that he seasons for the philatelic palate: "Try This on Your Wife. What do you think of when you hear the word 'mint?' asked the famous psychologist. 'Money,' exclaimed the New Yorker. 'Julep,' murmured the old Southerner. 'Oh, Gee!' added the stamp fiend."

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By actual count, we have received during the past seven days from readers of the WEEKLY, seventeen clippings from newspapers and periodicals mentioning stamps and collecting, ranging in importance down from the account of Mr. Steinway's gift of Philatelic literature to the library of the Collectors Club to the inconsequential item of a few lines.

U. S. POST OFFICES IN CHINA.

By REV. J. DREYER.

On p. 115 col. 3 (middle) a statement is made which is misleading, if not erroneous altogether. The U. S. P. O. at Shanghai, China, was not established "after the Boxer war", but *much earlier*.

Armstrong's "Stamp Collectors Annual for 1912," p. 25, says "The *American* postal station at Shanghai was created *about* 1870, . . ."

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

A CANCELLATION ERROR OF BERMUDA.

By A. V. RICHARDSON.

As mentioned by Mr. Prieth in his article on Bermuda postmarks (MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, 8 July, 1922), Ireland Island is one of the busiest post-offices in Bermuda, ranking next to Hamilton and St. George's. The cancellation number is 3, the latest use that I have seen of the "duplex" obliteration being on a cover dated 10 April, 1895.

Early in 1885, it would seem that the name on the cancelling stamp was lettered "Inland Island" in error. I have an entire postcard, written from Ireland Island on 14 January, 1885, and addressed to Nova Scotia.

It is franked by the ½d brown and 1d rose, cancelled by the date-stamp "INLAND ISLAND, BERMUDA," joined to an upright ellipse of bars containing the numeral "3." The word "INLAND" is so distinct as to preclude the possibility of its being "IRELAND," and it would be interesting to know how long this erroneous duplex mark was in use.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We canno give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle i edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondent will please be careful to send their matter t the right address.

UNITED STATES.—By the time thes notes reach our readers the Post Offic Department will have issued severa more denominations of the new series o postage stamps. They announce that o Tuesday, March 20, 1923, they will plac on sale at Washington the 12c, 30c, $ and $5. The 12c claret will have a portrait of Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th President of the United States, the 30c sepia, a Buffalo, the $2 blue a beautiful view of the Capitol at Washington, while the $5 will have a head of Liberty within a wreath in blue surrounded by a red border, thus giving us the only bi-colored stamp of the series.

The 12c and 30c will be printed in sheets of 400 which will be issued in panes of 100, the $2 printed from plate 14306, a two hundred subject plate will also be issued in panes of one hundred, while the $5 is printed in sheets of one hundred, the border bearing plate number 14327, the center 14326.

To date we have the new 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 9c, 10c, 11c, 12c, 15c, 25c, 30c, 50c, $1, $2, $5, Special Delivery, 2c sidewise coil and 2c booklet and in addition up to February 21st plates had been made for the new 4c coil and 1c rotary sheets. In next week's Chronicle I expect to give quite a little interesting information regarding the further denominations to be issued.

Mr. M. S. Woodin sends me a clipping from the Seattle *Daily Times* of February 17th, stating that one of the new stamps would show a view of Mt. Rainier. Essays of the 20c were made up showing such a view and these were most attractive, but at this time it is not thought that this illustration will be used.

J. O. Moore, Inc., have submitted for my inspection two copies of the 3c type II, 1857, on the well known horizontal laid paper found in the case of the 1c.

Mr. H. B. Frederick has shown me a copy of the new 2c coil stamp on cover, cancelled South Bend, Indiana, January 11, 1923.

Mr. A. E. Owen writes that he has located the new 2c compound perforated,

cents.

(2) Changes in color:

(*a*) Cent denominations—

Stamp.	New Color.	Old Color.
4c	grey	red
6c	red	grey
15c	dark blue	brown

The colors of the ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 16, 20, 30 and 50 cent values will remain unchanged.

(*b*) Dollar denominations—

Instead of the centers being printed in black, they will be printed in colors, as follows:—$1 chocolate, $2 sepia, $5 dark gray green, $10 maroon, $20 blue.

The frames of all except the $20 will retain their present color. The $20 will be printed in maroon instead of, as hitherto, in canary yellow.

By order of the Co-Director General.
Nanking Post Office,
February 7, 1923.

This alters considerably the previous notification. The paragraph about the changes in post cards I have not included. On Nov. 1st, 1922, all the postage rates in China, both for foreign and domestic mail matter, were increased—domestic 1st class from 3 cents to 4 cents, and

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· ıbmit herewith two very poor copies · new $.15 dark blue, and while I ·seen several copies of the new $.04 gray, I have not as yet been able to purchase one in Nanking. If you have not already chronicled the $.04 gray by the time this reaches you you may safely do so if you will take my word for having seen the stamp.

DANZIG.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the appearance of a 100 mark Airpost stamp in the design of Scott's AP4 but of much larger size than those heretofore printed in this type. The stamp is perforated and is bright red in color.

DOMINICA.—We have just received from Mr. R. Roberts the beautiful new set of pictorial stamps of this colony. The stamps are of similar design to those previously placed on sale in other West Indian colonies and have two oval panels one on the right showing a profile view of King George and the other one of the early vessels that came to the shores of the colony. The values, colors and watermarks are as follows: ½d green and black, 1d violet and black, 1½d carmine and black, 2d green and black, 2½d orange and black, 3d ultra. and black, 4d deep brown and black, 6d purple and black, 1sh black on emerald, 2sh blue and black on blue, 2s6d carmine and black on blue, all of these being on script watermarked papers; 3sh maroon and black on yellow, old watermark; 4sh carmine and black on emerald, script watermark; 5sh green and black on yellow, old watermark; 1 pound purple and black on red, old watermark. It will be noticed that the 1sh, is the first of this denomination to appear on the new script watermarked paper.

EXTREME EAST REPUBLIC.—Our valued correspondent, Mr. G. M. White, informs us that on Nov. 7th, 1922, being the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Soviets, the Republican Government at Vladivostock caused the stamps of the current issue to the extent of 200,000 sets, to be overprinted with the dates "1917 7.XI. 1922" in three lines in red on the following values:—

Commemorative Overprint.
2 kop. green.
4 kop. rose.
5 kop. claret.
10 kop. dark blue.

Since Oct. 15th, 1922, when the Japanese evacuated Siberia, the F.E.R. Government at Vladivostock has been taken over by the Soviet Republic of Chita—hence the revolutionary commemoratives.

The Chita stamps and those of the F. E.R. are now used concurrently.

Two new values have been added to the Chita series, as recorded in the *Philatelic Magazine* for June 17, 1922, viz.:—

4 kop. red and buff.
5 kop. chestnut.

The 7 kop. pale blue is now issued rouletted instead of imperf.

We understand that the overprinted stamps referred to in our last Chronicle were issued in the province of Priamur (q.v).—*Philatelic Magazine.*

FRANCE OFFICES IN MOROCCO.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the current 50c of this country with the surcharge TANGER across the centre in black.

NETHERLANDS.—The Economist Stamp Co. have sent for chronicle the 5c and 10c of the 1898-1899 issue in imperforate condition.

RUHR.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. report that three values of German stamps have been overprinted for use in this territory. They are 5m orange, of the A27 type, surcharged "100m Rhein—Ruhr—Hilfe" in three lines in black. The 25m, type of Scott's A29, overprinted "500m" and the wording as on the former value and Scott's A32 which has the surcharge "1,000m" and also the same wording, but this value is overprinted in two lines.

TRINIDAD.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the 4d old watermarked multiple CA, on new yellow paper. Also the 2d postage due on script watermarked paper.

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POST OFFICE	1, 2, 3, 15c	1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 15, 30, 90c
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8, fine color, but cut into top & thin spot	7.50
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18, o. g.	.65
19, o. g.	2.00
19a, o. g.	2.50
20, o. g.	.40
21, used, good, scarce	7.50
23, o. g.	.80
24, unused, $1.30; used	1.00
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No.	Price
26	2.00
27, unused, .65; used	.65
28, unused, 1.00; used	1.00
29, unused, .50; used	.70
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30a, unused 2.00; used	2.00
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Another, fair only	2.00
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2	1d red & black	.30	.18
3	2d vio. & black	.50	.30
4	2½d blue & black	1.25	.75
5	4d brown & black	2.50	1.50
6	6d gr. & black	3.50	2.25
7	1sh oge. & black	3.50	2.25
8	2sh 6d br. & black	25.00	16.00
11	½d gr. & black	.75	.45
16	6d gr. & black	4.00	2.50
17	1sh oge. & black	2.00	1.25
20	1d red & black	.40	.25
21	2d vio. & black	.35	.20
22	2½d blue & black	.50	.30
26	2sh 6d br. & black	2.50	1.50
28	1d red & black	.25	.18
29	2d vio. & black	1.00	.60
30	2½d blue & black	.45	.28
31	4d br. & black	.75	.45
32	6d green & black	2.50	1.50
33	1sh oge. & black	3.00	1.80
34	½d gr. & black	.25	.15
35	1d red & black	.35	.25
36	2d vio. & black	.60	.35
37	2½d blue & black	.60	.35
38	4d brown & black	.50	.30
39	6d gr. & black	.75	.45
40	1sh oge. & black	1.00	.60
41	½d gr. & black	.10	.06
42	1d red & black	.35	.25
43	2d vio. & black	.40	.25
44	2½d vio. & black	.85	.50
45	4d br. & black	1.25	.75
46	6d gr. & black	.60	.35
47	1sh oge. & black	.75	.45
48	2sh 6d br. & black	1.50	1.00
49	2sh 6d br. & black	2.50	1.50
50	½d green	.08	.05
52	2d violet	.12	.08
55	6d brown	.40	.25
71	1d/½d green	.10	.05
72	1d/2d violet	.50	.40
73	1d/2½d blue	.30	.18
74	1d/4d olive	.30	.18
75	1d/6d brown	.60	.45
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State and City.	Permit No.	Meter.	Type.	Denom.	User.
CALIFORNIA					
Los Angeles	10	——	C	2	
	12	1377	E	2	Post. Meter Co.
San Fran.	6	——	C	2	
CONNECTICUT					
Hartford	2	1359	E	2	Fuller Brush Co.
	2	1312	E	4	ditto
	2	1612	E	6	ditto
	3	——	C	2	G.Fox & Co.Inc.
	4	——	C	2	Hartfd.Elec.Co.
	4	——	CM	2	ditto
	6	1496	E	2	City of Hartford
	7	1477	E	1	AetnaLf.Ins.Co.
	7	1064	E	2	ditto
New Haven	3	——	B	2	Telephone Co.
	3	——	C	2	ditto
	3	1049	E	2	ditto
NOTE -- Delete previous list Type D.					
	4	——	C	2	WinchesterArms Co.
Stamford	1	1234	E	4	Post. Meter Co.
	1	1148	E	6	ditto
	1	1336	E	8	ditto
	1	1337	E	10	ditto
	1	1350	E	12	ditto
	2	1185	E	2	Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.
DIST. COLUMBIA					
Washington	2	——	B	2	S.KannsSonsCo.
	2	——	C	2	ditto
	3	1008	E	2	Ches. & Pot. Tel. Co.
	3	1166	E	2	ditto
NOTE—Delete Meter 1008, Type D, previous list.					
	4	1202	E	4	Nat. Geog. Soc.
	5	1229	E	1	Batt-Bates Co.
	5	1220	E	2	ditto
	6	1119	E	2	Woodward & Lothrop
	8	1385	E	1	Pathfinder Pub. Co.
	9	1363	E	2	Am.Sec. Tr. Co.
FLORIDA					
Jacksonville	1	——	C	2	Barnett Nat. Bk.
	2	——	C	2	Jacksonv.GasCo.
Tampa	1	1168	E	2	Thompson & Co.
ILLINOIS					
Chicago	1	1327	E	2	Post. Meter Co.
	1	1329	E	2	ditto
	4	1207	E	2	Marsh. Field Co.
	4	1210	E	2	ditto
	4	1366	E	2	ditto
	5	1000MM	E	2	ditto
	7	1141	E	2	Fed. Res. Bank
	7	1314	E	4	ditto
	8	1117	E	2	
	9	1191	E	2	Bell Teleph. Co.
	13	1198	E	1	E.J.Branch&Sn.
	13	1140	E	2	ditto
	14	1224	E	1	Butler Bros.
	14	1303	E	2	ditto
	15	1193	E	2	Commonwealth Ed. Co.
	16	1222	E	1	Walter Field Co.
	16	1036	E	2	ditto
	18	1208	E	2	H.M.Byllesby & Co.
	19	1228	E	1	Am.Bond & Mortgage Co.
	19	1214	E	2	ditto
	20	1400	E	2	Elmer Rich. Co.
	21	1221	E	2	E. F. Leland & Co.
	21	1221	E	2	Lamson Bros.
	22	1264	E	2	Wilson & Co.
	22	1248	E	4	ditto
	23	1282	E	2	Ill.Tr.& Sav.Bk.
	24	1318	E	2	Chicago Title & Tr. Co.
	24	1274	E	2	ditto
	24*	1318	E	2	Hart, Schaff & Marx
	25	1322	E	2	Cont. Casu. Co.
	25	1298	E	2	ditto
	26*	1274	E	2	Hart. Schaff. & Marx
	26	1274	E	2	Chic. Title & Tr. Co.
	27	1326	E	2	Gen. Mot. Accept. Corp.
	28	1091	E	2	Hubbard,S.Bart. & Co.
	29	1329	E	2	North. Tr. Co.
	30	1351	E	2	Harris Tr. Co.
	30	1003MM	E	2	ditto
	31	1360	E	2	Peabody Coal Co.
	32	1362	E	2	Gage Bros.& Co.
	33	1119	E	2	Camden Pet. Co.
	34	1453	E	1	Quaker Oats Co.
	34	1390	E	2	ditto
	35	1391	E	2	A. Stein & Co.
	37	1415	E	1	Babson Bros.
	37	1401	E	2	ditto
	39	1472	E	2	D. B. Fish & Co.
	40	1382	E	2	Loftis Bros.
	41	1455	E	1	Jackson Bros. & Co.
	41	1470	E	2	ditto
	42	1459	E	1	Chicago Bargain House
	42	1462	E	2	ditto
	43	1507	E	1	Dartnell Corp.
	43	1464	E	2	ditto
	44	1461	E	2	A.G.Becker&Co.
	45	1326	E	2	Rand, McNally & Co.
	46	1138	E	2	Allerton, Clarke Co.
	47	1450	E	1	Univ. Port. Cement Co.
	47	1499	E	2	ditto
	48	1501	E	2	Chase & Sanborn
	49	1483	E	2	Darling & Co.
	54	1000MM	E	2	Marsh. Field & Co.
	56	——	C	2	ditto
	64	——	C	2	Albert Dickinson Co.
	116	1230	E	1	Jas. E. Bennett & Co.
	116	1209	E	2	ditto
	2248	——	C	1	Chief Eng. Cook
	2248	——	C	2	ditto
	2530	——	C	2	Univ. of Chicago
	2530	——	C	12	ditto
Springfield	1	——	B	2	Auto Bureau
	3	1271	E	2	City Auditor
	4	1398	E	2	Bell Tel. Co.
INDIANA					
Indianapolis	1	——	C	2	Mer. Heat & Lt. Co.
	2	1289	E	2	Post. Meter Co.
IOWA					
Cedar Rapids	1	1229	E	1	Nat. Oats Co.
	1	1393	E	2	ditto
KANSAS					
Topeka	1	1467	E	2	Bell Tel. Co.
Wichita	1	——	B	2	Kans. Gas & Electric Co.
LOUISIANA					
New Orleans	2	1262	E	2	Fed. Res. Bank
	2	1246	E	4	ditto
	3	1302	E	2	Hibernia Bank
	3	1247	E	4	ditto
	35*	1153	E	2	D. H. Holmes & Co.
MARYLAND					
Baltimore	2*	——	B	2	HutzlerBros.Co.
	4	1242	E	2	Bell Tel. Co.
	5	1244	E	2	Baltimore Sun
	6	1241	E	2	Samuels & Co.
	7	1258	E	2	O'Neill & Co.
	8	1254	E	1	Belgiano Sd. Co.
	8	1304	E	2	ditto
	9	1353	E	2	Comm. Cred. Co.
	10	1325	E	2	Post. Meter.Co.
	12	——	B	2	Auto Bureau
MASSACHUSETTS					
Boston	2	——	C	2	City Depts.
	7	——	C	2	Telephone Co.
	11	——	C	2	J. Hancock Ins. Co.
	11	1321	E	2	ditto
	13	1346	E	2	City Coll. Dept.
	15	——	C	2	Wm. Filene's Sons Co.
	16	——	B	2	Tremont Tr. Co.
	18	1309	E	1	ChristianScience Co.
	18	1338	E	2	ditto
	19	1199	E	1	J. Marsh & Co.
	19	1177	E	2	ditto
	20	1206	E	2	Post. Meter Co.
	21	1205	E	2	E. H. Rollins & Son
	22	1060	E	2	Fed. Res. Bank
	22	1203	E	4	ditto
	23	1334	E	1	Mellin'sFoodCo.
	23	1212	E	2	ditto
	24	——	C	2	Dept. Pub. Wks.
	25	1085	E	2	Old Col. Tr. Co.
	25	1313	E	4	ditto
	25	1350	E	12	ditto
	26	1293	E	1	Hayden, Stone & Co.
	26	1317	E	2	ditto
	27	1261	E	2	First Nat. Bank
	27	1235	E	4	ditto
	28	1265	E	2	Am. Trust Co.
	28	1350	E	12	ditto
	31	——	C	2	Avon Envel. Co.
	34	1012	E	2	Boston Pub. Co.
	35	1522	E	2	Paine,Webber & Co.
	37	1460	E	2	N.E.M.Life Ins. Co.
	38	1485	E	1	Mass. Bond. & Ins. Co.
	38	1463	E	2	ditto
	38	1449	E	4	ditto
	61	1414	E	1	Sawyer Boot & Shoe Co.
	1034	——	B	2	Auto Bureau
Cambridge	17	——	C	2	Lever Bros. Co.
Chicopee Falls	2	——	B	2	Stevens-Duryea Inc.
Dorchester	7	1276	E	2	N. E. Tel. Co.
Worcester	1	——	C	2	Mass.Prot.Ass'n
MICHIGAN					
Detroit	1	1454	E	1	Det. Edison Co.
	1	1143	E	2	ditto
	2	——	C	2	Lee & Cady
	3	——	C	1	Mail-o-meter Co.
	3	——	C	2	ditto
	3	6MM	E	2	ditto
	4	——	C	2	Standart Bros.
	5	——	C	2	Buhl Sons Co.
	6	——	C	2	Hudson Mot.Co.
	8	——	C	2	Dime Sav. Bank
	9	——	C	2	S. S. Kresge Co.
	11	1342	E	2	Post. Meter Co
	11	1427	E	4	ditto
Grand Rapids	1	——	C	2	Masonic Lodge
Saginaw	1	——	C	2	Morley Bros.
MINNESOTA					
Duluth	1	1207	E	2	Marsh.Wells Co.
	2	1348	E	2	Am.Ex.Nat.Bk.
	3	1425	E	1	KlearflaxLooms, Inc.
	3	1392	E	2	ditto
	4	1408	E	2	Duluth Edis. Co.
	5	1411	E	2	Duluth Herald
Minneapolis	2	1252	E	1	Fed. Res. Bank
	3	1163	E	2	Post. Meter Co.
	4	1330	E	1	Northw.N.Bank
	4	1323	E	2	ditto
	5	1328	E	2	L.S.Donalds.Co.
	6	1502	E	2	Bell Tel. Co.
MISSOURI					
Kansas City	1	1233	E	4	Commer. Tr. Co.
	3	1182	E	2	Post. Meter Co.
	4	1213	E	2	Burnham. Munger, Root Co.
	5	1227	E	1	Fidelity Bank
	5	1215	E	2	ditto
	6	1211	E	2	Stern Bros.& Co.
	7	——	C	2	Ridenour-Baker Co.
	8	1306	E	1	Vanderslice Lynds Co.
	8	1286	E	2	ditto
	9	1191	E	2	Larabee Mills
	10	1140	E	2	Richards & Conover
	11	1324	E	2	T. H. Mastin Co.
	12	1254	E	1	Kansas Mills
	12	1347	E	2	ditto
	13	1363	E	2	Guar. Tr. Co.
	14	1417	E	1	K. C. Tel. Co.
	14	1381	E	2	ditto
	15	1376	E	2	G. M. Accept. Corp.
	251*	——	E	1	Gleason & Co.
St. Louis	3	——	B	2	Kinlock Tel. Co.
	5*	1098	E	1	Maher & Britt
	5	1098	E	1	Fouke Fur Co.
	5	1231	E	1	ditto
	5	1021	E	2	Maher & Britt
	5	1021	E	2	Fouke Fur Co.
	5	1354	E	2	ditto
	5	1418	E	3	ditto
	5	1428	E	4	ditto
	6	1231	E	1	Heine Boiler Co.
	6	1238	E	2	ditto
	6	1416	E	1	ditto
	7	1255	E	1	AbrahamFurCo.
	7	1259	E	2	ditto
	8	1251	E	1	Com'l Elec. Co.
	8	1267	E	2	ditto
	9	1273	E	2	Lib. Cen. Tr. Co.
	10	1256	E	2	Rice-Sha DG Co.
	11	1384	E	1	Fed. Res. Bank
	11	1277	E	2	ditto
	11	1296	E	4	ditto
	11	1149	E	6	ditto
	12	1295	E	1	Purina Mills
	12	1301	E	2	ditto
	14	1355	E	2	Ely & WalkerCo.
	14	1367	E	2	ditto
	15	1223	E	1	Cupples Co.
	15	1361	E	2	ditto
	16	1371	E	2	Post. Meter Co.
	16	1367	E	2	ditto
	16	1371	E	2	Maher & Britt
	16	1367	E	2	ditto
	17	1396	E	2	Telephone Co.
	19	1488	E	1	McCluney & Co.
	22	1345	E	2	Miss.Val.Tr.Co.
NEBRASKA					
Omaha	1	1492	E	2	First Nat. Bank
	2	1490	E	2	Omaha Nat. Bk.
	3	1493	E	2	U. S. Nat. Bank
	3	1448	E	4	ditto
NEW JERSEY					
Jersey City	2	1465	E	2	Colgate & Co.
Newark	3	——	C	2	Prud. Ins. Co.
	4	1218	E	2	H.W.Oppenheim
	5	——	C	2	L. S. Plaut & Co.
	6	1272	E	2	Pub. Serv. Elec. Co.
	7	1288	E	2	GlobeIndem.Co.
	8	1486	E	1	L. Bamberger & Co.
	8	1494	E	2	ditto
NEW YORK					
Albany	1	——	B	2	Auto Bureau
Brooklyn	1	——	C	2	Chas.Wms. Strs.
	4	1099	E	1	Abraham & Strauss
	5	1066	D	1	Fred. Loeser &
	5	1044	E	2	ditto
	9	1413	E	1	Knox Hat Co.
	10	1269	E	2	Mergenthaler L. Co.
	11	1469	E	2	Brewst.Pub.Co.
Buffalo	1	——	C	2	Wm.Henger.Co.
	5	——	C	2	A. H. Pike
	8	——	C	2	Buf. Gen. El. Co.
	8	——	C	1	A. H. Pike
Garden City	1	1198	E	1	Dbleday. & Page
	1	1279	E	2	ditto
Ithaca	3	——	C	2	Dairymans Lg.
Long Is. City	1	1144	E	2	Un. Carbide Co.
	2	1287	E	2	Nat. Carbon Co.
	3	1420	E	1	Durant Motors
	3	1339	E	2	ditto
	3	1299	E	4	ditto
N. Y. City	1	——	C	2	Am. Smelt. & Ref. Co.
	2	——	B	2	Empire Tr. Co.
	6	1057	D	5	Nat. City Bank
	7	1471	E	2	B. Altman & Co.
	9	8	D	2	Post. Meter Co.
	9	2	D	4	ditto
	9	1077	E	2	ditto
	10	1019	E	2	Ronald Press
	11	1291	E	1	James McCreery
	12	1040	E	1	McCall Pub. Co.
	13	1451	E	1	Rev. of Reviews
	14	——	B	2	Am.Tel.&Tel.Co.
	14	1444	E	12	ditto
	15	1025	D	2	Central Un. Tr..
	16	1195	E	2	Nat. City Co.
	18	——			Fulton Spec. Co.
	22	——	C	2	Metrop.Life Ins.
	23	——			Corp. Trust Co.
	24	——	B	4	Chem.Foundat'n
	25	1062	D	1	F. Simon & Co.
	25	1011	D	2	ditto
	26	1216	E	2	N.Y.Teleph.Co.
	26	1263	E	2	ditto
	27	1047	E	2	I. Kayser & Co
	28	10	D	2	H. Fisk & Sons, Inc.
	28	1008	D	2	ditto
	28	1006	D	4	ditto
	29	1051	D	4	Equit. Trust Co.
	29	1006	E	4	ditto
	30	1027	D	2	Nat. Surety Co.
	40	1056	D	1	Claflins [illegible]
	42	1026	E	2	N.E.Tire & Rub. Co.
	44	8	E	2	Cohen, Goldman & Co.
NOTE—Cross out Type D in our first list.					
	45	——	B	2	Pacific Oil Co.
	48	1093			This should be Type E instead of "D".
	58	——	C	2	Baer Bros.
	60	1005			This should be Type E instead of "D".
	61	——	C	2	Co.
	63	1475	E	1	G. P. Putnam's Sons
	63	1503	E	2	ditto
	69	1297	E	4	Nat'l Bk. C
	70	125	E	2	Intercont. Devel. Co.
	70	125	E	2	Pitney-Bow Co.
	72	1197	E	1	P.F.Collier
	74	1410	E	2	N. Y. Life I Co.
	75	1201	E	1	N.Y.& Cuba Co.
	75	1142	E	2	ditto
	76	1188	E	2	Spencer Tra Co.
	77	1412	E	1	Solomon Br & H.
	77	1164	E	2	ditto
	77	1147	E	4	ditto
	78	1217	E	2	Heywood,Br & Co.
	79	1200	E	1	Fidel.&Cas
	79	1167	E	2	ditto
	80	1162	E	2	F. H. Legg Co.
	81	1169	E	2	N. Y. Trust
	81	1204	E	4	ditto
	82	1226	E	1	LaneBryant
	82	1240	E	2	ditto
	83	1165	E	2	West.Un.T
	84	1457	E	1	S. W. Strau Co.
	84	1257	E	2	ditto
	84	1445	E	4	ditto
	85	1268	E	2	RoyalInder
	86	1223	E	1	United Ele & P. Co.
	86	1508	E	1	ditto
	86	1285	E	2	ditto
	87	1270	E	2	Gen. Motor cept. Cor
	88	1457	E	1	Cred.Clear
	88	1283	E	2	ditto
	89	1278	E	2	Fleitman &
	90	1292	E	1	Hecht Bros
	90	1284	E	2	ditto
	91	1294	E	1	Luckinbac Co.
	91	1320	E	2	ditto
	92	1138	E	2	S.H.& E.H.
	93	1412	E	1	Stewart &
	93	1319	E	2	ditto
	94	1308	E	1	Durant Co
	94	1341	E	2	ditto
	94	1109	E	4	ditto
	95	1333	E	1	Am. Bond Mort. C
	95	1343	E	2	ditto
	95	1446	E	4	ditto
	96	1138	E	2	Bankers T
	96	——	C	2	ditto
	99	1389	E	1	Gen. Mot.
	99	1304	E	2	ditto
	100	1423	E	1	Fox Film
	100	1349	E	2	ditto
	101	1387	E	1	McKinley,
	101	1373	E	2	ditto
	102	1388	E	1	W.H.Wis
	102	1388	E	1	G.P.Putn
	102	1375	E	2	W.H.Wis
	104	1374	E	2	G.L.Mille
	105	1402	E	2	Gen. Chen
	106	1423	E	1	H. L. Doh Co.
	106	1452	E	1	ditto
	106	1405	E	2	ditto
	107	1404	E	2	Peierle, B & Co.
	110	1489	E	1	Detmer, & M.
	110	1220	E	2	ditto
	111	1394	E	2	King Feat
	112	1409	E	2	S. B. Goo Rubber
	113	——	C	2	Pine Hill Co.
	114	1355	E	2	Jewish Da
	117	1399	E	2	J.S.Bache
	118	1504	E	2	Weiss &
	120	——	E	1	Nat.Liber Co.
	120	1529	E	2	ditto
	121	1525	E	2	Campe C
	123	1478	E	1	Crowley, Man
	123	1521	E	2	ditto
	124	1552	E	2	Nat. Reta Ass'n
	125	1482	E	2	N. Y. Edis
	174	——	C	2	Kaufmans
Rochester	1*	1307	E	1	Telephon
	1	1239	E	2	Post. Me
	1	1239	E	2	Telephon
	1	1245	E	2	ditto
	2	1239	E	2	Post. Me
	2	1245	E	2	Telephon
	2	1245	E	2	Post. Me
	3	——	C	1	Bercher
	4	1316	E	2	Bausch &
	5	1807	E	1	Rosenber & Co. (Fashi
	5	1310	E	1	ditto
	5	1357	E	2	ditto
	6	1500	E	2	Eastman
Troy	1	1281	E	2	Cluett, P Co.
OHIO					
Akron	1	1236	E	2	Bell Tel.
Cleveland	1	——	C	4	Union Tr
	1	1332	E	1	ditto
	1	1305	E	2	ditto
	1	1348	E	2	ditto
	1	1300	E	4	ditto
	3	——	C	2	The May
	4*	1243	E	2	Bell Tel.
	4	1368	E	2	ditto
	4	1315	E	4	ditto
	4*	1417	E	1	Federal
	4	1368	E	2	ditto
	4	1315	E	4	ditto
	4	1335	E	6	ditto
	6	1305	E	2	Post. M
	6	1403	E	2	ditto
	8*	1243	E	2	Bell Tel.
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	8	1315	E	4	ditto

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	174		C	2	Kaufman's Store
Reading	1	1476	E	1	Colon.Chem.Co.
	1	1344	E	2	ditto
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Norfolk	1	1307	E	1	Royster Guano Co.
	1	1542	E	2	ditto
Richmond	2	1037	E	2	Fed. Res. Bank
	2	1249	E	4	ditto
	3	1473	E	2	Commonwealth of Va.
	4	1527	E	2	Ches. & Ohio R. R. Co.
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Olympia	1	——	B	2	Auto Bureau
WEST VIRGINIA					
Charleston	1	1190	E	2	Telephone Co.
WISCONSIN					
Milwaukee	1	1219	E	2	Northwest. M. Life Ins.
	1	1232	E	4	ditto

AUTHOR'S NOTE.—Referring to the (*) above: (1) Chicago Title & Trust Co. with Hart, Schaffner & Marx is the reason for the confusion with Chicago permits No. 24 and No. 26. (2) D. H. Holmes & Co. used their Third Class Permit No. 35 at first and this was later changed to First Class Permit No. 1. (3) Hutzler Bros. Co. first used Type B as listed here, later they used Type C as included in our first check list. (4) Kansas City Permit No. 251. This is the only instance we have noted of a Third Class Permit having practically the same design as Type E without, of course, a meter number. (5) St. Louis, Permit No. 5. This permit was first used by the Southwestern Distributing Co. (Maher & Britt) agents for the Postage Meter Co. They transferred their permit as well as their machines to the Fouke Fur Co. Later Maher & Britt as well as the Postage Meter Co. mailed under Permit No. 16. (6) Rochester Tel. Co., after using permit No. 2, decided they wanted No. 1, so the Postage Meter Company exchanged with them. (7) The Bell Telephone Co. exchanged their permit with the Federal Reserve Bank, so like others above these two firms used both Permit No. 4 and No. 8.

As this check list is so extended we will not take up the space for separate lists of (1) meters, (2) users. We will later compile a list of meters, giving the movements of each, with the various dates of installation and discontinuance. This will be more valuable to collectors than any list published as it will give the exact length of time of use of the many meters that have been discontinued with original users and will include all obsolete varieties.

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One often sees Bismarck, N. D., spelled Bismark but I never dreamed that any precancels existed that way. Today I was very much astonished to run across a 5c perf. 11 in the current U-1 electro spelled Bismark. It is a "darb" of an error. Who else has one?

After flirting around with several varieties of type, Elizabeth, N. J., has now fallen in love with the handsome U-18.

Ottumwa, 2a., has appeared in new grab patterned after the new Lincoln, Nebr., electro.

The 13c Duluth has been out for some time but is a mighty elusive item and will cause some difficulty in completing sets. The 11c and 12c Duluth are quite hard to get.

The 50c from Mishawaka in Type II, Pittsfield, Mass., $1.00 and Hagerstown, Md., 50c, $1.00 and $1.00 double are new ones.

Hannibal comes before Carthage these days. At least in the precancel world, for Carthage, Mo., has just begun to precancel with a U-24 handstamp. We are aware that Hannibal, Mo., has issued precancels for some time past.

Muncie, Ind., finds a demand for high value precancels and we note the 30c up, 50c down, and $1.00 up coming in U-28, which is a handstamp. Also the $1.00 normal is the small type electro—U-14.

Elyria, Ohio, the home of "Elyrian Approvals," is a late addition. The 6c perf. 11 bore the precancellation of a type similar to U-4 to my sight.

Framingham, Mass., are coming inverted on a few values. Among them the 3, 20 and 50 cent stamps.

Flint, Mich., Type II, 15c dbl., Springfield, Ill., Type II 12c inv., Fairbury, Nebr., 3c up and dble. (1 nar., 1 up) are some more uncatalogued items, which are desirable.

Mr. E. M. Geiger, the well known Chicago collector, has shown me a copy of the 1c proprietary, First Issue, precancelled with a printed inscription as follows:—

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It is an interesting specimen and no doubt is of some value to the specialist in these issues.

Mr. Alvin Krause has just run across a Hika, Wis., 5c Pan-American issue. Hika, Wis., in plain caps and black ink reads diag. down in one line. Mr. Krause has also a Ft. Scott, Kans., 30c inv. perf. 12 that is another rare item of which he is fortunate to be the possessor.

Clarmon, Iowa, on the 1c precanceled in very small letters has been brought to my attention by Mr. John W. Grim of Timberville, Va.

Mr. Grim also has shown me the following:—4c Gren Loch, N. J.; 3c Ottawa, Ill.; 2c Lodi, N. J.; 5c Piedmont, W. Va.; 6c Reidsville, W. Va., and 1c Massilon, O.

We have a Schleswig in this country, it being located in Iowa. I recently inspected a copy of the 4c perf. 12, precancelled in bright purple ink: "Schleswig, Iowa," between lines. The inscription read up. Mr. Grim kindly forwarded me the copy for inspection.

Norristown, Pa., is the latest city to adopt the new electro-type, U-18.

The new issue is becoming quite general in use. I have the 5c from Baltimore and 10c from Chicago and Cincinnati in the current types.

Fresno, Cal., 6c and Stockton, Cal., 12c, are two scarce double prints reported by E. T. Munroe of Big Creek, Cal.

Wauwatosa, Wis., is precanceling with a handstamp of the U-21 type. I have the 6, 9, 10, 11 cent, and 6 and 8 cent double print.

I am anxious at all times to hear from fellow collectors with notes of interest. Address me at 521 So. 4th St., Grand Forks, N. Dak.

BOOK REVIEW

We have received from the Metropolitan Stamp Co., 7 W. 42 St., N. Y. City, what is described as a price-list of the postage stamps of Nicaragua, but one cannot peruse its twenty-four pages without feeling that it is deserving of a higher ranking than a mere price-list. True, the stamps of the country are priced, but this feature will make the book of interest to specialists in the stamps of this country. Scott's catalog numbers are used and the completeness of the varieties, as listed by this firm, indicates thoroughness in the preparation of the book. It can, no doubt, be obtained upon application.

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(*Continued from page 258, 1922*)

CHAPTER III.

British Central Africa Protectorate Issues.

ISSUE VII.—The term for which the British South Africa Company had agreed to contribute towards the cost of the administration of the territory being near expiration, and other causes, brought Sir Harry Johnston home to England in April, 1894. The time had come when the development of the Protectorate required its administration to be placed on a thoroughly sound basis, and it was necessary for Her Majesty's Government to consider the financial provision requisite for the future maintenance of the Protectorate.

Sir Harry spent the summer and autumn in England making these arrangements, the results of which were that the Civil Service was thenceforth efficiently organised, and the South Africa Company's subsidies were devoted to the administration of the Company's own territory; the direct administration of which was taken over by Sir Harry Johnston in 1895.

The Civil Service of the Protectorate and the Postal Service, Sir Harry tells us, were put on a satisfactory footing. A postage stamp was designed and issued. The design of this is attributed to Sir Harry himself, and it is an adaptation of the heraldic emblems which he designed with the assistance and advice of Sir Albert Wood. The Coat of Arms, which forms the central device, is thus described by their originator:—

"It may be described as a shield sable, with a pile or, and over all a fimbriated cross argent, bearing an inescutcheon gules on which is imprinted the Royal Arms in or. The shield is poised on an outspread map of Africa; supporters, two negroes, one carrying a pick and the other a shovel; crest, a coffee tree in full bearing; motto, 'Light in darkness.' Put in plain language, the shield is intended to illustrate our three colours, black, yellow, and white, with a touch of the English red. Into the sable mass of Africa I have driven a pile (wedge) of Indian yellow. Over all is the white cross, representing, in its best significations, the all-embracing white man. The inescutcheon of English red shows the Arms of the protecting Power. The motto, 'Light in darkness,' was the suggestion of the late Sir Percy Anderson."

Want of funds in 1894 compelled Sir Harry to adopt a rather cheap and inferior issue of stamps. The central device is the Coat of Arms printed all in black on a background of (except in the 1d value, which is all black) coloured lines. A curved white band at the top contains, in letters of the same colour as the frame, BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA, and on a coloured band appear in white letters on a ground of colour the words, POSTAGE & REVENUE. In the values up to 1s the value is expressed in uncoloured figures in a coloured tablet in each of the two lower angles. In the higher values, which are all of the large type, the value is expressed in words in a long coloured tablet extending across the bottom of the stamp.

The stamps were printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., of London, on unwatermarked paper, and perforated 14.

The stamps were first announced as issued or expected in the *Monthly Journal* for June, 1895, and the announcement is confirmed in the issue of the same journal for July, 1896. According to the *London Philatelist* (IV., 328), the £25 value had not been issued up till late in 1895.

There are eleven denominations in the set, 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 1sh, 2s6d, 3sh, 5sh, £1, £10 and £25, all of which were for the double duty of postage and revenue.

It would appear that the new stamps were limited in their use to the Protectorate proper, and that the old B.C.A. stamps were continued in use in the British South Africa Company's territory. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. received the following letter on this subject from the British South Africa Company:—

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I am, dear sirs,
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(Signed) HERBERT CANNING,
Secretary."

ISSUE VIII.—In reference to the issue just described, the following letter was received by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., in answer to one addressed by them to the Crown Agents for the Colonies:—

"28th November, 1895.

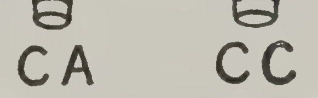
BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Gentlemen,—In reply to your letter of the 25th November, I have to state that the new issue of stamps, postcards, and envelopes for the Protectorate of the values mentioned in our letter of the 20th June last, were manufactured by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., under the direct instructions of the Commissioner when he was in England, in the latter part of 1894, and before we became Agents for the Protectorate.

We are not aware whether the new stamps will become a permanent issue, but we have pointed out to the Commissioner the desirability of printing stamps on watermarked paper.

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) E. E. BLAKE."

The recommendation referred to in the above letter was duly followed by the authorities, and in or about February, 1896, the stamps described in the previous chapter began to be issued on watermarked paper. The watermark was the Crown CA design for the small sized stamps, values 1d to 1sh, and Crown CC (sideways) for the large stamps, 2s6d to £25. All the values in the previous set are repeated in the watermarked series. The colours are almost identical, except the £1, the frame colour of which was changed from orange-yellow to ultramarine, the only other notable change in shades being a deeper orange for the frame of the 4d.



The stock of unwatermarked stamps remaining in the Protectorate was destroyed after the new issue on watermarked paper had been received.

ISSUE IX.—Want of funds has been given as the reason for the tawdry designs of the 1895 issue, and a grant from the Treasury is responsible for the issue by the local authorities of a series with an improved design in 1897. The new stamps were modelled somewhat upon the same lines as their predecessors, but the central device of the Coat of Arms is on a white, shield-shaped background, which throws it into greater prominence.

The original drawings were prepared by the firm of De La Rue & Co., and were probably submitted on July 13, 1896. We illustrate the drawing in colours of the low value stamps in the accepted design, but it will be noticed that the central device has been slightly reduced in the issued stamp. Even in the issued stamp it is a trifle too large for the opening. A suggested design for the larger stamps (high values) is also illustrated, but the issued large stamps are fashioned on the same lines as the small ones. The colour scheme of the drawing, with the value TWO SHILLINGS (an issued denomination), is lilac for the whole of the stamp except the value tablet, which is green.

The issued stamps have the centre (Arms) in black, and a frame design in colour. A single arched band of colour at the top has the inscription BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA in white elongated sans serif lettering for the high values. The words POSTAGE & REVENUE (on either side of the shield) are in coloured sans serif and serif capitals for low and high values respectively. The value is expressed in the low values by figures of white on a tablet of colour at the base of the shield, and in the high values in words of white lettering on a coloured tablet across the bottom of the stamp.

There are no very prominent variations in shade. The ultramarine colour of the 1d and 2s6d is found in pale and deep shades, and the yellow colour of the £10 is to be found in a pale and deep yellow.

The issue was announced in the *London Philatelist,* June, 1897 (VI, 168), and it is there stated that on the receipt of the new stamps the remainders of the previous issue were burnt by order of the authorities.

The paper is the same as before watermarked CA and CC, but the CC watermark is upright instead of sideways. The perforation is 14. The denominations were 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 6d, 3s, 4s, £1 and £10. The 3s stamp was withdrawn in 1899, and a 10s stamp was added to the series in the same year. [*Vide* 2nd Edition, *B.C.A. Postal Guide,* 1899].

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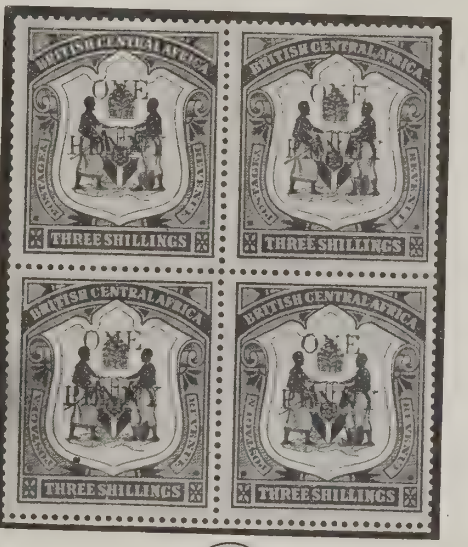

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By Warner Bates.

(Address Mr. Bates, 152 Lisbon St., Buffalo, N. Y., if you have anything of interest along the lines of this suggestion.—W. O. W.)

One branch of philately, it seems to me, has been somewhat neglected by the philatelic press. I speak of the art of specialization in the lower values of early U. S. Right away the editors will arise to refute me. Have they not published articles galore on the subject of minor varieties and cancellations on the 3 cent 1851-57, the 3 cent '61, the 2 cent black Jack, the three cent green Washington, the three cent vermilion, etc., etc., etc.? Are there not dozens of books on the subject? I admit it all. Without doubt just as much as has been published regarding these low value stamps issued before 1890, as about any other class of United States Stamps, and probably more. But when I say they have been neglected, I mean relatively.

To my mind the attention given a certain subject by a class magazine should depend upon the proportion of its subscribers who are interested in it. It is my contention that many specialize to some extent at least in one or more of the low value stamps issued by the United States Government and that they would appreciate greatly a weekly forum on the subject. Therefore, I propose to the editor of Mekeel's that he set aside each week one column of that valuable magazine for the free discussion by specialists in early United States of the problems that confront them daily.

Such a department would be of inestimable value. Collectors could describe their latest finds in minor varieties, the relative scarcity of certain varieties and cancellations, ask questions about matters that puzzle them and, in general, cooperate with each other to the benefit of all. In this way every specialist would have something to look forward to in every issue of the magazine, and the information compiled in such a department could be kept and in time would be a storehouse of knowledge on the subject of greater importance than any booklet yet published treating of these issues.

If the editor of Mekeel's agrees with me, he may publish this letter and ask his readers for their co-operation in the work. I am sure it will be cheerfully forthcoming and I, for one, will be glad to help out from time to time. Just to start the ball rolling and illustrate just the kind of a department I mean, I append one or two notes on the subject.

Recently, in going over a lot of the one cent ultramarine, continental and bank note issues, I found two interesting double transfers, description of which follows:—

Double transfer on one cent slate blue, 1873 (Scott's No. 156). Right hand tip and appendage of upper left arabesque above the "P" of Postage doubled. Entire right hand arabesque above the "TAGE" of Postage shows double lines distinctly. "E" of Postage slightly doubled. Support of left hand arabesque doubled at the bottom. Scroll work at bottom enclosing "One 1 Cent" is doubled at left above "O" of one. The larger lower left hand ornament and the bottom one of the four pearls that surmount it shows double lines. The shift shows slightly in the letters of "one" and at the very bottom of the stamp.

Figure "1" is strongly doubled and traces of the shift show in the three pearls on either side of "1." "C" of Cent shows strong double at right and "ent" shows traces of shift. Bottom part of lower ornament at right of "Cent" is strongly doubled, a broken curved line extending into the white space below the design. There is also a straight diagonal line in the upper part of this lower ornament. This line does not conform to the curve of the sides of the ornament and it is hard to understand how it could have been made by the die.

The stamp in question has a straight edge but is otherwise fine, nicely centered, no defects and with a violet-blue target cancellation.

Double transfer on the one cent greenish blue, yellowish soft paper, 1879, Scott's No. 182. Almost the entire arabesque above "U. S." and the "P" of Postage, including the pearl, is strongly doubled. Upper part and pearl of upper right hand arabesque above "TAG" of postage doubled. Some of the letters of "U. S. Postage" show traces of the shift. Thickness of the vertical lines of the entire stamp indicate that they may be slightly shifted. Trace of shift shows in the arabesque at the right immediately below the "E" of Postage.

The large lower left-hand ornament to the left of and above and below the "O" of One is strongly doubled all over and the pearls above it show traces of the shift. Scroll work at bottom enclosing "One" is double, "O" of One is double at right and other letters show trace of shift, especially at the top of the letters. Figure "1" is doubled at the top. Upper scroll enclosing "Cent" is double and shift shows at top of letters of "Cent." Background inside the scrolls enclosing "One 1 Cent" is badly blurred, probably due to the shift.

Lower right hand ornament to the right of and above and below "Cent" is strongly doubled. Pearls above this ornament are doubled more strongly than the corresponding pearls at the lower left of the stamp. So strong is the shift here that only three white pearls show instead of four as usual while above the top pearl there is the entire outline of another pearl superimposed over the vertical lines forming the background of the design. The lines of shading on Franklin's cheek are well shifted.

SYRACUSE STAMP CLUB DINNER.

In the dining hall of the Chamber of Commerce the Syracuse Stamp Club held its fourth annual dinner last evening. The affair was enjoyed by some 50 members and by delegations of stamp lovers from Utica, Oswego and Cortland.

The guest of honor was Dr. John B. Howe, editorial writer of *The Herald*, who addressed the diners after the close of their feast.

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By HERMAN W. BOERS.

The ninth annual banquet of the Michi- n Stamp Club was held Saturday eveng, March 17, in the Wolverine Hotel, etroit, some forty members attending. rig.-Gen. C. A. Coolidge, ex-president the A. P. S., and C. F. Heyerman, esident of the A. P. S., were guests of nor. The menu was excellent, with enty of eats and smokes for all, and as heartily enjoyed.

Pres. E. Preston Hoskins acted as astmaster and delivered the address of elcome. Dr. W. L. Babcock spoke on ndition of stamps and selected the nerican and Continental issues of 70-3. He spoke of the scarcity of ese in blocks and surprised many who ought they were rather plentiful.

C. F. Heyerman gave a general talk th particular reference regarding the cent decision of Congress permitting e illustration of U. S. stamps.

Gen. Coolidge spoke on early collecting Detroit. When he came to the city ere was no society and through his forts the Detroit Philatelic Society was ganized. He congratulated the Michi- n Stamp Club on its membership and nding in philately.

Other speakers were Karl Koslowski, E. Scott, Charles Keller and Wm. F. atcher. The club's poet, C. H. Holden, nd a special poem entitled "Silas Green Greentop." A number of imaginary legrams were read by Pres. Hoskins d caused much fun. J. B. Rood gave vocal selection, assisted by F. Bott at e piano. Congratulations from Adolph nnel were read.

An auction sale conducted by Karl slowski contained many choice stamps d good prices were realized. The comittee in charge was J. E. Scott, C. A. hite and A. Hutchinson. It was a big ccess.

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By GUY R. CROUCH.

(Louis G. Barrett sends us this article taken from the "Stamp Lover," calling attention to the fact that the WEEKLY has erroneously stated that the use of these stamps was confined to the United States. Mr. Pike's references to the use of meter stamps in foreign countries has special application to Germany, where permit marks and not meter marks were being used.—W. O. W.)

In May, 1922, the Postmaster-General for the first time sanctioned the use in Great Britain by private firms of franking machines to denote prepayment of postage. Although machines of this kind have been in use in the United States and in New Zealand for over ten years, they are a complete innovation so far as this country is concerned. The makers of the machines hope in time to revolutionise the present methods of prepaying postage, and at least to hasten the return of penny postage, if not to bring about the abolition of the penny stamp!

The authority for the Postmaster-General's action is known as the Inland Post Amendment (No. 25) Warrant, 1922. Under this Warrant a license is granted to the intending user, giving him permission to use the machine under certain conditions, the chief of which are as follows:

1. Officers of the Post Office must set and seal the meter machine at the amount of postage prepaid before it is used, and the keys must be kept at a specified Post Office.
2. Impressions of the stamp must be made only on the actual packet, and not on pieces of paper to be affixed to the packet.
3. The name and address of the user to be printed or embossed on all covers franked.
4. Packets franked to be tied in bundles, each denomination in a separate bundle.
5. Packets franked to be posted by handing them over the counter at a specified Post Office, accompanied by a posting docket in a prescribed form.
6. Packets marked by the machine and posted in any other way will be regarded as unpaid, and surcharged.

Each licence bears an impression from the machine to which it relates.

The machines are not supplied direct to users by the Post Office. They are of two patterns, supplied respectively by the Postage Meters and Machines Co., of 56 Kingsway, London, W.C.2, and Universal Postal Frankers, Ltd., of 346 Strand, London, W.C.2. The former company's machines are made in the United States, and have been in use there for over ten years. In the latter case the machines are British made, and have been successfully used in New Zealand for about the same period.

A description of the Universal Postal Franker, as the latter machine is called, will, no doubt, suffice for both.

This machine will frank and postmark (with date), ready for despatch, from one to forty thousand letters *per hour,* at the same time automatically metering the exact amount expended in postage. It is provided with six dies of different values, usually ½d, 1d, 1½d, 3d, 6d and 1sh, any denomination desired being brought into operation by a small indicating handle. Simultaneously, a cancellation mark and postmark, showing the district and date of postage, are impressed. The frank-stamps may be operated independently of the cancellation and postmark, which may be subsequently applied as and when desired.

The exact amount of postage expended is automatically indicated and recorded by a meter permanently attached to the interior of the machine, which keeps its accounts so infallibly and accurately that they will be accepted, without question, as "correct" by the Post Office.

A detachable meter (fitted to each machine and automatically synchronising with the meter included in the machine itself) is sealed and set at the district Post Office to such amount as is prepaid by the user. When this amount has been exhausted, the machine automatically locks itself, and cannot be further operated until the meter has been re-set by the Post Office and replaced by the user in the machine.

The machine is at present manufactured in four types:

(1) Hand machine, capacity 1,000-3,000 envelopes per hour.

(2) Electrically driven, capacity 2,000-6,000 per hour.

(3) High-speed, automatic, capacity 15,000-24,000 per hour.

(4) Extra high-speed, capacity 20,000-40,000 per hour.

The machines supplied by the Postage Meters and Machines Co., which are known as the "Pitney-Bowes" Postage Meter Machines, have a separate meter for each denomination, so that the value of the stamps impressed cannot be changed from time to time, as in the case of the "Universal Postal Franker."

The design of the actual frank-stamp impressed by both patterns of machine is substantially the same, having been submitted to, and approved by, the postal authorities. It contains the value in words above, and the words "Postage Paid" below a tablet bearing the name "Great Britain," with the number of the machine in the centre. This is enclosed in a circular frame, outside which the value is repeated in figures in a square frame at each of the four corners. The frank-stamp is always impressed in red ink.

The date stamp varies with the two patterns of machine.

The Pitney-Bowes machine marks have seven short wavy lines on each side of the frank-stamp, with a circular date stamp on the left. This consists of a double circular frame with the date in two lines in the centre and the name of the district office and district initials between the circles. The whole is impressed in red.

The first Pitney-Bowes machine was "set" on the 5th September, 1922. At the time of writing (Jan., 1923) five of these machines are in use in London, viz.:—

No. 1. LONDON, W.C.2—Used by the Postage Meter and Machines Co., Ltd.
No. 2. LONDON, E.C.1—Used by the Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd.
No. 3. KENSINGTON, W.8—Used by Messrs. John Barker & Co., Ltd., Kensington.
No. 4. KENSINGTON, W.8—Used by Messrs. Derry & Toms, Kensington.
No. 5. LONDON, W.1—Used by Messrs. J. Lee, Ltd., 40-41 Conduit St., W.1.

Two further Pitney-Bowes machines are also about to be installed as follows:—

No. 6. By Messrs. Cadbury Bros., Bourneville, Birmingham.
No. 7. By Messrs. J. S. Fry & Sons, Bristol.

No. 1 machine has meters impressing stamps of the ½d, 1½d and 2d values, while Nos. 2-7 have at present only ½d and 1½d meters.

The "Universal Postal Franker" marks are usually impressed in black, and consist of 6 or 7 wavy lines on the left of the frank-stamp (which is in red); the lines are broken on the right to admit the name of the district office and the district initials, with the date between, in three lines. The remainder of the lines may be broken to admit any "slogan" or advertising device desired by the user. Machines of this type have been ordered by Roneo, Ltd., and other well-known firms, who will shortly bring them into use and advertise themselves by means of the postmarks on their correspondence.

At present only one machine of this type is in actual use in London, being that used by the Universal Postal Frankers, Ltd., themselves, and its impressions bear the slogan, "Stop stamping, try franking." This machine is No. 1. A "specimen" mark from machine No. 57 is also illustrated.

The development of the use of these machines will doubtless bring into being a large variety of advertisement and "slogan" postmarks, but to whatever extent they are used by large firms in the future, it will be a very long time before the adhesive is superseded by the "postage meter frank-stamp."

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF SOVIET RUSSIA.

By EDWARD E. GOODCHILD.

One of the chief and most cherished Soviet communistic doctrines was that of "free postage." Envelopes in Moscow to various parts of the world are to be found (I have several such specimens in my collection) with the P. C. O. crossed with an I. C. and P. which in the Russian language is R. S. F. S. R. or, as Scott says, may be "Rossiikaya. Sozialisticheskaya. Fedrationaya. Soviets kaya. Respublika," but which in plain and sane English is "Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic," followed with the wording translated into English reads "The people's commissariat of minority Nationalists affairs." This wording is usually found in violet applied by a rubber stamp. Letters dealt with in this manner being sent to the official representatives of the Soviet administration in the country, such letter or letters were intended for delivery.

Evidently this system was found good in theory but not in practice, as very shortly after it was decided by the powers that be at Moscow to make a charge of ten thousand roubles but for registration purposes only.

Even this system was found to be impracticable, so the Russian Soviet officials decided to modify this, like many of their other communistic principles and make a charge for payment of postage.

After going back on their "free postage" declaration many and varied have been the postage stamps emanating from Soviet Russia. The first attempt for the issuing of postage stamps was made about August, 1920. Curious designs were submitted, two of the values bearing portraits of Karl Marz and Lenin, but there is no record of these being issued for postal purposes, possibly due to the fact that the self appointed Czar of all Russians at least had the sense to realise that this would be an affront to the multitudes to whom he had promised a paradise on earth free from the rule of the Autocrat, yet without knowledge of the future under the régime of the untried Democrat.

It was not however until the middle of 1921, that the first series of stamps issued by Soviet authority made their appearance. They were printed at the Moscow mint in July, 1921, and placed on sale at the General Post Office in the same City about the 10th of August, and reported having all been sold in less than three days. These, the first series of Soviet postage stamps, consists of five values. One, two, five, twenty and forty roubles each. The one rouble yellow brown, two rouble brown, both having the design of the scythe, plow and bundle of sheaves. The five rouble blue with hammer and anvil. All three appear in several shades, and on thick and thin papers. The twenty rouble in two distinct shades of blue and on very thin, also wove paper, whilst the forty rouble showing a dragon appeared in two sizes, 37½mm and 38½mm, varying in shades from light to dark slate.

Fifteen days elapsed before further specimens were issued. On August, the 25th, three more values appeared, the 100 rouble orange, same design as the one rouble, the 250 rouble violet with a design of an open book and a Lyre.

Some say that the later is the most symbolical of all Soviet issues, and probably issued in place of that intended with the portrait of Lenin. Last, that of the 1,000 rouble rose, similar in design to the five rouble. All three values appeared in many shades and on various papers.

During the following month of September, the 250 rouble appeared in a rather reddish violet and on a distinctly different paper, same being in thickness identical to the paper used for cigarette purposes. About the same time the 100 rouble made its appearance in a lemon-yellow shade and three more additional values were added. The 200 rouble brown, the 300r green, both of the design as of the one, two and 100 rouble denominations and a 500r blue, similar in design as the five and 1,000r issues.

The 300 rouble green is known showing a double strike on the left outer frame, but is extremely rare thus.

As with all previous issues these later three values appear on various papers and in several shades.

Owing to an increase in postal rates, due to the further shrinkage in the value of the rouble, these last issues were authorised and sold for ten times their face value and served for franking purposes, two thousand, three thousand and five thousand roubles each.

What may be termed the third issue were the commemorative stamps issued on the fourth day of October, 1921, to commemorate the fourth Anniversary of Soviet rule. There are three values, all of one design, in denominations of 100 roubles yellow brown, 250r darkish violet and 1,000r rose. These were followed on the last day of the year of 1921, by a special issue of Charity stamps, these being issued on behalf of the starving people of the Volga. The full set consists of four stamps, but all being of the same face value, viz.:—2,250 roubles each. Two hundred and fifty roubles being for postage and 2,000 for charity. All are imperforate printed on papers of varying thickness and in colours of brown, red and green whilst the fourth is of blue.

A second issue for charity was made this time on the Kerensky sword in the hand type of 1918, this issue being surcharged with P. C. O. crossed with and I. C. and P., 250+250 on the 35k and 100+100 on the 70k, half of the sum derived from the sales being paid to charity and the balance retained for postal charges. There are six varieties, each surcharge being in three different colours. Black, red, and brick on the 35k, and red blue and black on the 70k.

With the coming new year further specimens made their appearance being the one, two, five and twenty roubles surcharged 5,000 roubles and the forty ble surcharged 10,000. All of these charges appear both in red or bl This issue like its predecessors, was s out of commission due to further vance in postal charges. A 7,500 i made its appearance similar in col and design of the 20r, being follo immediately by a 22,500r issue in vi on buff, which in turn was followed a 5,000 and 10,000 new rouble issue, a further surcharge issue of 7,500 on 250r issue in blue and black inks, former being by far the more sca of the two. Specimens of the 5,0 7,500r and the 10,000r values are t found both on watermarked and watermarked papers and the surcha issues of 10,000 on 40r slate also app on both papers.

During the month of April, famine relief stamps were issued whilst they are not repudiated by Soviet authorities, they ordered the of same to be stopped, so what is kn as the Rostov-on-Don issue are pu speculative and may eventually ceas find a home in the catalogue. L quantities of what are known as "famine stamps of Odessa," were a this time placed on sale. The S Government repudiate same and they are common forgeries.

A decree issued during July of guaranteeing delivery of all letters ing postage stamps of the late Czar's gime, led to some of these issues sold at fabulous prices (in Soviet bles) and the old Empire stamps 1909-17 of the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10 an Kop. and the 1, 3½, 5, 7 and 10 r values both imperf. and perforated menced to be freely used. Each Ko however, being given a franking in Soviet roubles of—kindly hold breath, please—ten thousand roubles A Kopeck was a fiftieth part of a ro

A further use of these issues also made. On the 19th of Au "The day of Philately" there was in the Moscow General Post Offi sale for the benefit of the starving dren under the auspices of Stamp lecting Societies, etc., and the va values of this issue were surcharge C. O. crossed with an I. C. and P 8.22, and all stamps were sold at *times* their *postal* value and thus we a one Kopeck of the old régime ing fifty thousand roubles, or to the matter more clear a one cent s was sold for twenty-five thousand lars. It is also reported that the 7k scarcest of this particular surcharge sue, realised seventeen million five dred thousand Soviet roubles, app mately in good honest to goodness lars and cents about "Five bu September did not bring forth any issues or further advance in charges, but rumors were abroad the new commemorative stamps we be issued in October.

True to prediction the promised to commemorate the fifth anniversa Soviet rule made their appearance, 5r orchre and black, 10r brown black, 25r violet and black, 27r ros black, 45r blue and black. Whet was because of the future outlook considered black it is hard to state one will note that this colour was on all the denominations of this likewise the design was the same on value. The design depicts an a naked stonemason having carved a with the usual lettering P. C. O., cr by I. C. and P., followed by the fi 1917—1922 has returned to tne one of the 1922 and with up-raised appears to be commencing to strike at the figure one of the 1922 date. begins to wonder if this is inten or an ominous warning that before are through, Russia under its leaders will be back to the state of zation which existed nineteen hu and twenty two years ago.

About the same time as the comm rative stamp was issued, there was on sale at the General Post Offi Moscow, the highest single value the world has ever known. It i 100,000 ruble surcharged on the issue, and is to be found both o d thick papers: This, strange to say, as followed almost immediately by a rther surcharge issue of 20r on the k, Imperial issue and 40r on the 15k. oth have a five point star surcharge in dition to the value with the usual P. O. C. and P., one letter in each corner the star.

A motor car, aeroplane, train and eamship were the designs used on a t of Charity Stamps issued towards e close of the year, depicting the varis methods used in transporting the ail. They are printed in violet and ie, two shades of each. They bear the S. F. S. R. with wording at the botm "For the Hungry." Each stamp as sold for 250,000 rubles, of which nount 50,000 went to charity and the nainder for postal charges.

The 45r of the commemorative issue s further been ornamented with an roplane in red. The 35k issue of 1918, pears with a four lined surcharge and Ukrainian trident is to be found on rious of the Imperial Kopeck issues.

It is somewhat difficult to hazard a ess as to the reason for laying aside the emblems of labour and peace, t if the very latest of the Soviet issues an indication of what is to come, then may expect stamps depicting warchines, etc. A "Red" soldier adorns latest 50 and 100r issue.

How the mighty have fallen! To ote a Chicago daily of a short while o "The Bolsheviki Governors must ngratulate themselves on their success devaluing Russia's money, and the rth of their money seems to be a ry reliable index to the worth of their vernment." Nevertheless such issues ve created world wide interest and bably have done more to discredit viet administration than any other ion of theirs.

Never were stamps of such large demination and varying designs and surarges ever seen before. Original vers bearing such issues have been d up to ridicule throughout the World. ecimens which I have, bear postage the value of tens of millions. Whole eets of stamps, in one instance six nplete sheets on one letter. Envelopes ide from the sheets torn from acunt books, official records, pages from ldrens' school maps. All bear testiony to the failure of a system that s supposed to usher in the millennium, t which, as we know, has brought nothg but misery and starvation to millions our fellow human beings in far off veit Russia.

ROSES AND POSTAGE STAMPS.

Near the village of L'Hay on the outrts of Paris is located the Roserie of Hay, the greatest rose garden in the rld. For over two centuries, a vacan spot for wealthy Parisians, it is w the property of Mme. Gravereaux. e gardens cover about five acres and ntain from eight to ten thousand distct varieties of roses. Twelve great ts show in order the gradual evolun of roses from their earliest exples down to the present date. Those plot number one being identical with roses mentioned in descriptions of uquets of the Roman emperors, those the last plot the very latest developnt of the world's rose growers.

As a finishing touch to his work, M. avereaux established a Rose museum which are collected everything obtnable dealing with roses or inspired their beauty and form—woven fabrics, na, sculptures, paintings, metal work, od carvings, books, etc., and—as you y have guessed—a collection of post stamps showing roses in the designs.

R. McP. CABEEN.

BOOK REVIEW.

We are indebted to George W. Angers a copy of the Collectors' Digest conning a check list of authorized and authorized air mail services in the ited States from 1910 to date. The icle was written by Mr. Angers and s and describes some 150 varieties. ice 10c, from A. H. Pike, Sta. G, ffalo, N. Y.

FOURTH ANNUAL HOUSECLEANING

Below you will find some interesting items priced to sell quickly. Of many we have but one copy — so let us hear from you promptly. Your money will be promptly refunded in case we are sold out, or if on receiving the items ordered, you decide they are not worth our price. We have tried to be very careful in the descriptions—all stamps are good used copies unless otherwise noted. Now is the time to hunt BARGAINS!

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NEW SET 1, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 75c, 1, 2, 10Frs, 15 vals., Fine mint sets	1.95
GERMAN OCC. Nos. 702-3-4-13 to 17, used, each	.02
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1fr on 80pf, No. 710, mint, .20; No. 722, mint	.50
1fr 25c on 1Mk, No. 711, used, $1; No. 723, used	.50
2fr 50c on 2Mk, No. 712, used or *, 1.25; No. 724*	1.00
6F 25c on 5Mk, No. 725, 2.50; 75c on 60pf, No. 721*	.60
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BRUNSWICK 3sgr, No. 3, very nice used copy, small even margins, cat. $30.00	11.75
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CEYLON 1d, No. 3, nice copies, used, cat. $3	1.25
2d, No. 4, fine used, cat. $6..	2.85
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CHINA, 5 DOLLARS, No. 74, * O. G., cat. $10	4.00
DANISH WEST INDIES, No. 1A, fine used	3.25
GERMANY N. G. Pos. Dist., ⅓g, No. 2, used, cat. .40	.18
5gr, No. 6, used, .14; 1kr, No. 7, used	.45
½s, No. 12, good copies unused, cat. $3	.75
Off. in Turkey, 20pa on 10pf, No. 2, *, no gum	1.25
1pi on 20pf, No. 3, *, o. g., cat. $3..	1.00
2½pi on 50pf, No. 6, * o. g., cat. $10	2.50
GREECE 1L, No. 1, fine used copy, but has crease at top, cat. 17.50	7.00
2L, No. 2, very good copies, used or mint, cat. $3	1.25
5L, No. 3, fine used, small margin R. & B., cat. $8	3.50
1L, No. 8, fine mint, small margins, cat. $4	1.75
5L, No. 10, fine mint, tiny creased cor.	4.00
5L, No. 10, fine used, small margins, cat. 3.50	1.50
40L, No. 13, fine used, cat. $6	2.60
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HAMBURG 1s, No. 14A, Mint, cat. 2.50	.75
1¼s, No. 15A, Mint, cat. $3	1.00
2½s, No. 17A, unused, O. G., cat. $6	1.90
3s, No. 19A, unused o. g., cat. $5.00, slightly soiled	1.35
1½s, No. 25, used, slightly thin, cat. $7.50	1.25
HANOVER 1/30th, No. 3, fine unused, cat. $10	3.65
1/10th, No. 6, v. fine Mint, cat. $15 ..	5.50
1/10th, No. 8, used, no margins L. or R., cat. $7.50	2.50
1/15th, No. 13, unused, part O.G., cat. $9	3.00
3Pf, No. 17, Mint, nice margins, cat. $15.00	7.50
½g, No. 18, good unused, slight crease, cat. $9	2.85
HAWAII 13c, No. 6, O. G., cat. $20, a fine copy of this	9.00
5c, No. 9A, no gum, fine copy, cat. 2.50	1.10
2c, No. 29, no gum, fine copy, cat. $4	1.75
18c, No. 35, nice Mint copy, cat. $2 ..	1.00
10c, No. 40, nice copies, cat. $1.00 ...	.45
15c, No. 41, nice used copies, cat. $2	.90
12c, No. 46, Mint, $1.00; without gum	.75
25c, No. 47, Fine used copy, cat. 2.50	1.25
50c, No. 48, nice Mint copy, cat. 5.00	2.25
$1.00, No. 49, Mint, a jot off center, cat. $8	4.00
12c, No. 63, Mint, well centered, cat. $4	2.00
LUBECK 2½s, No. 4A, Fine O. G., cat. $4	1.75
4s, No. 5A, Fine O. G., cat. 1.25	.50
1s, No. 7, used, a slight tear at L., one corner nibbed. Otherwise v. fine, cat. $50.00, well worth	7.00
1¼s, No. 14, used, v. good copy, cat. $5	1.60
NEW SOUTH WALES 5sh, No. 101, cat. $1 fine used copies	.50
SAXONY 3p, No. 2, used, cat. $5	2.25
½ N. G., No. 3, used, cat. 1.50	.70
1 N. G., No. 5, used	.40
2 N. G., No. 6, v. fine	2.00
2 N. G., No. 7, used	1.60
3 N. G., No. 8, used	.65
5 neu groschen, No. 21, v. good used, cat. $3	1.30
SIAM 1sol, No. 1, * .13; used	.25
1A, No. 2, * or used	.25
1so, * or used, .25; 1sa, * or used ...	.38
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2a on 3a, No. 28, very fine *, cat. $2.50	1.00
2a on 3a, No. 30, very fine *, cat. $6.00	1.85
4a on 24a, No. 37, used	.25
No. 38, * or used	.25
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BOSTON'S FIRST DAY.

Rare, curious and valuable postage stamps, representing issues of practically every nation, are being shown at the public library, under auspices of the Boston Philatelic Society. The exhibition, which opened yesterday, will continue through Saturday.

In connection with this exhibit is an announcement of interest to stamp collectors that there will be placed on sale at the local post-office today a limited number of the new 12-cent stamps, bearing a portrait of former President Grover Cleveland and issued in honor of his birthday anniversary, which was yesterday. The only other places where these stamps will be on sale are the government philatelic stamp agency, Washington, D. C., and the post-office at Caldwell, N. J., the former President's birthplace.

In the library exhibition are valuable stamps and proofs loaned by the post-office department at Washington and the Smithsonian Institution.

To be seen there also are rare "splits," consisting of bisected 10-cent stamps issued in the United States in 1851 and cut in two because of a stamp shortage at the time. Near this exhibit are, in blocks, very rare Cape of Good Hope triangulars, early Canadas, early Great Britains and Australians.

Stamps used during the various war periods in the United States are displayed. There are also rare stamps from the Orient, and from Europe. The exhibit is one of the most complete of its kind.

Ralph M. Hall gave an illustrated lecture last night in the library lecture hall on "Stamp Collecting as a Hobby." B. W. Allen, vice-president of the Boston Philatelic Society, presided. On the exhibition committee are B. F. Borhek, chairman; W. S. Barker, D. F. Kelliher, C. B. K. Nevin, R. N. Hall, F. E. Atwood, Hollis Webster, Clifton A. Howes, A. W. Dunning and C. Raymond Weills. —*Boston Herald, March 20.*

BEDFORD, PENN. PRECANCELS.

By W. E. BEAM.

The warning to precancel collectors conveyed in Mr. Fred W. Allen's "Some Precancel Notes" found in your issue of Feb. 24, 1923, calling attention to certain issues of a number of places, should be taken seriously by collectors.

I visited the Bedford, Pa., post-office several days ago and inquired for 6, 16 and 24c Aeros and 1, 2 and 5c Pilgrim stamps and was informed by the senior clerk that they *never* had any of these stamps at any time.

That being the case, any of these stamps that are offered for sale precanceled Bedford, Pa., are fakes or were canceled to order for some dealer thru connivance with a clerk in the office, which puts them in the same class with fakes.

I collected precancels for years and while not active in that line at present, am still interested enough to dislike seeing collectors imposed upon.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The Philadelphia Stamp Co. is sending out the catalog of the second part of the Craighead collection which will be sold at auction April 11. So many auction catalogs come to our desk that we do not make it a practise to note them. The conditions under which the Craighead collection is being sold makes this sale of more than ordinary interest and we take pleasure in commending the catalog to all collectors and to those especially interested in France and Portugal and their colonies. There are also three hundred lots of a general character. The entire proceeds of the sale of the collection will go to the new Atlantic City Hospital.

—The S. Grossman Co. of New York advises us that they have purchased the entire stock of Max Beck, 430 E. 70th St., New York. This is in addition to other large purchases and they have been forced to remove to larger quarters in order to house the increased stock. The firm will use space in the WEEKLY regularly.

—A new advertising cancellation reaches us from Ypsilanti, Mich. It reads:—"100th Anniversary Ypsilanti, July 1-4, 1923."

—On account of the remarkable and ever increasing growth of the A. P. S. sales department J. E. Guest, the superintendent, has now rented an office in the Wilson Bldg. at Dallas, Texas, from which department society matters will be handled.

—We are advised by Craig P. Smith, 450 E. 22 St., Portland, Ore., that a stamp club is being formed in that city. Interested parties will kindly confer with him.

—Elmer F. Smith, Carthage, Ill., informs us that he can get no replies to letters addressed to George W. Bierce, Cleveland, O. In fact, his place of business in that city has been vacated for some eight weeks.

—John B. Vale, Box 22, Omaha, Neb., reports unanswered letters addressed E. C. Johnson, Oak Lawn, R. I.

—"Ad in your number 1679, page 136, column 4, Netherlands ad., the price of No. 2 should have been 50 cents not $2.50."—EL PASO STAMP CO., EL PASO, TEX.

We have looked up the original copy and find the mistake was our printer's. We publish this correction with pleasure and regret the mistake made.

—"I think you will agree that an I. W. W. publication is a most unlikely place to look for an article dealing with philately, but the enclosed clipping from a recent issue of the *Industrial Worker* shows that the hobby is no respecter of classes when it comes to seizing someone in its goodly grip. Furthermore, the article was welcomed by the paper in question, and called forth much favorable comment. The editorial note has brought me, the author of the article, a number of stamps from all parts of the world, among them being two Russian covers, one of which has two and one-half sheets of the 7,500 ruble stamps affixed, and the other bearing 12 stamps of the 250 ruble value overprinted 100,000 rubles, making the postage paid amount to one million two hundred thousand rubles. The article also has been the means of renewing correspondence with several old friends from whom I had not heard in ten years, one of these writing me that has four of the 15 cent Lincoln black stamps which he will split with me as soon as he returns home from a trip. The article is forwarded in the hope that at least a part of it may prove to be of sufficient interest to find its way into the columns of your publication."—WALKER C. SMITH. We regret that we do not have sufficient space to reprint in the WEEKLY the article referred to. It was entitled "Postage Stamps and Progress" and covered in very fine form the characteristic features of various recent issues.

—A new stamp society has been organized in St. Petersburg, Fla. Albert E. Newman is president and W. A. Bogert, secretary-treasurer.

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will be advertised a little later. Anything you want you do not see offered, tell us what it is. To save space, most of the lower priced items are in s
but where certain values are needed to "fill in" we can usually supply at about the same rates. Everything in first class shape and goods not satis
tory are returnable. We have tried to offer only items we have a sufficient stock of to meet ordinary demands, but would appreciate a small sec
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	1909, Nos. 87 to 92*	1.25
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ARGENTINE	1902, 5c blue, Jub., No. 141*	.20
	1903, 4c, 6c	.12
ARGENTINE	1908, 12c buff*	.38
	1910, Jub., ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 30, 50c	.55
ARGENTINE	1910, Jub., 1p blue*	.65
	1910, Jub., 5, 10, 20p, perf. letter can.	5.50
ARGENTINE	1916, Jub., ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 12, 20, 30, 50c	.65
ARGENTINE	1916, Jub., 20p, perf. letter can.	1.00
ARGENTINE	1918, Jub., 5c, No. 247	.09
	1921, No. 285 or 287, each	.05
ARMENIA	1920, 1k, No. 30	1.95
	1920, 3k, No. 32	.95
ARMENIA	1920, 7k, No. 35*	2.75
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ARMENIA	1922, 5½r, No. 101*	.70
	1922, 1r to 25,000r*	.55
ALLENSTEIN	1920, 5pf-3m, Nos. 1-14*	.80
	1920, 5pf-3m, Nos. 15-28 (no 18)	.48
AUSTRIA	1918, 3h-2k, Nos. 181-198*	1.10
	1919, 3h-10k, Nos. 200-215*	.18
AUSTRIA	1920, Nos. 216-237*	.22
	1921, 80h-50k, Nos. 238-248*	.18
AUSTRIA	1922, ½k-75k, Nos. 250-265*	.12
	1922, 20k-200k, Nos. 269-273*	.15
AUSTRIA	1922, 700k orange, No. 274*	.07
	1922, 1000k dark violet*	.15
AUSTRIA	1922, 50, 60, 80k* (large)	.05
AUSTRIA	1922, new issue, small size, 100, 120, 150, 160, 180, 200, 240, 300, 500, 600k*	.20
	1920, News, Nos. 382-401*	.18
AUSTRIA	1922, News, Nos. 402 to 409*	05
	1921, 5h to 20k, Nos. 611-630*	.35
AUSTRIA	1922, 2½k-100k, Nos. 631-637*	.50
	1917, 1h-10k, Nos. 798a-816*	1.25
AUSTRIA	1919, Dues, 5h-10k, Nos. 1002-1013*	.17
	1919, Dues, 5h-80h, Nos. 1014-1022*	.09
AUSTRIA	1921, 1½k-20k, Nos. 1023-1028*	.10
	1922, 1k-50k, Nos. 1030-1038*	.07
AUSTRIA	1922, new issue, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50, 100, 150, 200 kronen*	.10
AUSTRIA	1918, Nos. 1151-1159*	2.60
	1918, Nos. 1160-1165*	5.50
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	1922, Nos. 101, 102*	.50
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BATUM	1919, 5k to 5r*	.65
	1919, 5k to 7r, Nos. 101 to 109*	1.35
BATUM	1920, Nos. 143-146*	11.00
	1920, 1r to 50r, Nos. 147 to 155*	1.59
BAVARIA	1914, Nos. 94 to 109*	1.10
	1919, Nos. 117 to 135*	1.10
BAVARIA	Nos. 136 to 155*	1.10
	Nos. 156 to 175*	1.10
BAVARIA	Nos. 176 to 191*	.45
	Nos. 193 to 211*	1.10
BAVARIA	Nos. 212 to 230*	1.10
	Nos. 231 to 236*	.32
BAVARIA	1920, Nos. 238 to 254*	1.25
	1920, Nos. 256 to 275*	.65
BAVARIA	Nos. 273 to 275, used	.75
	1920, Nos. 540 to 557*	.60
BAVARIA	Nos. 558 to 575*	.60
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BELGIUM	1912, 1, 2, 5, 35, 50c to 5frs*	1.00
	1912, 5frs plum	.50
BELGIUM	1912, Nos. 103 to 107*	.15
	1915, 40, 50c, 1fr*	.25
BELGIUM	1915, 10frs brown	.38
	1919, 35, 40, 50c*	.35
BELGIUM	1920, 5frs blue, No. 137*	.55
	1921, Nos. 140-142	.06
BELGIUM	1921, 50c, 1fr*	.18
	1914, Nos. 261-263*	.55
BELGIUM	1914, Nos. 264-266*	.75
	1918, 1c to 50c, Nos. 270-279*	.85
BELGIUM	1916, P. P., Nos. 559 to 578a	.90
	1914, Nos. 701 to 710*	.50
BELGIUM	1916, Nos. 713 to 723*	1.20
BELGIUM	1916, 2fr 50 on 2m, No. 724, used or *	.65
	1916, Nos. 726-728, used or *	.05
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BOSNIA	1910, Jub., 1, 2, 5k*	1.00
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	1917, 2, 3, 4, 10k*	1.50
	1915, Nos. 235, 236*	.14
BRAZIL	1900, Jub., Nos. 162-165	1.50
	1906, Jub., Nos. 172, 173*	.59
BRAZIL	1906, 10r to 1000r	.15
	1908, Jub., Nos. 186, 187	.12
BRAZIL	1909, Jub., 200r, No. 188	.05
	1910, 600r, No. 189 or 189a	.07
BRAZIL	1915, 2000r, No. 194	.08
	1915, Jub., No. 195 or 196, ea.	.06
BRAZIL	1917, Jub., 100r, No. 197	.10
	1918, Nos. 214, 215	.10
BRAZIL	1920, Nos. 227, 228, 229	.20
	1920, Jub., 100r red, No. 231*	.07
BRAZIL	1922, Jub., 100, 200, 300r	.15
	1913, 10,000r, No. 521	.95
BULGARIA	1896, 2L, 3L*	1.95
	1901, 5, 15s, Nos. 53, 54	.20
BULGARIA	1901, 1, 2, 2, 3L	2.60
	1901, Jub., Nos. 70 to 72*	.32
BULGARIA	1907, 5s green, No. 74* or 75, each	.22
BULGARIA	1911, 2L, 3L*	.45
	1912, 5s olive, No. 101*	.07
BULGARIA	1915, Nos. 111 to 121a	.11
	1917, Nos. 122 to 127*	.30
BULGARIA	1918, Nos. 130-133*	08
	1919, 2L brown, No. 146*	.10
BULGARIA	1920, Nos. 147 to 152*	.38
	1921, Nos. 153 to 157*	.10
BULGARIA	1921, Nos. 158-167*, exc. 161*	.55
	Nos. 168 to 176*	.30
BULGARIA	1920, Nos. 251 to 263*	.40
	1915, Dues, 5s to 50s*	.28
CARINTHIA	1920, Nos. 1 to 19*	.60
	1920, Nos. 51 to 56*	.75
CENTRAL LITH.	Nos. 1 to 12*	.14
	Nos. 14, 16*	.25
CENTRAL LITH.	Nos. 23 to 34*	.32
	Nos. 35 to 52*	.27
CENTRAL LITH.	Nos. 53 to 64*	.60
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CENTRAL LITH.	Nos. 213 to 222*	.40
	Nos. 301 to 314*	.22
CHINA	1909, 2, 3, 7c, Nos. 96-98*	.13
	1912, Nos. 119 to 128	.35
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	1912, Nos. 134 to 142	.45
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	1912, $5, No. 148*	4.75
CHINA	1912, Nos. 149 to 152*	.28
	1912, 16c, No. 167	.25
CHINA	1912, $2, No. 171*	2.35
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CHINA	1912, ½c, No. 332*	.35
	1912, 20c, No. 339*	.20
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	20pa, No. 67*	2.00
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	20pa, No. 76	1.20
CILICIE	1pi, No. 78	.95
	20pa, No. 81	1.50
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CILICIE	Nos. 115, 116*	17.50
	Nos. 117-125*, exc. Nos. 118, 120	.90
CILICIE	50pi, No. 126*	1.40
	100pi, No. 127*	4.75
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	Nos. 205 to 208*	2.75
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	1917, 10p, No. 350	8.90
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	1908, 1fr, No. 37	.20
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	1910, 50c violet & black*	.30
CUBA	1910, 1p slate & black*	.90
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CUBA	1917, 1p black	.30
	1923, 10c, No. 253*	.06
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	1919, Nos. 41-53*	.50
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	Nos. 104, 106, 107*	.70
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	1921, Nos. 54 to 58*	.45
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	1920, 15M, 25M*	.45
ESTHONIA	1921, Nos. 57 to 59*	.06
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ESTHONIA	1920, Aero, 5M*	.07
	Nos. 201 to 206*	.30
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	1913, 5k violet, No. 101	.17
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	1916-18, 2f-10k, Nos. 108-126*	.45
UNGARY	1918, Nos. 127-132, used or *	.07
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	1919, Occ., Nos. 918, 920, ea.*	.25
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UNGARY	1919, 50f, No. 1309*	.95
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	1919, 1k, No. 1312*	.60

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	1919, No. 1319 or 1320*, ea.	.35
HUNGARY	1919, No. 1322, 1323*, each	.50
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HUNGARY	1919, 20f, No. 1325*	.60
	1919, 25f, No. 1328*	.85
HUNGARY	1919, 25f, No. 1329*	10.00
	1919, 40f, No. 1330*	.50
HUNGARY	1919, Nos. 1332-1334*	.60
	1919, 20f, No. 1335*	.50
HUNGARY	1919, 40f, No. 1336*	.25
	1919, 1k, No. 1337*	.30
HUNGARY	1919, 3k, No. 1338*	1.10
	1919, 25f, No. 1341*	.30
HUNGARY	1919, 50f, No. 1343*	.30
	1919, Nos. 1345-1348*	.35
HUNGARY	1919, 45f, No. 1349*	1.25
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HUNGARY	1919, 2f, No. 1365*	.40
	1919, 15f, No. 1377*	1.95
HUNGARY	1919, 20f, No. 1378*	.50
	1919, 30f, No. 1379*	1.35
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ICELAND	1902, 1k blue & brown	.48
	1902, 50ö, No. 67	.35
ICELAND	1907, 1e to 50a	.80
	1907, 1k blue & brown	.35
ICELAND	1907, 2k brown & green	.88
	1907, 5k brown & slate	1.50
ICELAND	1911, 1k yellow	.40
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ICELAND	1921, 20 on 25, No. 135*	.08
	20 on 40, No. 136*	.08
ICELAND	1902, 3a-50a, Nos. 163 to 169	.60
	1902, 50a violet & black*	.30
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	20a, No. 178	.22
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ITALY	1911, Nos. 100 to 103*	.10
	1912, Nos. 104, 105*	.13
ITALY	1921, Dante, 15, 25, 40c*	.50
	1921, Victory, 5c to 25c*	.08
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	1914, 5c to 1L, Nos. 357-361*	.25

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	Pechino, No. 52*	.17
ITALY	China, Tientsin, Nos. 21, 22*	.89
	China, Tientsin, $2, No. 23*	2.75
ITALY	Tientsin, [illegible], No. 52*	.15
	Tientsin, 12c, No. 53*	.17
ITALY	Tientsin, Nos. [illegible] to 71*	[illegible]
	Crete 1900, No. 1*, No 2*, each	.10
ITALY	1906, Nos. 3 to 12*	.55
	1906, 5L, No. 13*	.75
	1907, Nos. 14 to 19*	.22
ITALY	**Tripoli**, Nos. 5 to 9*	.25
	5L, No. 11*	.65
ITALY	1pi on 25, No. 12	.50
	Albania, Nos. 202, 206*	.80
ITALY	**Turkey**, Nos. 221-226*	.55
	Nos. 227, 228*	3.00
ITALY	Nos. 241-246*	.55
	Nos. 247, 248*	3.00
ITALY	No. 249*	1.10
	Nos. 266-271*	.55
ITALY	Nos. 272, 273*	3.00
	Nos. 291-296*	.55
ITALY	Nos. 321-326*	.55
	Nos. 351-356*	.55
ITALY	**Turkey**, Nos. 357, 358*	3.00
	No. 360*	1.35
ITALY	Nos. 381-386*	.55
	Nos. 387, 388*	3.00
ITALY	Nos. 401-406*	.55
	Nos. 407, 408*	3.00
ITALY	Nos. 410, 411*	.26
ITALY	Aegean Islands, Calimno, Caso, Cos, Karki, Leros, Lipso, Nisiros, Patmos, Piscopi, Rodi, Scarpanto, Simi, Stampalia. 2, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50c, and 20c on 15c of all the above islands, except the Rodi 20 on 15c. Price, **25c per set.**	
	Rodi, 20c, No. 460*	.25
BENADIR	1907, Nos. 14 to 17*	.45
	1916, 5 on 50c on 5a, No. 18*	.70
BENADIR	20c on 1L, No. 19*	.45
	1916, 20c on 2a, No. 20*	.10
BENADIR	**1922, Nos. 22 to 27***	1.40
	1907, Nos. 57, 58*	.58
BENADIR	1907, 10L, No. 63	6.00
	1909, Nos. 65 to 71*	.45
BENADIR	1909, 5L, No. 73*	.90
	1916, Nos. 101 to 104*	.35
BENADIR	1920, Nos. 201, 202, each*	.12
	Nearly all other Benadir on hand.	
CASTELLORIZO	1923, on Italy, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50, 60, 85c*, scarce	1.75
DALMATIA	**on Italy, 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1, 5, 10cor* 25c Spec.**	1.35
DALMATIA	**on Italy, Dues, 50c, 1, 2, 5cor***	.50
ERITREA	1903, 1L, No. 28*	.10
	5L, No. 29*	.58
ERITREA	1908, Nos. 31 to 36*	.35
	1908, 10L grn. & rose, No. 37*	1.00
ERITREA	1914, 5 on 15c, No. 42	.25
	1922, Victory, Nos. 47-50*	.25
ERITREA	1922, on Benadir, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c, 1L*, Nos. 51 to 57*	.50
ERITREA	Nos. 101 to 103*	.15
	Nos. 151 to 154*	.25
ERITREA	Nos. 201 to 208*	.33
	Nos. 209, 210*	.70
ERITREA	10L, No. 211	.45
	1904, 50L, 100L	2.00
ERITREA	1916, Nos. 256 to 258*	1.10
	1917, Nos. 259 to 261*	.22
LIBIA	1912, 1c to 5L*	.95
	1912, 10L green & rose*	1.00
LIBIA	1918, 60c carmine, used or *	.08
	1921, 1c to 1L	.30
LIBIA	1921, Victory, 5c to 25c*	.22
	1915, Nos. 101 to 104*	.25
	1921, Nos. 134, 135*	.25
LIBIA	1921, Nos. 151 to 159*	1.10
	1915, Nos. 201 to 210*	1.10

JAPAN	1908, 5y, 10 yen	.15
	1914, 5y, 10y	.10
JAPAN	1915, Nos. 140 to 143	.22
	1916, Nos. 144, 145	.05
JAPAN	1920, Nos. 155 to 159*	.17
	1921, 10s, No. 163*	1.25
JAPAN	1922, 13s, No. 167*	.35
	1922, 20s, No. 170	.10
JAPAN	China 1902, 5y, 10y	3.50
	China 1913, Nos. 322-331*	1.85
JAPAN	1914, Nos. 333-343, ½s-1y	.35
	1902, 6s maroon	.18
JUGO SLAVIA	1918, 3h 10k, Nos. 1-16*	.75
	1918, Nos. 17 to 22*	.12
JUGO SLAVIA	1919, Nos. 25-40*, exc. 33	1.00
	1918, Nos. 121, 122, used or*	.50
JUGO SLAVIA	1919, Nos. 125, 126*	.15
	1918, Nos. 151-163 exc. 159*	1.00
JUGO SLAVIA	1919, 200h, No. 176*, rarity. Only 2000 issued	3.00
JUGO SLAVIA	1919, Nos. 164-172*, scarce	2.00
	1918, Nos. 203, 204, ea.*	1.25
JUGO SLAVIA	1918, 10k, No. 224*	1.40
	1918, Nos. 201 to 228*	4.50
JUGO SLAVIA	1918, Nos. 229 to 231	.95
	1919, Nos. 234 to 242*	.25
JUGO SLAVIA	1918, Nos. 352 to 359*	2.60
	1920, 5p-10d, Nos. 443-457*	1.50
JUGO SLAVIA	'20, 5p-10d, (443-457) used	1.25
	1920, Nos. 519 to 523*	.15
JUGO SLAVIA	Nos. 565 to 568*	.09
	1921, 2p-10d, Nos. 601-614	.75
LATVIA	1919, 5k-15k, Nos. 3-5*	.10
	1919, 5k-15k, Nos. 6-8*	.08
LATVIA	1919, 3k-75k, Nos. 9-16*	.70
	1919, 25k gray*	.12
LATVIA	1919, 3k-75k, Nos. 17-24	1.10
	1919, 3k-75k, Nos. 25-33*	.20
LATVIA	1919, 5k-35k, Nos. 49-51*	.58
	1919, 3r, 5r, used or *	.20
LATVIA	1919, Nos. 61-67*	.15
	1920, Nos, 68, 69	.07
LATVIA	1920, Nos. 70-73*	.25
	1920, Nos. 76-81, used or *	.06
LATVIA	1920, 10r-30r, Nos. 83-85	.75
	1920, Nos. 86-93*	.30
LATVIA	1921, 10r, No. 94*	.06
	1921, Nos. [illegible]	1.06
LATVIA	1920, Nos. 351-358*	[illegible]
	1920, Nos. 363-366*	.36
LATVIA	1919, Nos. 431, 433, 437, each*	.70
	1919, No. [illegible]	.55
LATVIA	1919, Nos. 436, 438*, each	1.50
	1919, No. 439*	1.20
LATVIA	1919, Nos. 440 to 442*	.70
	1919, Nos. 445 to 451	1.85
LATVIA	1919, Nos. 453, 454	1.40
	1919, No. 457*	2.00
LIBERIA	1915, 2 on 15c, No. 136*	.08
	1918, Nos. 253-255*	.12
LIBERIA	1906, 1c to $5, Nos. 396-408	1.20
	A good line of other Liberia.	
LIECHTENSTEIN	1920, Nos. 4 to 9*	.10
	1920, Nos. 11 to 16	.70
LIECHTENSTEIN	1920, Nos. 54 to 69*	1.25
	1920, Nos. 32-46, 201-212*. 26 var.	.25
LITHUANIA	1919, Nos. 7 to 18	.90
	1919, Nos. 30-39, used or *	.70
LITHUANIA	1919, Nos. 40-49, used or *	.60
	1919, Nos. 50-60, used or *	.30
LITHUANIA	1920, 10sk-5a, Nos. 70-80*	1.40
	1920, 10sk-5a, Nos. 81-91*	.60
LITHUANIA	**1923, Prov., 8 var.***	.20
	1921, Aero, Nos. 183-189, scarce*	.50
LITHUANIA	**1922, Aero, Nos. 190-191***	.40
	1922, Aero, Nos. 193-195*	.10
LUXEMBURG	1906, 1c to 1fr	.75
	1906, 2½fr vermilion	.80
LUXEMBURG	1912, 62½/87½c, used or *	.25
	1915, 62½c, Nos. 107, 108*	1.00
LUXEMBURG	1915, 17½c, No. 109, 87½, No. 110*	.35
	1917, 17½, 87½c*	.15
MARIENWERDER	1920, 5pf-3M*, Nos. 1-13	.70
	1920, 80pf, No. 30	1.95
MARIENWERDER	1920, Nos 32-35*	1.95
	1920, 1M-2½M, Nos. 36-39*	.45
MARIENWERDER	1920, 1M-2½M, Nos. 36-39	50
	1920, 5pf-5M*, Nos. 40-53	.70
	1920, 75pf, No. 29*	.12
MEMEL	1920, 5pf-2M, Nos. 1-11*	.35
	1920, Nos. 15 to 42*	2.25
MEMEL	1920, 4M on 2fr, No. 34*	.13
	1920, 3, 10M, Nos. 40, 41*	.37
MEMEL	1920, 20M on 45c, No. 42*	.50
	Nos. 102 to 107*	.30
MONACO	1920, 75c olive brown*	.38
	1920, 5frs dull violet*	2.50
MONACO	1922, 25 on 10c, No. 33*	.04
	1922, 5frs red brown, No. 36*	.60
MONACO	**1923, 1fr yellow***	.15
	2frs red*, scarce	.75
MONACO	**10frs carmine***	1.20
	Nos. 103 to 106*	1.75
MONACO	1fr, No. 107*	1.50
	5frs, No. 108*	13.00
MONACO	Nos. 114, 115*	.55
	What else in Monaco?	
MONTENEGRO	1907, 1p-5k, used or *	.25
	1910, 1p-5p*	.40
MONTENEGRO	1913, 1p-5p* with Nos. 198-201, 255*. A scarce set	1.50
MONTENEGRO	1917, Nos. 301, 302*	.60
	1918, No. 304*	.08

Netherlands and Colonies

NETHERLANDS	1905, 10gld. Rare (sup'b)	8.25
	1907, Nos. 94-96*	.10
NETHERLANDS	1913, Jub., 2½c-25c	.38
	1913, Jub., 1gld claret	.28
NETHERLANDS	1913, Jub., 2½gld vio.	.35
	1920, 2½g/10g, No. 118*	1.50
NETHERLANDS	1920, 2½g/10g, No. 118	1.35
	1920, 2½g/10g, No. 119*	1.00
NETHERLANDS	1922, Nos. 76, 78*, imperforate in pairs	.35
NETHERLANDS	1913, Nos. 281 to 286	1.15
	1912, Dues, Nos. 353-357	.20
	1921, 1gld red, No. 362	.35
CURACAO	1902, 12½c blue, No. 29*	.35
	1915, 15c to 1½g*	1.79
CURACAO	1915, 2½g carmine*	1.50
	1920, ½c to 35c, Nos. 63-71*	.55
CURACAO	1915, Dues, 2½c to 50c*	1.25
	1905, 1½g*	.95
DUTCH INDIES	1902, 10c-1g, Nos. 46-55	.28
	1905, 2gld slate	.35
DUTCH INDIES	1908, 7½, 17½, 22½	.17
	1908, Nos. 75 to 78	.30
DUTCH INDIES	1908, **Java**, 3c, No. 84*	.08
	1912, 1gld, 2½gld*	2.10
DUTCH INDIES	1912, 1gld brown	.10
	1918, 17½ on 22½c*	.13
DUTCH INDIES	1918, 30c on 1g	.17
	1921, Nos. 131 to 134	.55
DUTCH INDIES	1911, 209 to 214*	1.25
	1911, 30c, No. 216*	.35
DUTCH INDIES	1911, 12½c, No. 221*	.39
	1913, 2½c-75c*, Nos. 272-280	1.45
DUTCH INDIES	**1922, 7½, 12½, 25c*, Nos. 281-283***	.30
	Send list of other wants.	
SURINAM	1902, 50c, 1gld	.75
	1911, Nos. 63, 64*	.15
SURINAM	1912, Nos. 70 to 73	.25
	1913, ½, 1, 2, 3, 7½, 15, 22½, 25, 30, 50c*	1.00
SURINAM	1913, 1g, 2½g*	2.10
SURINAM	1921, Nos. 91 to 96*	.50
	1912, Dues, 2½ to 40c*	.65
	Other Surinam on hand.	
NORWAY	1905, 1kr on 2s, No. 69*	.35
	1907, 1k, No. 74	.25
NORWAY	1907, 2k, No. 76	.40
	1909, 2k, No. 81	.08
NORWAY	1911, Nos. 93 to 95	.15
	1911, 5k violet	.30
PALESTINE	1918, 1pi, No. 1a	.25
	1918, 5m on 1pi, No. 2*	1.00
PALESTINE	1918, 1pi to 9pi	.75
	1918, 1pi ultram., No. [illegible]	.35
PALESTINE	1918, 1pi gray, No. 13	.35
	1920, 2pi, No. [illegible]	[illegible]

Panama

1903,	50c brown, No. 56	[illegible]
	1p lake, No. 57	[illegible]
	1p lake, No. 64	2.75
	50c, No. 81a, or b, each	1.75
1903,	1p lake, No. 106, rare	5.00
	1c green, No. 109, used or *	.90
	2c rose, No. 110, used or *	.50
	5c blue, No. 111	.80
	20c violet, No. 113, used or *	1.50
	1p lake, No. 114, used or *	6.00
	50c brown, No. 115	2.00
	1p lake*, type after No. 116. Said by experts to be just as bona-fide as other issues	5.00
	1p lake, No. 136*	2.75
1903,	1c green, No. 151*	4.75
	1c green, No. 151	5.00
	2c rose, No. 152*	4.75
	2c rose, No. 152	5.00
	5c blue, No. 153	6.00
	10c yellow, No. 154	3.50
	20c violet, No. 155*	6.00
	1p lake, No. 157	25.00
	1c green, No. 158*	15.00
	2c red, No. 159*	15.00
	1p lake, No. 162	25.00
	20c red br., No. 321*	1.95
	10 on 20c, No. 323*	1.00
	20c blue, No. 375*	3.00
	20c red brown, No. 376*	3.75
	20c red brown, No. 361*	1.40
	10 on 20c, No. 379*, Y. T. 150frs	7.00
	10 on 20c, No. 380*, Y. T. 75frs	3.50
	10 on 20c, No. 377*, rare	4.00
	5c red, No. 408	2.00
	5c blue, No. 432*	5.00
	10c blue, No. 452, used or *	1.50
	10c blue, No. 461, used or *	1.75
	5c purple, No. 501*	.70

PARAGUAY	1902, 5 on 80c, No. 72	.08
	1904, 10c blue, No. 100*	.13
PARAGUAY	1904, 10c blue, No. 101*	.38
	Nos. 114 and 136a*, each	1.50
PARAGUAY	1907, 10p orange & black	1.25
	1907, 20p green & black*	2.25
PARAGUAY	1908, No. 142 or 143, each	.80
	1908, 20p violet & black*	1.90
PARAGUAY	1908, 20p yellow & black*	1.90
	1908, 5/60c, No. 129c*, rare	.65
PARAGUAY	1908, 5/28c, No. 155*, rare	.75
	1908, 5/40c, No. 156*, rare	.65
PARAGUAY	1908, 20 on 2c, No. 167*	.85
	1908, 20 on 5c, No. 170a*	.90
PARAGUAY	1918, Nos. 220 to 223	.19
	1918, No. 224, or 225, each	.06
PARAGUAY	1918, 5 on 1c, No. 226*	.75
	1920, Nos. 229, 230, 232	.32
PARAGUAY	1920, 50 on 75c, No. 237	.10
	1922, Nos. 243, 244	.15
PARAGUAY	Nos. 301 to 307*	12.50
	Nos. 370, 371, 372, 373, 374,	
PARAGUAY	374a, 375, 376, 378, 379, each stamp*	3.95
	5c on 1p, No. 226*	.70

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EDITORIAL.

We acknowledge the receipt of many messages commendatory of the action of Congress in passing the stamp illustration bill; and the disposition is to give credit to all the persons who for so many years pressed on towards their goal, taking such means as were at hand to attain their end. It is safe to say that Washington has done something that collectors will remember with satisfaction; and already the philatelic fruit recently ripened there is beginning to drop, as a hard-fisted old collector says that the city has so endeared itself to him that he will attend his first philatelic convention there this summer.

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Collectors find themselves wondering at times what percentage of a stamp issue really consists of collectible specimens, in the end. For instance, all badly-centered stamps must be eliminated, for sake of argument, as well as all stamps that become torn or badly canceled in their performance of postal duty; and several other considerations probably enter into the calculations. In a price list received from Mr. Theodore Siddall, in which he offers "far eastern" stamps at wholesale, we find the following figures flanking his prices on certain of the U. S. stamps surcharged Philippines of the 1903-4 set. Based on catalogue quotations, the prices named in the list seem high, but after the following foot-note is read, a different angle presents itself: "The entire issue of 4c yellow brown was less than 700 collectible varieties; of the 4c brown, about 1,000; 3c and 6c about 2,000 each; the balance were so badly perforated no collector would have them."

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An experienced collector: "If you care to do your readers a favor tell them about the desirability of the 1870 to 1879 issues of United States in first-rate condition. Many of the older collectors to whom these stamps have a familiar or common look will be surprised at the scarcity of fine copies and as for superb pieces, catalogue price is too cheap for them, judged by the infrequency with which they are met. In my long stamp life nothing has impressed me more than the elusive qualities of certain of these stamps in the shape specified and I pass my conclusions on, wishing to share the results of my hunt."

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Here is a letter from a gentleman well-known in the world of letters, whose sentiments we make haste to share with readers: "I was much amused and to an extent impressed by your defense of philately from the profanations of the writer, George, and I think that the attacks of the thoughtless, ranging down from this great writer to the penny-a-liner will not shake our sense of security so long as you are at the bridge. It is my belief that some of the shafts that are aimed at stamp collectors are the consequence of the somewhat ancient belief that it is quite the thing to laugh at stamp collecting. This species of ridicule, begun in the past when stamp collecting was without rhyme or reason, speaking comparatively, has been handed down until the narrow mind takes it for granted and places stamp collecting as an object for irony or mirth. Some persons are so constituted that philately can have no appeal for them; and with these folks we have no quarrel, so long as they do not transcend the bounds of legitimate argument. The man of mind who through ignorance alone belittles collecting and goes to the length of opposing it on broad grounds is the one who should be scotched, as you say. We who really relish philately feel that it is an art and we know that the least that may be said against it is what Goethe has said about all arts, except Greek art, and that is, for it, we must make some allowance'."

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We congratulate the Garfield Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, Ohio, which will celebrate its thirty-third anniversary by a banquet and exhibit, at the Hotel Cleveland, on March 24th, 1923. Cleveland has reason to feel that it has done well in maintaining an active local organization for so many years and in having dominated philatelic interests in its city. The history of any old organization, philatelic or otherwise, affords a theme for speculation. Periods of prosperity reach their climax only to be succeeded by seasons of comparative quietude and the test of loyalty to the purpose for which the society was organized is found through the passage of years. The old stamp club has our respect as we know what varying progress it makes; and the mere fact of existence after many years is a tribute to the firm convictions of the founders. The Cleveland collectors may with propriety pat each other on the back at their banquet.

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We thank a friend for a worn copy of the "Album for Postage and other Stamps, American and Foreign," published by D. Appleton & Company, in 1863. All the stamps are removed from the pages but the album is intact so far as the text is concerned. At different times in the past, we have mentioned the Appleton album of 1863 as the earliest example of a printed album of pretensions that was issued from an American press and we have reviewed the work several times. It is claimed that this Appleton album was not the one that blazed the way, however, and that it was antedated by one that saw the light almost a year before the Appletons made their entry into the philatelic domain. The album under notice has not attained the dignity of stamp cuts but maps and national flags in color, not to mention statistics and descriptions of the different stamps, make it a substantial production. The fact that there are seven varieties of the three cent United States envelopes that are collectible leads the editor of the album to italicize the information.

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It has been suggested that it would be fitting for the national stamp organization to prepare a series of lectures under expert editorship on stamp collecting suitable for outside audiences. It is reasonable to suppose that addresses that have been written with a due sense of philatelic proportion would be smoother than those dashed off by speakers who do not have the time or inclination to formulate their messages carefully. Arrangements could be made for the circulation of the "lectures" among those who are in a position to speak before business and other organizations; and philatelists could know that their pursuit would then be presented in a proper setting. The demand by clubs, covering the widest variety of interests, for persons to talk at noon-day and other meetings is so great that it would not be difficult to obtain dates when the philatelic doctrine could be expounded. Philatelists dare not lag behind other classes in announcing their articles of faith to the multitude that passes by, if their attention is not arrested, and so we are in favor of the working out of the plan that has been proposed.

THE BOSTON EXHIBIT.

In the Boston Sunday *Globe* of March 18, appeared an article illustrating and describing a stamp collection, which is the property of the City of Boston. For over fifteen years it has been in the custody of the librarian of the Public Library. It was the property of Miss Harriet F. Warren, who died October 26, 1904, and in her will bequeathed her "valuable collection of postage stamps" to the Public Library of the City of Boston upon condition that it be kept intact and be called "The Harriet F. Warren Collection."

The executors of the estate delivered the collection Feb. 18, 1907. It is contained in two volumes bound in full leather and consists of about 7,500 varieties covering all the countries of the world. It is principally a 19th century collection. This collection is of special interest in view of the exhibition held by the Boston Philatelic Society in the exhibition rooms of the Boston Public Library during the week of March 19. The U. S. Government co-operated with an exhibit of proofs and as well authorized the use of a special canc
die previously illustrated in the W

Many stamps were on exhibition,
to the exhibit by members of the
Philatelic Society and other inte
collectors. On the opening night,
day, March 19, Ralph N. Hall, a f
president of the A. P. S., delivered
ture illustrated by lantern slide
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It may be well to observe that the legends of British colonial stamps are not indited by any administrative board of the respective colonies; they are concocted in London by the Foreign Office. Thus, they may not exactly express a sentiment characteristic of the colonial mind, but rather inculcate that joy of belonging to the Great British Empire which the central government wants to be conspicuous throughout all its component parts. Here I refer to the legends of Barbados and Jamaica.

The same point of view appears in the legend of the 2 cent peace stamp of British Honduras, 1921: "Sub umbra floreo," "I flourish in the shade" (of the British Empire).

The coat of arms of Canada which takes cognizance of the individual units of the Dominion, bears the significant legend "Parva sub ingenti," i.e., "Little things under the mighty one."

By the way, this clever motto which might some day slip in upon a stamp is taken from Virgil's Georgics, bk II, 17-19: "Pullulat ab radice aliis densissima silva ut cerasis ulmisque, etiam Parnassia laurus. *Parva sub ingenti* matris se subjicit umbra," English. "With other trees a dense undergrowth sprouts from the parent root, as with the cherries and elms; the laurel of Parnassus, too, springs up a tiny plant beneath its mother's mighty shade."

The motto of Grenada, "Clarior e tenebris," English "Brighter through darkness," has a truly poetical and classical ring. It is, therefore, really surprising that it cannot be traced from Latin literature, although hundreds of closely approaching lines may be found in Virgil, Lucretius, Ovid and Manilius. This nobly suggestive motto is incorporated in the coats of arms of many British families, especially those whose name indicates any reference to light, as for instance, Lightbody. There are also variations as "clarior ex obscuris" and "clarior e flammis." In the latter case is involved an allusion to the fabulous bird phenix. The design of the Grenada stamp exhibits in the center a ship "night enwrapped." The white sails shine brighter, due to the contrast effect of surrounding darkness. The arrestive mysterious beauty of this motto has provided moralists of the sublime type with an occasion for many an edifying page.

Somewhat related in sentiment is the legend of the stamps wherewith the Canton of Geneva greeted the civilized world in 1843: "Post tenebras lux," i.e. "Light after darkness."

The 30 cent stamp of Newfoundland, 1897, which shows the marginal inscription "Fishermen bringing gifts to Britannia," bears on the ribbon under the feet of the symbolical center-group the words "Haec tibi dona fero;" English, "These gifts I bring to thee."

Reminiscent of the exacerbation during the World War are the peace stamps of Bahama, with the sarcastic legend "Commercia, piratis expulsis restituta," i.e., "Commerce restored by the expulsion of the pirates." The classical allusion refers to the war against the pirates ended by Pompeius Magnus, 67 B. C.

Who can tell me what North Borneo [redacted]

figures of Peace and Justice; the legend, of course, reads: "Pax et justitia." The legend of a series of Reunion "Praeter omnes angulus ridet" is literally taken from Horace's ode to his friend Septimus II, 6, where he harps on the beauties and charms of Tibur and Tarent: "Ille terrarum mihi praeter omnes angulus ridet;" English, "This corner of the world delights me more than all others."

Petulant, indeed, is the motto which adorns the Fiume (d'Annunzio) series of 1920. "Hic manebimus optime," i.e., "We can do nothing better than stay here." One stamp of the commemorative series has as center-piece a gushing spring with the legend "Indeficienter," that is, unceasingly.

Bavaria in 1920 surprised the philatelic world with a Madonna and Bambino series, bearing the marginal inscription "Patrona Bavariae." Hungary in the same year followed suit with a corresponding series inscribed "Patrona Hungariae (patroness of Hungary).

The Belgian Charity stamp of 1910 introduces the warrior saint Martin, who with his sword divides his cloak in order to clothe with one half of it an almost naked beggar. The stamp displays the pertinent word "Caritas." Our readers recognize here that virtue which begins at home and as a rule remains there.

It is probably a unique phenomenon in the annals of philately when the religious sentiment finds a harbor also on the gummed reverse of the stamp. This is the case with the Portuguese commemorative issue of 1895, devoted to the patron saint of Lisbon, Saint Anthony of Padua. The saint is represented in various scenes which all redound to his glory as a thaumaturgus. On the reverse of the stamps of the series there appears in pale blue diamond script the following reading: "Centenario de Santo Antonio, MCXCV. MDCCCXCV, O lingua benedicta quae Dominum semper benedixisti et alios benedicere docuisti, nunc perspicue cernitur, quanti meriti fueris apud Deum, S. Bonaventura." The date of the celebration, June 13, is not the anniversary of the birth but of the death of the saint. In the liturgical language of the Roman Missal "natalitia," literally anniversary of the birthday means day of death, to wit, the day when the blessed one was "born into the Kingdom of Heaven." Anthony of Padua was born, August 15th, 1195, and died June 13, 1231. He was canonized in 1232. The inhabitants of Padua erected to his memory a magnificent temple where his relics were transferred in 1263, in presence of Saint Bonaventura, then minister general of the Friars Minor to which order Saint Anthony belonged. When the vault in which for 30 years his body had reposed was opened, the flesh was found reduced to dust, but the tongue, as the Catholic encylopaedia asseverates was "uninjured, fresh and of a lively red color." Saint Bonaventura, upon beholding this wonder, took the tongue affectionately in his hand and exclaimed the pious words mentioned above as forming the substance of the inscription on the reverse, English, "O blessed tongue that always praised the Lord and made others bless him, now it is evident what a great merit thou hast before God."

The plebiscite stamps which the Allied Commission issued for Marienwerder, Province of Western Prussia, are inscribed "Populi voluntas," i.e., "the will of the people."

On some stamps of the Free City of Danzig, we read: "Nec temere, nec timide," that is "Neither rashly nor timidly."

The Serbian death head stamps of 1904 are a philatelic curiosity. The legend of the ribbon under the two portraits (whose inversion is supposed to reveal the terribly mutilated head of the murdered King Alexander) reads: "Spes mihi prima Deus," i.e. "My first hope is God." We are surprised to find here a Latin legend, as the Servians employ the Slavic alphabet.

The silver jubilee of King Karol of Rumania, in 1906, was philatelically commemorated by a series of fine portrait stamps. Their motto "Nil sine Deo," "Nothing without God," is again an illustration of the tendency the mottoes of national coats of arms show for finding their way upon stamps.

Everbody will guess that the initials V. R. I., found on some stamps, stand for Victoria Regina Imperatrix. They are never seen on British stamps proper, as the imperial appellation constitutionally applies only to the Empire and not the United Kingdom.

Baffling, however, are the initials C. R., which adorn the Fijian stamps of 1871. Guessing will here help but little, therefore I at once give away the secret; these cryptic letters signify "Cacobau Rex." This cannibal monarch in a long and bloody career had consumed as many of his rebellious subjects as Bismarck boasted of having drained champagne bottles, to wit, ca. 10,000. When in the year 1874 he was forced to resign, he naively admonished the British Government to treat his beloved ex-subjects with the same tender solicitude which he always felt for them.

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UNITED STATES.—The Post Office Department placed on sale on Tuesday, March 20, 1923, the 12c, the 30c, the $2 and the $5 of the new series of postage stamps. The 12c purplish brown was sold at Caldwell, N. J., the birthplace of Grover Cleveland, whose portrait appears on the denomination, also in Boston where a philatelic exhibition is in progress. The 30c sepia, the $2 blue and the $5 red and blue along with the 12c were placed on sale at Washington, D. C., as well as at the Philatelic Stamp Agency.

The 12c purplish brown shows a side face of Grover Cleveland facing the right, an unusually fine likeness of the Ex-President, with border similar to the other low denominations. Only one plate, namely 14404, was completed in time for the first run. The stamp is from a four hundred subject plate.

The 30c sepia, an unusually attractive value, shows an American buffalo. The very simplicity of the design adds to its appearance. I do not recall any other United States stamp in just this shade. This stamp like the 12c is from a four hundred subject plate but the long side is horizontal. One plate of this value, No. 14436, was completed for the first day issue.

The $2 in blue, with long dimension horizontal, depicts the Capitol and will no doubt be ranked as one of the most attractive stamps of the series. This is from a two hundred subject plate bearing number 14326.

The $5 is the same shape and size as the $2. The central design is America from a photograph of replica of statue surmounting the United States Capitol. The head, which resembles Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, within a wreath, is in blue surrounded by a red border. This is from a hundred subject plate, the border having number 14327 and the center 14326. Plate numbers appear once in each color at the top only and to the right of the top arrow in blue we have "$5.00."

On the first day the Philatelic Stamp Agent sold stamps to the value of $7,726.77, which will more than pay for the dies, plates, etc. As usual first sheets were signed by the Director of the Bureau Mr. L. A. Hill, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover and the new Postmaster General, Hon. H. S. New added his initials.

The Department expects to issue very shortly the four remaining values, the 7c McKinley, the 8c Grant, the 14c Indian and the 20c. As originally announced the 20c was to show Yosemite but the proof submitted did not prove attractive and it was decided to show some other western scene. A design was made up showing Mount Ranier which was very beautiful, but it was later decided to show Golden Gate. The Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco has furnished a photograph which is being used for the purpose. A proof of the new 14c did not show up very well in the announced color of apple green so that this stamp will be printed in some other color, possibly blue. This means that the 20c which was to have been blue will be some other shade, possibly magenta. It is hoped that all of the remaining values can be issued at one time during the next month. They will be all placed on sale the first day in Washington, while it is expected that the 7c will see light at the birthplace of William McKinley, the 8c at Grant's birthplace and the Golden Gate 20c in San Francisco.

We may also have very shortly a 12c linen envelope for registered mail, similar to such envelopes that have been furnished in England for years. There has been quite a little demand for this stationery and it is likely that the Department will meet the demand. It will be in the same color as the postage stamp and will show some portrait, possibly Andrew Jackson.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General under date of March 20th cabled to London reserving space at the forthcoming International Philatelic Exhibition for a United States Government Exhibition. This will consist of a framed exhibit of the late issues, including the series that is going out, the new series, the airplane varieties and similar stamps that are still in the hands of the Department. It is hoped that this along with the Exhibit that was sent to the Brazilian Exhibition will be back in time for the American Philatelic Society convention in Washington during August.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.—Mr. Louis Kugelman informs us that he has received the 100h in the type of the 1920 design in vermilion on yellow paper. He also adds that the 200h and 300h will soon be placed on sale in new colors.

FIJI.—The ¼d and the ½d have been issued on the script watermarked paper. Mr. R. Roberts submits copies for chronicle.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the ½d green with script watermark.

IRELAND.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a copy of the 1d stamp in the Map type. The color is rose.

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NETHERLANDS.—In reference to th values of imperforate stamps, 5c 10c noted in our last issue, Dr. Is Tuholske sends us a letter received one of his correspondents calling tion to these stamps and adding th formation that these were issued d a strike at the printing works of Ens & Sons where the current Dutch st are produced. The strike was soon and the next day the stamps were drawn.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Mr. M. P. F writing under date of March the fir ports that designs for a new perm issue of postage stamps for Newfo land have been approved by the Mi of Posts and are now in the han the printers, Messrs. Whitehead M & Co., London, England. The set consist of twelve denominations the face value of which will be in the n borhood of $1 and it is expected will be placed on sale early in April. the exception of the 3c, all the st will show views of the principal t and places in Newfoundland. Th which by the way is the domestic rate, will show the "Bomber" or "F ing Newfoundlander," a life size stat bronze presented to the city of St. J by Sir Edgar Bowring and erect Bowring Park in 1922.

TURKEY.—The Economist Stamp has shown us three values of a ne sign. In the centre are the usual cent and star and in the upper co are the same ornaments in a sm size. The figure of value is in the l left corner. The values are, 4½pi 5pi violet and 7½pi light blue.

A NOTABLE ARTICLE.

The Boston *Evening Transcrip* Saturday, March 17, contains a fe story by Hubert Lyman Clark ent "The Stamp of Women in Phil Society." It occupies two-thirds page of this prominent Boston paper is evidently a part of the publicity paign promoted in connection wit philatelic exhibition of the B. P. the Boston Public Library. The a is illustrated with several stamps p ing women, and in the center of article is a striking design showing stamps of all nations surmounted b design used upon the letterhead of local organization. It is a fine piec work upon the part of Dr. Clark an Boston Society and will mean muc promoting local interest in stamps.

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ESTERN PHIL. ASS'N'S ANNUAL

By CYRIL C. LOTZ.

he Western Philatelic Association, oldest collectors' club in the San ncisco Bay Region, held its Ninth ual Banquet on the evening of March Interesting talks were given by Dr. n F. Killeen, of San Francisco, Past idents, J. A. Stites and A. W. Chap- n. Other speakers were Arthur L. n, E. S. Page, K. M. Macabee, C. C. z and Wm. G. Wilson.

n auction of twenty-five lots was l, Cyril C. Lotz being the auction nager and Harry E. Gray the auc- eer. A grab bag was another feat- of the evening. A particularly que stunt was pulled in printing the nus as a surcharge on a block of nty-five of the 45 heller Austrian vspaper stamps. President E. S. kwell presided as toastmaster of the ning.

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COLLECTING FOR INVESTMENT.

Hedjaz.—Owing to the difficulty in obtaining the stamps of this Protectorate, they are all priced high in the catalogue, but recently there seems to be more of them about. I should say that the Roul. 20 (1916-17) issue is a good deal scarcer than the Roul. 13 issue which followed it. The overprinted sets, Dec., 1921, and Jan., 1922, are getting scarcer, particularly the former. The current issue is still hard to get at a reasonable price, especially the higher values. I should also think that the Postage Due stamps are all far commoner than their price would indicate, compared with the other issues.

Hong Kong, 1912-21.—The majority of this issue, being obsolete, has already risen in value, but the 50c emerald surface is a fairly scarce stamp, and will rise further. As in the case of China, the high values used fetch better prices on the Continent, where a large number of them go.

1921-22. Script C A.—All were originally issued in old colours, but the 8c has already been changed and is fairly scarce in grey already. Although more plentiful used it was not current long enough for this to have much effect on its value. The other low values may be issued in different colours, but though these are fairly plentiful used, I do not think this will have a great deal of effect on the value of the mint copies.

India, 1911-22.—The whole of this issue is so plentiful used that they are not at all likely to rise in value. The lower values are the only ones likely to be changed, and these are all very common.

Jamaica, 1912-19.—All this issue is obsolete and getting scarcer, the best of the set being the 5s. With regard to the coloured papers, I should say that the 4d on lemon was easily the scarcest.

1920-21. Pictorial.—Are all obsolete and appreciating, but even so the 1½d seems quite as plentiful as the current one. They are all rather more plentiful used than mint, and the 3s and 10s seem to be the best of the lot.

1921-22. Script C A.—All are current except the 6d King George, which should prove quite a nice stamp.

Leeward Is., 1912-22.—The majority are already obsolete and getting scarcer. The 4d has only recently been issued and, presumably, further printings will be on Script paper. It should therefore be obtained before it becomes obsolete. Of the others the 2s was in use for only a short time and should prove a good stamp in time. It can still be bought very reasonably. In the coloured papers we have the rarity, 3d white back, one of the best of all the white backs, and considerably underpriced in nearly all catalogues—the publishers generally having none to sell. The 1s, white back, though not so good as the 3d, is also a very scarce stamp, but the 5s, white back, is comparatively common. Of the others, the 1s on olive is a scarce stamp.

1921-22. Script C A.—Such values as have appeared are all in the old colours. The 1d, red, is already obsolete and getting scarcer—the 1d blue-purple, being now current—and it seems quite likely that the other low values will be changed ere long.

Malta, 1914-22.—The whole of this issue is getting scarcer, though rather more plentiful used than mint. The 3d is quite a good little stamp, but the best of the issue is undoubtedly the 10s which is a rarity, only quite a small number being printed. The 1s, emerald, is another good stamp, and though not quite so good, the 1s, emerald surface, is quite scarce.

1921-22. Script C A.—In issue for quite a short time this set should prove quite good, particularly the 6d and 2s.

1922. Self-Government. Old C A and C C.—By far the best of these is the 2s. Only a small printing was made, and although already scarce will get scarcer. The 2½d also had a short life, but I believe large quantities are held in Malta and elsewhere by speculators, and it is not likely to go up much in price for the present. The 10s C C is also quite a good stamp, but is not so scarce as the 2s.

Script C A.—All had quite a short life, particularly the 6d, and should get scarcer before very long.

1922. New Design.—Have been issued in new colours, and the only stamp of note is the hideous 4d. This was withdrawn from issue almost as soon as it was put on sale, and was immediately rushed up in price. However, it was put on sale again almost at once—I understand in a different shade—and the price fell to normal, but I should say that it might easily be withdrawn again in view of its unsuitable colour, as indeed might the whole set.

Mauritius, 1913-22.—There is little of note here except the coloured papers. The 25c, white back, is a good stamp. The 1r, on emerald surface, and the 10r, on the same paper, are the best of their respective values, particularly the latter. The 50c is hardly ever seen, and should prove very scarce as it is expected on Script paper shortly.

1921-22. Script C A.—Numerous colour changes are taking place, so the whole of these should be secured without delay. The 12c, grey, is already obsolete and scarce, and as it would seem that the number printed was considerably smaller than usual, it should also be obtained quickly, as a further rise would appear inevitable.

Mesopotamia, 1918-20.—With the exception of the ¼a the whole of this issue is fairly plentiful. The 10r may, however, prove fairly good mint, but all values are commoner used than mint, especially the 10rs.

1921. Script C A.—As a new issue is expected before long these may well prove quite nice. Even now I should say that they are scarcer than the previous issue.

Montserrat, 1914.—This 5s is already a really scarce stamp and should get scarcer.

1916-22.—None of this set is particularly common, and all should prove fairly good as they become obsolete, particularly the 3d, on new yellow, and the 4d, which have only just been issued.

1922. Script C A.—To date have only appeared in the old colours, so I suppose the usual changes may be expected.

Morocco Agencies.—The scarcity of all these issues appears to me sufficiently indicated by the catalogue, so I will not waste space in repetition. The only comment I have to make is that the 6p on 5s, Waterlow, exists on very pale rose, and is very scarce thus.

Nauru, 1916.—A new issue is shortly expected, so that blanks should be filled in time. The high values (2s 6d, 5s, 10s) are quite scarce—as indicated by the catalogue—but copies can sometimes be obtained at nominal prices.

Newfoundland, 1911.—Quite a nice set which is not very often seen. The 8c, aniline, is far commoner than the other shade though reversed in most catalogues.

1919.—The 6c and 8c, which are obsolete, are the best of this set.

1920. Provisionals.—Though never very plentiful or cheap these seem to be fairly stationary in value.

Air Post, Hawker's.—Beyond the reach of most collectors.

Alcock.—Very uncommon used, but fairly plentiful, though not cheap, mint.

Halifax.—The letters sent by this mail took some months on the way owing to the machine breaking down. They seem to be more plentiful used than mint, though they are fairly expensive.

New Hebrides, 1911-12.—These stamps were never very plentiful, and as they are now appearing on Script paper should be got without delay. The issues in French currency, which are scarcer than the above, should rightly be collected with them, as they are used together.

1920. Provisionals.—Are getting scarcer fairly rapidly, the only ones at all plentiful being the 5c and 10c, on New Caledonia, and the best, except of course the errors of watermark, is easily the 50 on 40c.

1921. Script C A.—The 1d and 2d being in old colours will, I suppose, be changed.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

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119	25c violet	.30	.45
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THE MANAGING EDITOR

JAMAICA 3d, 4d, 6d, PICTORIALS.

By H. COOKE.

The Three-Penny stamp was issued on April 7th, 1921, on white paper, watermarked old type CA multiple upright. The design is treated in traverse rectangular style, printed in one sheet from an engraved plate of 80 subjects, *i.e.*, 8 by 10, perforated 14 single line.

The central portion of the design is printed in deep green, and depicts the landing of Columbus at Jamaica, said to have been on May 3rd, 1494. The spot is claimed by some to have been S. Anne's Bay, by others Dry Harbour, but as the two points are relatively close to each other, and there are the remains of a very old Spanish settlement at a place called Seville, which is between the two disputed points, the point of actual landing may have been this; in any case it is not philatelically important. In 1503, when on his fourth and last voyage, Columbus was forced through illness to spend twelve months in the same vicinity, and thus began the Spanish colonisation of the island. Their administration may not be dealt with here, but it will be of interest to note that under their rule the indigenous Arawak Indian disappeared, and under the British occupation has not been known, and until the appearance of the current 1d stamp, were only noted as supporters to the arms of the colony.

The centre, described, is set in a frame printed in blue, which varies to ultramarine. At the top, and forming partial border, is a row of ten pineapples, at both ends of this is a shield on which is a white circle in which is printed the value "3d," the shields being supported by crossed branches of laurel. Between these, "Jamaica" is printed in white block letters, and immediately below, "Postage Revenue," in white letters of varying size arranged in a curved to conform to the top of the vignette. The sides are made up of ornamental panels giving the effect of a moulding, and immediately below the vignette are the words and figures, "Jamaica discovered by Columbus 1494" in small white letters and figures, below this is another partial border of twelve pineapples, the moulding of the sides being extended to embrace the corners. The official description of the stamp appears in the *Gazette* of April 7th, 1921, as follows:—

"Stamp Office, Kingston,
6th April, 1921.

The following is a description of a 3d adhesive stamp to be used for postage and revenue purposes.

This stamp will be put into circulation on 8th April, 1921.

The design of the stamp represents the landing of Columbus on the Island on its discovery.

The denomination 3d is shown on a shield (with laurel leaves beneath) in the left and right corners at the top.

Between the denomination is printed
Jamaica
Postage Revenue

Above the word Jamaica is a row of pineapples. At the bottom are the words and figures JAMAICA DISCOVERED BY COLUMBUS 1494, and under these words there is another row of pineapples. The border of the stamp is blue and the centre green.

C. C. MANTON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

The Four-Penny stamp was issued on January 21st, 1921, printed from an engraved plate of 80 subjects, *i.e.*, 10 x 8, on white paper watermarked old type CA multiple upright, perforated 14 comb. The design is treated in upright rectangular style, the format being smaller than the last of the series, and of the same size as the 2d, and principally depicts the Cathedral at Spanish Town. A brief history of this building is as follows:—

With the decline of the first Spanish city, that of Seville, situated on the North, near the present St. Anne's Bay the "Villa de la Vega" or City of the Plains, was founded about 1523. The Spanish name "Villa de la Vaga" was corrupted by the English to "St. Jago de la Vega" or St. James of the Plains, and later to "Spanish Town." The application of "St. Jago de la Vega" was probably due to the fact that the Spaniards usually referred to the island as "Santiago," and their records invariably were written "island of Santiago called Jamaica."

In the days of Columbus, the Church and State were far more closely related than they are now, and such an adventure as his, as well as the colonisation of the island, of necessity required the blessing and probably the active co-operation of the Church, so it is reasonably certain that a mission existed from the time of the occupation, but we do know that the Spanish King, in January 1515, wrote his ambassador at Rome expressing his desire to found an Abbacy at Jamaica, nominated one of his chaplains for the post and begged the Pope to create it. His desire must have been granted, as we learn that in March, 1522, he wrote to the Pope reporting the death of Sancho de Matienzo, "Abbot of Jamaica" and nominated his successor; again, in September, 1526, the King wrote the Governor of the island stating that Peter Martir, "Abbot of the island" had represented that Pedro de Mazuelo, Island Treasurer, was using the Indians contracted for and engaged on the building of the Church, for other purposes, and delaying the work; he commanded that this interference with the work must cease at once. The earliest records indicate that the site was occupied by a wooden Church building as early as 1523, apparently extended and improved as is suggested in the preceding paragraph, and completed about 1530. This building seems to have stood until 1655, when the town was captured by the British under Admirals Penn and Venables, and the Church and a monastery were seriously damaged by the "fanatic soldiery." The Church was restored, as the records report its complete destruction by a terrible hurricane in 1712. The present building was erected in 1714, and is therefore probably the oldest, and certainly one of the oldest of British Colonial Cathedrals, although it did not attain Cathedral status until 1843, when Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, so appointed it by letters patent dated November 28th of that year. Its furnishings bear out its antiquity, as it possesses altar plate in pure silver dating from 1769, among which is a flagon dated 1777, but inscribed as re-fashioned from the old plate of 1685, the maker's name is signified by the letters S.W., and are apparently identical with similar initials which exist on a pair of candlesticks in Trinity College, Oxford, dated 1759. Some very fine pieces of statuary within its walls carry great British names, one of the best being a monument to Thomas, Earl of Effingham, Baron Howard and his wife Catherine, by Bacon. Another is to Elizabeth Mary, Countess of Elgin and Kincardine, by Sir John Steell, noted in Edinburgh for his statues of Sir Walter Scott and the late Prince Consort, and in New York for his colossal figure of Burns. It is enough to mention these two, but there are many other fine pieces by both these and other famed sculptors.

The view of the Cathedral which appears on this stamp, shows the tower which was added in 1817, and forms a vignette which is printed in deep sepia set in a frame of green, the w giving a very pleasing effect, so that stamp is sometimes described as handsomest of the series. At the the figures of value appear at left right in colour on white tablets set deeply shaded squares, between are words "Postage Revenue" in small w letters, below which is "Jamaica" in he white block type set in a slight curv conform to the vignette. At left right are side panels on which are sh bunches of oranges, at bottom the fig of value again appear as above, with words "Spanish Town Cathedral" tween in small white letters. A vari which is constant, exists; it is No. enumerating across the sheet from to right. The figures of value in upper corners of this specimen, show stop in positions usually used when w ing or printing the term 4d. At the it appears beside the d, thus 4d-, and the right below the d, thus 4d, o on this specimen and in the upper c ners only, are the values printed in t manner, on all others the value is prin without period.

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colours, but on the new script paper, was noted as on sale at the Cross Roads P. O. on December 5th, 1921, but the official record deals with its appearance when first issued on the old paper only, and appears in the *Gazette* of January 20th, 1921:

"Stamp Office, Kingston,
17th January, 1921.

The following is a description of a FOUR-PENNY adhesive stamp to be used for postage and revenue purposes. This stamp will be put into circulation on January 21st, 1921. The design of the stamp is represented by a view of the Spanish Town Cathedral.

The denomination 4d is shown on white labels at the four corners.

At the top of the design are the words:

Postage Revenue
Jamaica

and at the bottom are the worls:

Spanish Town Cathedral

To the left and right of the design hang bunches of Oranges.

The colour of the border of the design is green, and the colour of the design is brown.

C. C. Manton,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

The Six-Penny stamp of the series should have been issued in June, 1921, but has not yet appeared. A printing was made from an approved design, and an initial supply of 362,400 was sent out to the colony from England, arriving there in May, 1921, but when examined for issue in June, the printing was found not to be satisfactory; and the subject of the design, "The Abolition of Slavery" was considered to be of a possible inflammatory nature, because of certain conditions then existing in the island; and for these reasons the issue was suppressed, the entire stock in the island being destroyed by burning in July. Not long after, and probably due to the pernicious system adopted by the Crown Agents of hawking Colonial stamps to dealers in England, the stamp was reported from London as issued there. The matter was at once made the subject of energetic protest to the local Government by the Jamaica Philatelic Society, and is now believed to be under investigation. A second and smaller supply of the stamps was received in October and has apparently been held pending the result of this enquiry, and if it be affirmed that the stamps were sold by the Crown Agents, it would seem that the local government will have no option but to place the present stock in the island on sale there.

In order to provide a stamp of this denomination, the Georgian 6d of November 8th, 1922, was re-issued on the new Script paper about October 21st, 1921, and is still in use (March, 1922).

The suppressed 6d Pictorial, has not been officially recorded, but it is possible to describe it as follows:—

Printed from an engraved plate of 40 subjects, *i.e.*, 5 x 8 in one sheet on white paper watermarked Script CA multiple to the right, perforated 14 comb. The stamp is of "maximum size," its area is exactly that of the 1½d Contingent, and it will be noted that the plate is composed of the same number of subjects arranged in the same way, while the watermark suggests that paper intended for the 1½d was used, as although all the other pictorials were first issued on the old paper, the 3d and 5sh as late as April, 1921, the paper for the 1½d contingent was changed to Script as early as February of the same year. The design is treated in transverse rectangular style, and the vignette is a copy of a lithograph in the Picture Gallery in the Museum at Kingston. This lithograph is by R. Cartwright, of 1, Warwick Place, Bedford Row, London, and depicts the scene in the square at Spanish Town on August 1st, 1838, when the Governor, Sir Lionel Smith, read the Declaration of Freedom from Slavery to about 8,000 people assembled there. The picture shows the Rodney Memorial, also seen on the 2sh stamp, in the background; King's House, also seen on the 2d stamp, appears at the left, with the Governor, the Bishop, and the Rev. J. M. Phillippo on the steps, the first with the document in his hands. The Parliament Building is seen at the right, the assembled crowd in the foreground, and a flag staff bearing the Royal Standard is at the right centre. The whole vignette is printed in Indian red, and is set in a frame of blue-gray, the effect is not pleasing. The design of the frame is far from ornate, simply lines, panels, and a scroll or two. At the top is the word "Jamaica" in heavy White block type, with scrolls on both sides, at the corners the value 6d appears in colour on the white bosses of shields supported by crossed branches of laurel. At the left is the word "Postage" in small white letters reading up on a coloured panel imposed on a scroll, with lines above and below. At the right is the word "Revenue," reading down, printed and set similarly to "Postage." At the bottom on a narrow coloured panel are the words and figures "Abolition of Slavery, 1st Aug. 1838" in small white characters, below which is another scroll and lines.

It is currently reported that another design has been prepared and approved for a stamp of this value to complete the Pictorial series. Rumour states that the vignette is a picture of the harbour and town of Port Royal, set in a nautical frame, on which anchors and ropes are prominent.

The shilling stamp was issued on December 10th, 1920, printed from an engraved plate of 60 subjects, *i. e.*, 12x5, in one sheet on white paper watermarked old type CA multiple upright, perforated 14 single line. This get up of the sheet is somewhat unusual, as instead of being as nearly square as possible, it is really a narrow rectangle in shape. The format is upright rectangular, and the size is about that of the 2½d. The vignette depicts the statue of the late Queen Victoria, which was erected at the southern entrance of what was the Parade Gardens in Kingston, and is intended to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of that Monarch, celebrated in 1897. It is a replica of a statue erected in the hall of the Colonial Office at Singapore, by Edward Geflowski, exhibitor at the Royal Academy from 1867-1872, in commemoration of the Jubilee of 1887. A plaster cast may be seen in the Imperial Institute, London.

In 1914, on the occasion of a visit to the island of Her Highness Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, a granddaughter of the late Queen, and at the request of the Municipality of Kingston, Her Highness on February 4th, performed the ceremony in the shadow of the Queen's statue of re-naming the Gardens, Victoria Park.

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The stamp appeared at the Cross Roads P. O. on the new paper on November 4th, 1921, but there is no official record of the change of paper, the official record deals only with its first appearance on the old paper, and is taken from the *Gazette* of December 9th, 1920:

"Stamp Office, Kingston.
6th December, 1920.

The following is a description of a 1sh adhesive stamp to be used for postage and revenue purposes.

This stamp will be put into circulation on Friday, 10th December, 1920.

The design of the stamp is denoted by a Statue of Queen Victoria.

At the top of the design is printed:

Jamaica
Postage Revenue

The denomination 1sh is shown on an oval in each corner at the bottom. Between the denominations are the words:

Queen Victoria
of Jamaica Lady Supreme.

On each side of the design is a cocoanut palm.

The colour of the stamp is orange.

C. C. MANTON,
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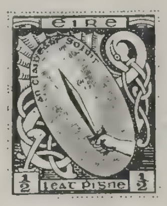
Approved, March 3, 1923.

THE NEW IRISH DESIGN.

By W. WARD.

A very prominent philatelist said to me a few days ago that he considered one of the most charming features about stamp collecting was to know the origin and cause of a stamp design, its artist, and the correct definition of its features—artistic, symbolic, or heraldic.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, of 8 Westmoreland Street, Dublin, I am enabled to present readers with the new design for the forthcoming ½d, 3d, 6d, and 1s Free State stamps, and an explanation of the, at first sight, somewhat alarming character of the design.



As already published, Mr. O'Reilly, a well known Irish artist, was successful in the recent competition for an all-Irish design for the new series of stamps, with an ancient Gaelic device, the Sword of Light (*An Claidheamh Soluis*).

The sword is an emblem of Progress and Learning, and is very effectively shown grasped in a hand upon an elliptical shield, or medallion, which lies diagonally across the stamp, cleaving the background, which is composed of a Celtic ornament executed in the manner of the Book of Kells.

The chief figure in this design is an interlaced Dragon, or Serpent, suggestive of debasement, and which, with its solid ground, forms a most noticeable contrast to the radiant Sword of Light. The country's name, "éire," on an ornamental riband, appears at the top.

It is a unique and interesting stamp, quite different from any hackneyed design known to collectors, and, when it actually appears, the new printing process, as at present employed for the "Map" stamps, will give a much better appearance to the design than at first appears in mere black and white.

The Post Office Department is making every endeavour to issue the new Celtic Cross design on Saturday next, March 17th, in commemoration of the 1,500th anniversary of the Patron Saints Missions and first teachings of Christianity in Ireland and Western Great Britain (A. D. 423). The first value will probably be the 3d, though, of course, the design will also apear on the new 10d stamp.—*Stamp Collecting.*

THE NEW SERIES OF U. S. STAMPS.

By T. C. STEPHENS.

Now that the new series of U. S. postage stamps is pretty well under way the writer has wondered how favorably the new designs are being received by those who take an interest in such things. Very few comments have been seen in print, so that the writer has no idea as to how the trend of opinion is going.

It appears that the series is to consist of three designs, with the central figure varying with the denomination. The design designated as No. 706 includes the denominations from one cent to fourteen cents; design No. 708 includes the fifteen and twenty cent stamps; and the values of twenty-five cents and higher are in a horizontal design, No. 707.

The writer believes that these three designs are pleasing, and all that might be desired from an artistic viewpoint. The numerals are larger than in previous issues, an improvement to be commended. We are glad to see variety in the portraits again established; this must also have a practical advantage. The portraits on the one and two cent stamps are still taken from the busts, but the heads are enlarged sufficiently to exclude from the picture the rather unattractive statuesque portion of the bust.

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is attributed to two factors, viz., the color of the ink and the absence of the background in the oval. In no other stamp, so far issued, do the features of the face show so clearly as in the portrait of Lincoln. The portrait in the 5-cent stamp is faulty in the last particular, in spite of the clear background. It is probable that all of the portrait stamps, perhaps excepting the one-cent and two-cent, would be improved with a white, instead of a colored, background. But it seems a pity that the facial features on the 5-cent stamp are so clouded and obscure.

The color of the 9-cent stamp is pale and sickly; that of the 6-cent is not much better, bringing out the details even less distinctly; so far as color is concerned the 10-cent stamp is an utter failure. Postal clerks will be able to recognize the 10-cent stamp readily because the shade of yellow is quite different from any other stamp of the series. It is probably very difficult to find a shade of yellow which will show the details of the engraving on white paper. The 11-cent stamp is one of the best of the series, because the color brings out the design clearly.

The 15-cent stamp is unique and pleasing. The 50-cent and one dollar stamps are too much alike in color and design. In both cases the central figure is a building with tall pillars, either one of which is a beautiful picture; but when arranged in a series the sameness is noticeable.

SOMETHING MORE THAN A FAD.

A good many people outside of the ranks of philately doubtless regard stamp collecting as a rather frivolous fad. It may be an eye opener to them to learn from a recent metropolitan development that a pretty extensive literature has been built up around stamp collecting. This development is a gift recently presented to the New York Collectors Club by a wealthy member. It comprises a whole library of stamp publications, namely, 1,200 bound volumes and some 30,000 copies of periodicals—all relating to philately, or stamp collecting. It represents the life-long accumulations of an Austrian collector.

Considering that the first postage stamp, the English one-penny, was issued less than seventy-five years ago, philately has made great headway as a pursuit, a pastime, an occupation, a study or an art—whichever title one chooses to apply to it—if we may judge from the size of it bibliography. Yet there are several philatelic libraries in existence larger than that described above.

But nothing in the whole range of philatelic literature is more interesting than a comparison of the price catalogues of stamps for collections through a long series of years. The tremendous increase in the value of stamps that dealers sold for a few pennies thirty or forty years ago is a real romance of philately—almost as great a romance as many a "find" of rare old stamps in that ancient trunk in the garret.

The size of the philatelic libraries is fairly good proof that stamp collecting has attained the triple distinction of a science, an art and an investment. A stamp collection the value of which surpasses the $100,000 mark is no longer regarded as a sensational discovery. Within the past five years single used stamps have brought at auction o vate sale, sums varying from $10,0 $40,000.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

In the *Saturday Night* (St. John's) of May 6, 1922, in an article headed "Timely Tips for the Minister of Posts," admitting that it was highly desirable to increase the Post Office revenue, but protesting against the proposed tax on newspapers and periodicals, then being considered in the House, the suggestion is made that "if a new set of stamps is issued, a handsome revenue will be brought into the P. O. Dept. without taxing newspapers."

"At present we have no regular issue. The Caribou set was a war issue, and we don't want to be constantly reminded of that ghastly period in our history. Then again, several denominations of this set are sold out, and one cannot buy a complete set except at a greatly increased price. The issuing of a new set will bring in many thousands of dollars from outside the Colony, in addition to those bought by the general public. There are millions of stamp collectors all over the world, and these must be supplied with new sets as they are issued. Granted then that a new issue is desirable, the question arises what will be the design?

"A study of the stamps of Newfoundland will show that we have had quite a variety. First we had the emblematic design consisting of the rose, the shamrock, and the thistle, the three-in-one set; then the good Queen Victoria, as bride, mother, and widow; also her consort; Albert Edward as Prince of Wales, and later as King Edward. Our present sovereign and Queen Mary appear as Duke and Duchess of York. In the Coronation series we had a regular picture gallery of the reigning Royal Family. In the Cabot series were pictured Sebastian Cabot and Henry VII, and our various industries—fishing, mining, lumbering, etc. In the Guy series we had various scenes in connection with the establishing of Britain's first colony. Nor have we forgotten the mainstays of our island home,—the cod, the seal, and also the Newfoundland dog. Lastly, we have the Caribou war set.

"If we were asked to suggest designs for a new series, we would unhesitatingly say, advertise the country, its scenery, its salmon pools and rivers, its beautiful rugged coast line, and its magnificent bays and inland scenery. Let every stamp picture a beauty spot, and our stamps will not only be a joy to every collector, but they will be the means of bringing many tourists and travelers to our shores.

"Then we should have an aeroplane issue of two or three denominations. In spite of almost unsurmountable difficulties, Major Cotton has clearly demonstrated that winter air mails are quite feasible. They are bound to come sooner or later, and the system should be inaugurated now. Nothing is gained by the delay. In this connection, ex-Postmaster General Robinson, during his all too brief tenure of office, foresaw that there was a possibility of an air mail service of some kind being established here, and had proofs submitted by a London firm, which reached him before he vacated the office. The designs are exceedingly appropriate and well executed. One or more of these should be ordered at once. The day they are put on sale the revenue will be increased accordingly."

In November, 1919, the Cashion government of Newfoundland fell, and R. A. Squires became Premier. In forming his cabinet, a new Department was created, that of Posts and Telegraphs, with W. W. Halfyard (Colonial Secretary, 1918-19, under the Lloyd government), at its head. Previously, the Post Office Department had been under the jurisdiction of the Colonial Secretary, and political upheavals had not affected the position of the Postmaster-General.

Immediately the new appointment was officially gazetted, Dr. J. Alex. Robinson, who became Postmaster-General on Sept. 1, 1916, resigned (December 6, 1919), refusing to continue on as Deputy Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. Mr. G. W. LeMessurier acted as Deputy until his appointment was confirmed in the following year.

Had Dr. Robinson continued in office, the Caribou series would have been replaced during 1920. They had served the purpose for which they had been issued, and their size, from the start, had been considered inconvenient for use on receipts, etc. But by the new administration nothing definite was done until April, 1922, when they began to look

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> "(Royal Arms)
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> NOTICE
>
> The Post Office Department proposes to issue a new series of stamps, and the Minister of Posts would be pleased to receive suggestions for twelve designs.
>
> W. W. HALFYARD,
> *Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.*"
>
> Jy 19, 1922. 1—i.

Several hundred suggestions were received, some letters even coming from the States. Many of these were not practical, but the officials were very much pleased with the response and the interest shown. The majority of the suggestions called for a pictorial series, embodying coast and inland scenery, the varied industries of the island, etc. A series of designs submitted by Mr. A. G. Gibbs, of Ayre & Sons, Ltd., a large mail order house of St. John's, received the approval of the authorities, and these were sent, about the end of October, 1922, to Whitehead, Morris & Co., Ltd., London, and two months later, proofs were received. In these the frame details had been considerably simplified, and other changes made to bring into greater prominence the central features. The idea was to get away from elaborate frames which so detracted from the effectiveness of the Coronation series. Other changes were made by the authorities, and the approved proofs were returned to London, by the steamer Sachem, sailing from St. John's, February 18, 1923.

The face value of the series will not run as high as for the Caribou series, but some new lower values will be introduced, as there is now need for 9c and 11c stamps, for the combined Empire, and foreign, letter and registration rates, respectively.

The stamps will be line engraved and printed from steel plates, by Whitehead, Morris & Co., Ltd., who have held the stamp printing contract since 1910. Several other stamp printing concerns, among them being American Bank Note Co. of New York, quoted prices which were most attractive to the authorities, but for many reasons, no change was made, although Whitehead, Morris & Co. were instructed to leave nothing undone to insure the best of results, in both the engraving and the printing of the stamps.

NEW IRISH STAMPS.

By ROSS O'SHAUGHNESSY.

(Under date of Mar. 11.)

Have been in Ireland for some weeks past and yesterday I had an interview with the Free State Postmaster-General, Mr. Walsh and got lots of information about Irish stamps. I saw a complete sheet of the new halfpenny "Sword of Light" design, the color is pale green and unsatisfactory so it will not be issued in that color, but a darker green. This will cause some delay in the appearance of the ½d. Also saw a complete sheet of the 3d dull blue new design "Celtic Cross" and a shamrock in each of the four corners. This stamp will be placed on sale on March 17th, for St. Patrick's Day. Had a long tour through South Ireland, it is very hard to get stamps there, on account of the P. O.'s being raided by Irregulars so often only a few shillings worth of stamps are kept in stock in all the smaller offices. Toured all over the European Continent and had a good time and several philatelic experiences.

NEWS ITEMS FROM MR. LEVE.

A. Atlas Leve of Syracuse, N. Y., sends us a cover bearing the old 3c green with Kalamazoo, Mich., postmark. The letter was returned from St. Louis with the notation "Have your mail matter addressed to street and number." This is probably a very good use of a marking now quite familiar to us.

Mr. Leve also has a letter dated Sept. 16, 1844. It is a single sheet folded in the form of an envelope, sealed with wax, and the only cancellation stamp upon it reads "U. S. Express Mail," in blue.

The annual banquet of the Syracuse Stamp Club recently held in the Chamber of Commerce is made the subject of a very fine rotogravure in a recent number of a local paper. At this dinner Dr. John B. Howe was the guest of honor, and other guests were present from Utica, Oswego and Portland.

Special Notice

We are going to Stop Advertising of **Stamps For Sale.** We have so many inquiries and orders awaiting our attention that it will keep us busy for the next thirty days. We have worked overtime night after night trying to keep ahead, but have made no particular headway. We must stop letters of apology to those who are patiently waiting to get their orders filled. We expect to catch up and have all orders taken care of by May 1st. During May, June, July and August we will go over our immense accumulation of Stamps and Covers, unused Blocks, etc. Will get them systematically and properly arranged and will be in a position by September 1st to handle quickly any requests for Stamps we may have in stock. We have been favored with an unusual amount of patronage for a firm so little known, and, thanks to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY Ads, we have been instrumental in filling numerous vacancies in the collections of many well known Philatelists with rare items that were practically unobtainable from other sources.

Our stock is now (owing to lack of time) in a very disarranged condition, and we kindly ask everyone to refrain from ordering or sending us any inquiries or orders for stamps until after September 1st, at which time we will be able to take care of all orders and inquiries. We want to thank the hundreds of Customers who have been so patient with us within the last past five months, and also the many customers who have taken advantage of the Bargain Offerings we have been advertising in MEKEEL'S. It has been a very profitable season for us, and we are more than pleased with the amount of business derived from our Ads.

Stamps Wanted

We find that we are short on some particular U. S. stamps. We will want them in quantities, and starting with next week's issue, we will advertise to purchase such stamps, blocks or sheets that we need. If you have anything extremely rare in U. S. stamps to sell, in fine to Superb condition, you better let us know about it now, as you will find us willing and ready to pay top notch prices for anything really desirable in Rare old U. S. stamps.

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By H. CLAY REED.

Allow me to heartily endorse Mr. Walter M. Greenwood's complaint in your February 24 issue about the neglect of U. S. envelopes in the catalogs. The latter lists all kinds of minor varieties, minute differences in recut dies, almost indistinguishable under the glass, and even mistakes in printing, when the commonest of the die varieties of recent envelopes are practically unnoticed.

It seems to me that at least the specialized catalog should recognize the major die varieties. The earlier issues are fairly well described, but the 20th century are absolutely "passed up." The collecting of revalues, for example, should give envelopes quite a boost, but with nothing but the major "types" (so-called) listed, it must strike the eye of a blind man that something is wrong—for example, these two envelopes—III, 5 Cleveland and III, 11 Frisco, both go down in Scott's as "type III." Instead of simply type III in Scott's, there should be type III with 11 subheads. This takes up space, but it would put envelopes a little closer to the "place in the sun", that they should have.

There are only a comparatively small number of envelope collectors, but they are enthusiastic. Mr. Ward has helped revalue collecting by listing the entire varieties as they come out. Why not do the same thing for the cement circular dies?

Envelopes are an exhilarating pastime for both the millionaire and the poor man—there are plenty of the scarce ones for the former and a large enough general run for the latter.

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There are 48 distinct dies. The majority of the different varieties in these envelopes have already been found and assembled. What we need now is a résumé of the whole issue—articles on each, with illustrations of each type. Who'll do it? I am sure every envelope collector will be glad to turn in and help.

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—A new advertising cancellation reaches us as follows:—"Los Angeles Historical Revue Exposition, July 1923."

—Albert C. Gakenheimer, 2501 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md., informs us that he can secure no replies to letters addressed to Perry D. Dye Jr. and wishes to know whether others are similarly situated. W. G. Watt, M.D., South Deerfield, Mass., makes a similar request concerning M. D. Olmstead of Concord, N. H.

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—The Boston Philatelic Society issued a very fine catalogue of the postage stamp exhibition held at the Boston Public Library, March 19 to 24. The introduction to the catalog was written by C. A. Howes and it makes a very readable article. The catalog of exh covers in a very comprehensive ma the thirty-one different displays. A of members of the Society is given a generous amount of advertising sprinkled through its 36 pages.

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Attending the sale recently held in Paris, at which the stamps of the late M. Ferrary were sold by auction, Mr. Adutt was enabled to add many fine items to his collection. These were included in the display and were examined with very great interest. Few stamps stir one's imagination as those of the Confederate States, recalling as they do that bitter struggle of kith against kin—the war between North and South in 1861. In the early days of the war the Southern postmasters found much difficulty in carrying on their work. Stamps there were none, some made their own circular handstamp; but with the help of newspaper printing offices stamps were hastily improvised, for many towns and districts, each with their own peculiar design.

In one instance, a specimen of which was shown, the small coloured labels of Messrs. Colman & Law, booksellers and druggists, of Gonzales, Texas, were used as stamps, and these are now of considerable rarity. Of the later general issues there was a very fine show, the majority being on entire envelope. It would need a volume to describe this wonderful collection in detail, numbering, as it does, some thousands of specimens, but collectors can form an opinion as to its interest if we enumerate a few items shewn which have not hitherto been recorded in the philatelic press: One full pane of 200 stamps of the 10 cents Confederate States, 1863, showing eight re-entries, printed by Messrs. Archer, the words "and Daly" being erased from the plate inscription; two panes of 100 each 10 cents Confederate States, printed by Keatinge & Ball, Columbia; one pane of 100 U.S.A. 1 cent blue of September, 1861, with full margins and plate number; a re-constructed sheet of ten stamps of the Baltimore 1851 (Horseman type); a block of four unused 5 cents 1847 and a fine mint specimen 24 cent U.S.A. general issue 1861 ("Première Gravure"). On the motion of the chairman a very cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Adutt, who, in reply, said he enjoyed his visits to the Canterbury Society, and would certainly take pleasure in again visiting the society.—*Canterbury Gazette.*

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

One of the concomitants of a new stamp issue is the wave of rumors attending proposed changes or alterations of certain of the specimens. A postal clerk has said that there was an impending change in the twenty-five cent stamp as it showed the Falls from the Canadian side but according to an article in the Cincinnati *Commercial Tribune* several weeks ago, entitled "Nation's History in Stamps," it is said: "Postal officials, however, declare that the view is of the American Falls and presents its slightly confusing resemblance to the Canadian Falls because the view is shown as seen from Goat Island. The apparent curve evident in the picture on the 25-cent stamp is a result of the meticulous care on the part of the engraver to bring out every detail in the view." No confirmatory details of possible alterations in the background of some of the stamps are at hand, it may be said here.

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A correspondent writes: "Why are you so ungrateful as to destroy the creatures of your own making? I remember with what gusto you were wont to dwell upon that remarkable special cancellation, the 'flying jack-ass' and I charge that you with your talk of it, as well as of the 'skull-and-cross-bones,' etc., are responsible to much of the latter-day interest in the odd markings utilized by the ingenious and sometimes humorous P.M.'s of a by-gone day. Do not seek to cast aspersions on the character of my beautiful full-moon cancellation on a three cent, 1861, which even though it does not impress the unimaginative collector as being anything more than a none too round blotch of black is to me a well-spring of joy. But my piece supreme is what I call my 'Lalla Rookh' cancellation which resembles a parallelogram nicely restricted at the middle. I have named this marking after the lady who starred as P. T. Barnum's ten thousand dollar beauty in my golden days of boyhood. It is true that the unfeeling eye discerns nothing but an unbeauteous smudge and I am told that my eye for beauty is myopic but at least I have a soul-vision that sees through the petty antagonisms of jealous collecting brethren." Our friend who signs himself, "Count de Mocha," should not be disturbed; and time will tell whether he is not our once-famous philatelic friend Count Lapp de Booz, who abreast of the times, has quite sensibly changed his name.

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That Babson advertisement is well worth consideration. When a highly systematized business organization of a character that rests upon the efficiency and accuracy of its units announces its faith in a philatelic training, as affording a good basis for development in its own highly specialized field, the compliment to stamps becomes unqualified. We believe that the stamp business affords an opportunity for commercial experience that is practical and in some cases, profitable. Under the natural order of things, a percentage of collectors, young and old, will enter into the stamp trade and since they will have their fling, why not try to help along the young dealer in order that he may be protected from improper methods. To hark back to the Babson ad, it is enough to say that we derive much satisfaction from its words, especially as we are assuming that the Babson people are not running blanket ads covering other subjects, in the way that philately has been singled out.

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We have heard again from Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy on his travels and this time he writes from Dublin under date of Feb. 27, 1923, that he is "learning all about the provisional issues." In this second budget from Ireland, Mr. O'Shaughnessy says that philatelically speaking, Ireland is rapidly coming from relative obscurity to a place in the sun. We can easily understand that the Irish provisionals and permanent issues have stimulated interest in stamps on the island.

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The receipt from Mr. F. G. Browne of a colored postmark that came to him on a letter from a western point has stirred us to get the latest governmental regulations applying to the subject; and the following copy of an order dated January 11, 1923, has been received from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General: "Postmasters are cautioned against purchasing money-order and miscellaneous rubber and steel stamps from firms or corporations advertising through the medium of circular letters or magazines. Section 541, paragraph 3, of the Postal Laws and Regulations for 1913 reads as follows: 'Postmasters shall not use any postmarking stamps but those furnished by the Post Office Department.' All postmarking and stock stamps are under contract, and will be furnished to any post-office entitled to same provided requisition is properly made on this bureau. Specially made stamps should not be purchased in open market unless authority has first been granted by the Post Office Department." While nothing is said about the use of colored inks for postmarking, we have traced down to the '70's the injunction: "The cancellation must be effected by the use of black printing-ink whenever that material can be obtained; and where it cannot, the operation should be performed by making several heavy crosses or parallel lines upon each stamp with a pen dipped in good black writing-ink." While the postmark in color is slowly disappearing on our letters, yet it is employed by some of the remote offices and we surmise that the department allows some latitude in the interpretation of its rules in this regard.

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How many of our readers secured copies of the new twelve cent stamp which was "placed on sale March 20, 1923, at the post-office at Caldwell, N. J., the birthplace of former President Cleveland, and at the post-office at Boston, Mass." We are pleased to find that the department is responsive to the sentiment as carried by the Roosevelt, Hayes, Lincoln and Cleveland stamps, in so appropriately timing their issue.

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A correspondent is anxious to learn particulars regarding the "early method of handling correspondence from the United States to Mexico." The question is a broad one but we suppose that as Lower California is a part of Mexico, letters from the United States were carried to the accepted exchange post-office and thence despatched to the destinations. The only notice that we have found is the following sentence that appears on an old postal notice issued by the department: "Correspondence for the states of Sonora, Sinaloa, Jalisco, and Durango and the Territory of Lower California is expeditiously forwarded *via* Tucson, Ariz." If any peculiar circumstances entered into the handling of the class of mail cited by our correspondent we should be pleased to know of it. In this connection we remember having had a number of early covers addressed from Mexico to the United States on which the postage was paid by the U.S. stamps; and one of these covers which went into the Worthington collection, we believe, bore a ten cent of 1851.

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We are informed that the U. S. collection of A. Leon Adutt of Margate, England, has been purchased by a U. S. collector and is on its way to this country. To say that we are surprised is expressing it mildly. We do not know who has purchased the collection, and must await more light on the subject. Mr. Adutt informs us that the collection is mounte in fourteen volumes, but he has retaine the Confederate sections, which will b exhibited in May. We have just re ceived a few additional photograph taken just before the collection lef England.

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PHILATELIC NOTES FROM FRANCE.

By LOWELL J. RAGATZ.

A large collection of "Specimen" stamps, said to have been purchased of a South American governmental official, has been placed on sale in one of the smaller Parisian stamp shops. The collection consists of some 8,000 varieties, chiefly twentieth century, and all in mint condition. The British colonial high values make particularly attractive buys. I secured the United States issues among other things.

A small lot of the French stamps of 1906-1907 surcharged "S.P.—du M.—Bordeaux" for use in the Montenegran post-office in that city during three weeks in 1916 have come on the market. Values from 5 centimes to 1 franc were so surcharged, with a rubber stamp, and but limited quantities were issued. Two return labels for use in the same office were issued, and specimens of these are now available.

Sheets of the provisional Chamber of Commerce of Amiens 10 centimes green stamp of 1909 have made their appearance in a number of the local stamp shops. They all came from a small lot recently disposed of by the original holder. These stamps were issued as a result of a postal strike and were used within the city limits only from the 13th to the 16th of May. They were printed in small sheets, and perforated 11½, and contain one tête-bêche error per sheet.

Reproductions of the Mauritius Post-Office stamps are being offered by one dealer at 10 francs a pair. They are very similar to those given away as subscription premiums by an American dealer some years ago.

Counterfeit Thessaly stamps unused, cancelled, and "used" on cover have been noted in the windows of a number of dealers catering to children. The remainders were sold in 1906 but have long since been absorbed.

Some time ago I spoke of two stamps, one an early European issue and the other a popular, low-priced United States emission, which were being heavily invested in by a group of American collectors in anticipation of rises in price. The market has now been quite well combed and there is no longer any reason why the stamps should not be named. They are Spain number 1 and the 3 cent of 1869.

The gentlemen interested do not wish their names to be known, but it can be stated that they acquired their present very large holdings during the course of two years, using some dozen purchasers in Europe and the United States. Thus far no inkling of the absorption of these stamps seems to have gotten out in Europe, but the well-guarded secret appears to have leaked out in the States for I note three dealers have suddenly commenced buying Spain number 1.

One wholesale stock I recently looked over contained more than 100 sets of the 1911 Abyssinia provisional surcharges, each set philatelically used on cover. The envelopes which were unaddressed and unsealed bore the return card of a French railway. There was another lot, almost as large, of split provisionals, cancellations neatly applied over cut. They were philatelically used also, of course.

A weird lot of 1904 Hayti counterfeits is being disposed of at the bourse. All come from a common source. The wholesaler supplying them usually makes his appearance Sunday mornings. His wares include all the stamps in the series perforated and imperforate, both in normal colours, perforated and imperforate in wrong colours, perforated and imperforate with inverted centres in normal colours, and the same in wrong colours. As if these atrocities were not enough, there is an ample variety of double prints normal and inverted in normal and wrong colours, specimens printed on both sides, and what not else. These doubtless come from the same press which turned out the lot of such "rare errors" of exactly the same nature offered by a dealer in the States some time ago. Here at least they are sold at only a few centimes each.

The price of the 26 colonial surcharges set continues to rise. The current quotation is 5 francs the set.

To date 104 French colonial stamps have appeared in the new colours. In attempting to secure some sets of dues in the old colours I found that the supply of most varieties of these had been exhausted and that requisitions were being filled with stamps in the new colours.

French dealers occupy ground floors more commonly than do dealers in the States, as rentals in Paris are but a fraction of those at home. Extensive window displays are therefore the rule. These are changed very frequently, sometimes as often as once a week. A specialty of some shops is "the bargain of the day," a good stamp offered at a fourth or a fifth of catalogue. Other regularly found features are large cards of stamps at a sou or two a copy, and sheets of damaged stamps at enormous discounts.

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UNITED STATES.—In my Chronicle of last week I overlooked mentioning that the new design 1c and 2c in an unperforated condition, in sheets of four hundred were available at the Philatelic Stamp Agency on March 20th. They have also obtained a supply of the new 2c sidewise coils but these are now on sale at most of the large offices throughout the country.

Mr. Standish Prescott kindly sends two newspaper clippings from Orange, N. J., relative to the sale of the 12c Cleveland on the first day, March 20th, at the Caldwell, N. J., office. It seems that they received but 3,000 stamps and one or two parties would have willingly purchased the entire supply. Postmaster Joseph A. Brady however distributed his stock in small lots to all comers so no one was disappointed. The Postmaster is also to be commended for the clear light cancellations that were applied generally to the first day covers.

The Boston Postmaster received 10,000 of the Cleveland stamps, placed on sale in that city on the first day as a courtesy in view of the Philatelic Exhibition. Those covers that were distributed from that office on the first day mostly received the interesting philatelic postmark now being used in that city. Some covers, however, dropped in the mail boxes, received the normal Boston postmark.

In my Chronicle for March 17th mention was made of a double transfer in the case of the 2c stamp, which by the way should have been listed as the 26th and not the 25th stamp in the sheet. Since writing the original notes I have seen the stamp in question and would advise that it is not a double transfer, hence not a plate variety, but has the appearance as being such due to an extra line or so caused by the sheet coming in contact with the plate a second time.

The new 2c is to be found in several shades and we wish to thank Prof. James Lewis Howe for several used copies showing the differences. I have seen no marked difference in any of the other values as yet. Now that several of the denominations are being distributed generally we may look for some unusual shades.

We wish to extend our thanks to Messrs. John H. Feeman, E. W. Murray, E. B. Sterling, L. R. Sanders, Otto F. Henker and R. Samuels for clippings and notes of interest.

AUSTRIA.—The annual Charity series this year is to show views of the most important cities of Austria. Philatelists would not need the evidence of their daily paper to tell them that financial matters are improving here, for this is shown by the fact that no new high value stamps have been issued for some time, the 2,000 krone being the highest. Germany has now got to 2,000 marks stamps, and is likely soon to beat the Austrian record. Whether she will compete with Russia in the long run, who can say?—*Gibbons' Monthly Circular.*

BAHAMAS.—Mr. G. J. De Gregory sends us an official notice fixing the rate for letters carried by air by the seaplane "Governor Cordeaux" from Nassau to Miami (Florida) at 3d per ounce. Letters have to be marked "Air Mail" and posted in the Air Mail Box at the G.P.O. Our correspondent suggests that current stamps of Bahamas may be overprinted locally with a seaplane device, for use in connection with this service. The 5s King George, Script, has arrived in the island, but was not on sale when our informant wrote.—*Gibbons' Monthly Circular.*

BULGARIA.—Our special correspondent in Sofia, Mr. Peter Beron, informs us that, as a result of the theft from the Sofia Branch of the National Bank of quantities of the Bourchier commemorative stamps to the value of 214,500 levas, the entire set was demonetized as from February 16th last.

We also learn that the new 1, 2 and 3 levas Postage Dues are at present valid for prepaying purposes, on inland correspondence only.

As a mark of mourning for the recent destruction by fire of the National Theatre in Sofia, a new set of stamps is to be issued shortly.—*Stamp Collecting.*

GERMANY.—The Economist Stamp Co. send us copies of the following new issues: 25mks brown, in the type of Scott's A29, 30mks violet brown and gold, in the design of A30 and 40mks light green in the same type. Also the 1,000mks grey, in the type of A31.

Mr. Albert C. Gakenheimer advises that he has received the 20mk in violet in the A30 design.

LATVIA.—Mr. Karl Koslowski advises us that No. 102 is now perforated 10¼x11½, No. 107 the same and No. 1
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The sale of these latest Provisories csed an enormous throng before the stage offices at Memel, only a few rsons had the fortune to acquire some smps.

ARAGUAY.—There seems to be some dbt regarding the status of the Red Css stamp which several journals have ned lately. At the best it has more of a peculative than a charitable character, wile according to some reports it is aolutely unauthorised.

ater. A reader writes that most of tse stamps were sold in Buenos Aires. A few sold at the post-offices out of derence to the objects for which the stmps were ostensibly issued were canced by favour, but the stamps have no fnking value whatever.

wo correspondents tell us that No. 2 ("Habilitado, 1918, 5 cents" on 1c gy) is bogus, and that the Government he officially announced this and are tring to trace the author. This stamp suld therefore be deleted from the calogue.—*Gibbons' Monthly Circular.*

ORTUGAL.—Mr. J. N. Marsden tells us th the following are to be issued: 5c sea, 15c black, 25c dark rose, 40c chocoa, 75c magenta, and $1.50 slate, and th the colours of the 20c, 60c and $1 w be changed to dark green, red, and dk blue respectively. As already reced, the flight of the Portuguese avtors to South America will be commemorated by the issue of a long special series, which will only be available for postage on March 30th and 31st and on April 1st, their use to be obligatory on those dates. Mr. Marsden suggests that a single permanent stamp would have had more value for propaganda purposes than a full issue of such limited currency. The above mentioned changes in the Ceres type are due to altered rates of postage and to the necessity for conforming to U. P. U. regulations.—*Gibbons' Monthly Circular.*

RUSSIA (*Bolshevik Govt.*)—Mr. L. M. Sharp shows us the 100r red, helmeted soldier type, perforated 14 instead of imperf., as at first issued. The examples kindly submitted comprise seven, used on an envelope from Russia, postmarked February 15th, 1923.—*Stamp Collecting.*

SOVIET-RUSSIA.—Mr. George H. Jaeger informs us that the 20rbl on 70k, Czar stamp, has been issued imperforate. Also that a new value has been added to the set of three stamps picturing the bust of a red army soldier, the new value being the 70rbl lilac.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—This territory (formerly German South West Africa) has now been provided with a separate issue of postage stamps. These consist of the current issue of the South African Union overprinted in English and in Dutch on alternate stamps in the sheet, so that there are two sets, of the denominations of ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1s, 1s3d, 2s6d, 5s, 10s and £1.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

SWITZERLAND.—The Economist Stamp Co. call our attention to a series of airmail stamps that have just been issued. They are of three types, the first two values picturing a aeroplane flying, the next two picturing the pilot of the machine and the last two show a bi-plane in action. The stamps are oblong in shape and are of the following values and colors: 15c red and yellow green, 25c deep blue, 35c brown, 40c violet, 45c rose and dark blue and 50c red and grey.

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Through the generosity of Theodore E. Steinway, the Collectors Club of this city has just received one of the largest and most valuable philatelic libraries in the world. It includes practically everything that was published in all languages on philately in the nineteenth century, comprising nearly 1,200 volumes and about 30,000 periodicals with many society publications and early price lists of postage stamps. The library represents virtually the life work of a prominent Austrian, Judge Victor Suppantschitsch.

The library has just been placed in the rooms of the Collectors Club at 120 West Forty-ninth Street, and a few days ago the deed of gift was signed by the trustees who will hold Mr. Steinway's gift in trust for the club. Mr. Steinway is one of the trustees and others who signed were John N. Luff, President of the club; Secretary J. Brace Chittenden; Alfred F. Lichtenstein and Julius C. Morgenthau. Mr. Steinway has been an active member of the club for many years and his collection of postage stamps ranks among the noteworthy ones in this country.

While there are a few philatelic libraries larger than the present one, that of Lord Crawford in England being regarded as the most complete in the world, this Austrian collection is the most comprehensive in the postage stamp history of the nineteenth century. Among the volumes there are 550 in the English language, 208 being published in the United States and Canada, 429 in the German language, 139 in French, 19 in Spanish, 17 in Italian, 14 in Dutch. and 12 in other languages. Of the large number of periodicals more than 13,000 are in English, the United States and Canada being represented by 9,318, in the German language there are 7,324, in French 4,115 and in Spanish 890.

Judge Suppantschitsch was born in Austria in 1838. He was the son of a prosperous merchant, was graduated from the University of Vienna, attained a high place in his profession, becoming Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Austrian Empire and later President of the Senate. He died in 1918. He became interested in postage stamps as early as 1863, in which year the first German philatelic journal was published at Leipsic. Complete copies of this as well as of other early philatelic journals, now very scarce, are in the library.

The Austrian Judge was not content with being a mere collector of postage stamps. He was a keen student of philately, and in 1870 his first contributions to stamp journals began. He wrote for practically all of the leading European publications. In 1892 he began his greatest work, a bibliography of German philatelic literature, which was issued in sixteen parts and was published in complete form in 1892. In this work he accomplished for German philatelic literature what Bacon and Lord Crawford did for English philately in 1911.—N. Y. *Times.*

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OUR REVIEW.

A copy of The Canadian Precancelled Postage Stamp Catalogue, 1923, has been received from the compiler, Mr. Frank S. Thompson of Winnipeg and we find that twenty pages, double column, are required for the stamps from first to last. Mr. Thompson divides his stamps into general issues and city issues; and the total number of stamps listed of both kinds is 1,081. The general issues of the stamps, 1889 to 1903 inclusive have the bar cancellations, characteristic of Canada's earlier precancelled stamps, the city names having appeared first on the 1905 issue. The "Introductory Note" fully explains the history of precancellation in Canada and its information seems to cover the subject adequately. Mr. Thompson speaks of the earlier articles on Canadian precancelled stamps by investigators and he gives the authors due credit. Evidently the prices attached to the different stamps are based on fair calculations and it might be added that they range down from several dollars to as many cents. We think that the first edition of this work is one that will find a hearty welcome among those interested in precanceled stamps; and the number of collectors of the kind is no mean one, we know. The book is attractively printed and well illustrated. The Philatelic Publishing Company, Winnipeg, Canada: price fifty cents.

A good many moons ago, we received No. 1 of Studies in Philately, published by P. L. Pemberton, London, and in one of those lapses past accounting for, the admirable treatise has been unacknowledged for all this time. The book under belated attention is "The Stamps of Norway in the 20mm Type (1885-93)" by Dr. Justus Anderssen, translated from the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, by Benjamin Goodfellow, F. R. P. S. L. It is to be said here that this volume is the first of a series of handbooks that will attend to the more serious side of philately. The Norway book is an intensive study of the stamps issued from 1882 to 1893 inclusive, "comprising the ore values, 'with unshaded posthorn'." It is evident that Dr. Anderssen has fully mastered his subject and that his conclusions may be accepted as final is evident. He has handled a mass of detail in a scientific manner and for the student of differences as shown in these stamps, the book will prove a boon. Moreover, seven pages of beautiful plates accompany the book, picturing the plate and type differences, and they assist the text wonderfully in describing the variations. The stamps of Norway generally are popular and while they are studied most closely in their own country, we know that there are not a few collectors elsewhere who are anxious for enlightenment on the subject of the details of the interesting stamps. The appearance of this work is favorable and its general merits are such that it should have received a generous reception. P. L. Pemberton, 151, Strand, W. C. 2, London, England. Price three shillings, six pence.

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Minot is the third largest city in the state and at the rate it is growing, will pass Grand Forks before 1930. The post-office there has been using precancelled stamps for quite a few years and several firms use small quantities at different seasons. They are really scarce, being seldom encountered even in this state. Bushnell lists all that I have ever seen with the exception of the 1c, 6c, 9c perf. 11 and 3c Victory. I have seen but one copy of this stamp. The overprint was rather blurred, but recognizable. I might say that it is impossible to purchase privately without a permit, precancels at the Minot P. O.

In the heart of the lignite fields is Mohall, a town of 651 souls, according to the last census. The P. O. there has the distinction of being the only office in the state so far, to precancel the elusive 13c. The holiday season is the only time precancels are used. I have seen all that Bushnell lists except the 11c perf. 10 and can add the 5c red ink, and 20c perf. 11. All are rare except the 1c and even this is rather scarce. The box roller has been used extensively to precancel the 1c. These are used on advertising matter by several concerns but are practically valueless, for box roller precancels are not worthy of notice.

Mott, a small town located in the center of the Bad Lands region, was one of the first towns in the state to use precancels. Since 1913 the post-office there has used them during the Xmas seasons only. Bushnell's catalog prices reflect their true rarity, although I am inclined to think his valuation of the 2c, 8c, 10c somewhat low. Few have come my way and I often wonder where they all go to. A 30c perf. 12 once netted me $1.10 at one of Dr. Hennan's Auctions. Mott precancels are mighty good property to hold on to.

Wahpeton is another town having little use for precancels outside of the Xmas seasons. Although it has a population of 3,000 it does not loom up as a commercial center. The perf. 10 issue was precancelled in limited numbers but the perf. 11 stamps are more plentiful. Bushnell lists only the 3c surface. I have seen the 1c to 12c, 15c, 20c, 30c, 50c and 1c, 2c, 3c, dues reading up and down. Also the Documentaries were used in 1921. 1c, 3c, 5c, 10c nor., 2c double and 4c inv. have been noted. The 4c, 5c and 10c were precancelled by favor for there was no need of such high denominations.

Wales is not listed by Bushnell but should be, for that post-office gave precancels a trial in 1919. A very handsome type was used, viz.: Wales, N. Dak. in handsome medium-sized caps between thick black bars. The 6c and 10c are all that have ever come to my attention. A pair of the 6c were discovered in a lot sent me by Mr. Frank Johnson, formerly, of Fargo, N. D. Not realizing their rarity, I sold the pair to Mr. C. W. Sacks of Columbus, Ohio, for fifty cents. Who ever owns the pair today is fortunate. The 10c was listed by Mr. Silas Weatherby in one of his Phizzle Auctions, and I would be interested to hear from the party who now possesses it. If any other "Wales" are in existence, I would appreciate the particulars very much.

Williston precancels are in use the year around by the P. O. but are generally pretty hard to pick up. Bushnell's prices on the perf. 10 issue are about 50% too high. The perf. 11 issue is represented by the same denominations as the perf. 10 and are found in both purple and black inks.

The 3c Victory was legitimately precancelled and used during the regular course of business. The reading down variety should be priced at about $2.00 instead of .75 as I have heard of only one copy. It was in the W. E. Cullers collection sold to Mr. Wm. Field.

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This was accomplished and in 1864, Maximilian with Empress Carlotta, daughter of Leopold of Belgium, landed and took up the reigns of Government.

But with the overthrow of the Confederacy, in 1865, the United States demanded that Napoleon withdraw his army from Mexico. Unable to defy the large veteran army of the United States, Napoleon recalled his troops.

As the French detachments fell back to the coast, the revolutionary army, under the deposed president Juarez, pressed on to the capital.

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By J. H. VALE.

So many of my customers have asked me to supply them as soon as possible with copies of the current 12 and 26 centavo stamps perforated 10 and 11 on the old watermarked paper, that I believe my reasons for believing that such do not exist will be of general interest to all collectors of Philippine stamps.

The 12 centavo value was primarily printed for use in the payment of telegraph charges, the Government operating the telegraph lines in conjunction with the postal service. Charges were paid by affixing postage stamps to the face of the message, and as the charge for "Rush" messages between a great many different points was 12 centavos a word, it was found simplest to use one 12c stamp on such messages for every word in the message. The practice of using stamps for prepayment of telegraph charges was discontinued some time before stamps perforated 10 appeared in the Philippines, and consequently the Government having stocked up well in advance and having no further need for this value, did not see fit to order them at the time the perf. 10 and 11 and the unwatermarked paper were in use.

The 26 centavo is a combination stamp for payment of registration fee (16 centavos) and foreign postage rate of 10 centavos. Very few indeed of these are met with in the Philippines, and in fact I bought used copies much cheaper in Hongkong than in the Philippines, they having been used by Chinese in forwarding mail to China. I believe the Philippine Government has large quantities on hand.

About fifteen months ago through the courtesy of the Manila postal authorities, I personally went through their entire stock of 12c and 26c stamps in an effort to locate some of the perf. 10 and 11, but without success.

I do not believe that it is possible to obtain complete sets of Philippine stamps outside of the main office at Manila. I received from my correspondent a few days ago (latter half of March) a consignment of all values, but in apologizing for his delay he stated that the only values on sale at his local post-office, (which is a provincial capital), were the 2, 4, 6, 10, 16 and 20c, and had to wait until he went to Manila in order to get complete sets, with the possible exception of the post-offices at Cebu and Iloilo. I believe this lack of complete distribution will be found to exist all through the archipelago. Incidentally the consignment just received contained supplies of the 12c and 26c, Nos. 266 and 269.

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By ARCHIBALD G. GIBB.

Amongst Philatelists the stamps of the British Colonies have always been in high favor, and those of Newfoundland are perhaps the most popular.

This may be due to the fact that Newfoundland is Great Britain's oldest Colony; or it may be that the various handsome sets of stamps issued by "Ye Ancient Colonie" are favorites with collectors.

The first of the "special" sets to be issued was "The Cabot Issue" in 1897 to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of Newfoundland by John Cabot.

In this set, some of the industries of the Colony are portrayed, such as fishing, mining and lumbering, all of which were produced from actual photographs. Then in 1908 came the "Guy Issue," commemorating the landing of the intrepid John Guy at Cupids, and establishing the first permanent Colony. Most of the scenes depicted on this set are connected with this historical event.

Three years later came the "Royal Family" or "Coronation" issue, to celebrate the accession to the throne of George V and Queen Mary.

In 1916 the popular "Caribou Set" was issued. Eight of these stamps are inscribed with the names of places overseas where the Royal Newfoundland Regiment helped to make history. The remaining four bear the significant word "Ubique" (Everywhere). These denominations were dedicated to our Naval Reserve, who took a prominent part in the mine-sweeping operations in the North Sea and elsewhere. For six years the "Caribou" set has been in use, and as it was ostensibly a War issue, the Postal Authorities have been for sometime considering the issuing of an entirely new set, more especially as several denominations of the "Caribou" set were sold out.

After much deliberation the Minister of Posts (Mr. Halfyard) advertised for suggestions and designs for a new set, and received many replies, including some from Canada and the United States.

Finally, it was decided that a "Pictorial" set would be the most appropriate. There are many "beauty spots" in Newfoundland, and it was thought that through the medium of the Postage Stamp some of the interesting features of the Colony would get publicity.

A selection was subsequently made, which together with suggestions for borders etc., were sent to Whitehead, Morris & Co., of London, England for reproduction.

The proofs of these designs have recently been received and approved of, and MEKEEL'S WEEKLY is now in a position to give details of the entire new issue which is expected to be ready in May or June.

In the regular issue there are 14 stamps as follows:—

1c color *Green. Twin Hills. Tor's Cove.* Photo by E. Gaze.

Tor's Cove, one of the nearby "beauty spots," is situated about 26 miles from St. John's, on the Trepassey Branch. It lies amid the most beautiful surroundings, and is a favorite haunt of anglers and holiday-makers.

2c color *Red.* Photo by Holloway. *South West Arm, Trinity.*

Trinity Bay abounds in picturesque scenery, not unlike that of the fiords of Norway. Many well-stocked trout streams and lakes in the vicinity.

3c color *Brown.* Photo by Holloway. *The Fighting Newfoundlander.*

This handsome memorial of the Great War was presented to the people of Newfoundland by Sir Edgar Bowring. It is erected on a high elevation, commanding a magnificent view of Bowring Park, and the beautiful Waterford Valley. The statue is a grim reminder of the tragic years of 1914 to 1918.

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4c color *Wine.* Photo by Holloway. *A Cosy Nook, Humber River.*

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10c color *Cinnamon Brown.* Photo by Holloway. *Humber River Canon.*

11c color *Olive.* Photo by Holloway. *Shell Bird Island, Humber River.*

12c color *Orange.* Photo by Holloway. *Mount Moriah, Bay of Islands.*

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15c color *Deep Blue.* Photo by Holloway. *Humber River, near the Little Rapids.*

20c color *Deep Green.* Photo by Doyle. *Placentia, from Mount Pleasant.*

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By WARNER BATES.

Now that the editor has kindly consented to devote space in the WEEKLY to open discussion on the lower values of early U. S., it is surely up to collectors to contribute material enough to make it a worthwhile department of the magazine. My own efforts at the present are merely with the idea of keeping the column going until time enough has elapsed for the first contributions to come in. I know from my own correspondence with several collectors of cancellations and minor varieties that any one who specializes at all in these stamps has information that will be helpful to the other fellow and will add to the store of printed information on this subject. It is up to you to pass it along.

Some of the prices realized on postmarks and cancellations from the collection of Mr. F. O. Selianoff, sold in a recent auction at San Francisco are of interest as helping to establish values that the new Specialized Catalogue does not deal with.

A Kicking Mule, Port Townsend, Wash., 3-cent green, 1882, sold for $3.50 and one on the 2-cent brown, '83 for $2.00. Four U. S. monograms in circle brought from 70 to 90 cents. An Indian's head and a man's head on 3-cent 1873 each brought $1.30. A Masonic emblem on the 3-cent 1861 brought $1.40.

An entire cover, 3 cent '61 envelope with the 3-cent stamp of 1861, both cancelled Wells Fargo & Co., Stockton, June 3, sold for $3.25. I remember a friend of mine told me not long ago that once he had a dozen or more of these covers with the Wells Fargo cancellation and that he peddled them out at a convention for ten and fifteen cents each.

Paid in circle with six lines in black on 3 cent 1857 and red postmark, Boston, Ms., on cover went at $1.70. A lady's shoe on the three cent green got $3.50 and a man's shoe on the 3 cent 1871, the same price. I have a man's shoe on the 6 cent 1879 that for some time I thought was just a blotch of ink. The shoe is upside down on the stamp and quite clean-cut when the stamp is inverted. It pays to examine an odd cancellation from every angle. A pumpkin and postmark, Beverly, Mass., on the 3 cent '61 was knocked down at $1.10. Perhaps Mr. Wylie will be able to locate a few of these in his home town.

A three ring target and Mystic Bridge, Ct., in blue on the 3 cent 1871 on cover sold for $2.75.

A 5 in circle and postmark West?, N. H., on the 3 cent rose, 1861 brought $1.10.

The last quotation brings up what to me is a most interesting question—that of the legitimacy of the large figures 5 or 10 in circles, and occasionally without circles, as "Paid" cancellations. The figures that I refer to are the ones that were used back in the forties before the first issue of United States stamps and are not to be confused with the station numbers or post-office clerk numbers used in large cities during the '70s and '80s. These latter usually have horizontal or vertical lines above and below the figures, while the figures themselves are comparatively small. Of course, these latter figures come in a variety of fancy forms, some in wreaths, others in two and three-ring targets and some fanciful ones without any ornamentation, but in no case that I know of are they likely to be confused with the types of large 5's and 10's used to mark envelopes paid before stamps were printed.

Now the use of these large figures was undoubtedly to indicate that 5 or 10 cents had been paid as postage, regardless of whether or not the word "Paid" was added. A year ago I had no hesitancy in paying a dealer either 50 or 75 cents (I have forgotten which) for one of these 10's on the 3 cent '61 (grilled), and now I note that practically the same thing, plus a town cancellation, brings $1.10 at auction.

Inasmuch as the use of these "paid" figure cancellations on stamps indicates that a few of the small town post-offices had the cancelling stamps left over from the forties, it seems to me that the later the date of the stamp bearing such cancellation, the more rare it would be. I was therefore delighted last summer in making a search and seizure pilgrimage through western New York to dig up half a dozen or more of these cancellations on the 3 cent 1873, 3 cent 1879 and 2 cent brown, 1882. They were postmarked from three very small towns, all near together.

Having some duplicates and wishing to find out something about the market for this particular cancellation, I placed two or three with a New York dealer to sell at auction as one lot, or any way he wished. He informed me that they were not paid cancellations and that he could not handle them as every lot in his auction had to bring $2.50 or more to make it profitable. Another dealer took the lot but I note by his catalogue that he has marked them as questionable "Paids." Mind you, these are all on cover and will check up absolutely with the same figures on covers used before stamps.

In my humble opinion, dealers are overlooking a good bet in not informing themselves better on the items that are valuable to the specialist. A number of the dealers who hold auctions rarely list any of the 1870 to 1888 issues under the 7 cent when it is dead certain that good, specialized lots of the cheaper stamps would bring many bids and good prices. Perhaps I am wrong, but I know that I have no trouble whatever in getting prices I think are right for these cheaper stamps of which I have duplicates, when I put them before those who are interested. And I, like many other collectors, scan through the pages of one auction catalogue after another and not finding anything worth bidding on in the lower values of early U. S., throw the list away.

It is true that many of the auctions now carry some fine lots of the 3 cent '51-57 and occasionally of the 3 cent '61 but beyond that they rarely have anything save for a scattered lot of cancellations here and there.

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BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA AND NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

(Coutinued from Page 171)

ISSUE XI.—The next provisional stamp is of particular interest owing to the unusual method of its production. The consignment of low value stamps, which was expected from London, had gone astray on the way, and the stocks of both the provisional 1d on 3s and the regular 1d stamps had given out.

Under date, March 11th, 1898, the Acting Postmaster-General, Mr. J. T. Gosling, issued the following:—

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

"Whereas it is enacted by the Post Office Acts that the Postmaster-General should have the option of requiring the payment of postage to be made either in money, or by the use of postage stamps, and whereas Her Majesty's Acting Commissioner and Consul-General has approved of the temporary exercise of this right of choice, Notice is Hereby given that on and from this date the public will be required to make payment in money for the postage of all correspondence addressed to places within the British Central Africa Protectorate for which penny stamps would ordinarily be used. Provided always that stamps already in the possession of any person shall be accepted in payment of postal charges, and may be affixed to letters in the ordinary way.

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By order,
(Signed) J. T. GOSLING,
Acting Postmaster-General.
GENERAL POST OFFICE, ZOMBA,
March 11th, 1898."

The circumstances which led to the exercise of the Postmaster-General's option are detailed in a circular addressed by that official to the stamp trade:—

"GENERAL POST OFFICE, ZOMBA,
BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA PROTECTORATE.
March 23rd, 1898.

Gentlemen,—

I have the honour to transmit the following information with reference to a case of stamps of the Protectorate that has disappeared whilst *en route* from London to this place. The case was last seen at Chinde, on or about the 25th of January, when it was stowed on board a barge, in the river Zambesi.

It afterwards disappeared, and, although it is stated to have been lost overboard, there is no satisfactory evidence that this was so.

The stamps enclosed were of the 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 1sh, 2s6d and 4sh issues.

I shall be obliged if, in the event of your learning of suspiciously large transactions in B.C.A. stamps of these values, you will kindly communicate with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Downing Street, London, and also with me direct.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
J. T. GOSLING,
Acting Postmaster-General."

The tokens referred to in the Post Office Notice consisted of adhesive labels, printed in two colours, the centre consisting of the embossed penny cheque stamp in red, and the frame being composed of ordinary printer's rules, and the words INTERNAL above the red centre and POSTAGE below, the rules and INTERNAL POSTAGE inscriptions being in blue.

The type and rules for the frame were set up in two rows of fifteen spaces, making thirty stamps to the sheet. Mr. B. W. H. Poole, in his study of this issue (*West End Philatelist*, IV, 52) states that—

"The lines *between* the stamps, both vertically and horizontally, are double, but there is only a single line at the top of the stamps in the upper row, and at the base of the stamps in the vertical row."

The opinion that was expressed in the first edition of this book that there were at least two settings of the frame and type has proved to be correct. Mr E. D. Bacon gives the principal differences in the two settings in the "Monthly Report of the Herts Philatelic Society." In Setting I the letter P of POSTAGE is 5mm from the frame-line at the left side, and the vertical frame-lines are continued across the two horizontal lines that divide the rows of stamps.

In Setting II the letter P is only 2mm from the left frame-line, and the vertical frame-lines do not cross the two horizontal lines.

Stamps of the first setting appear t be rarer than those of the second; a cop exists used on cover postmarked "Zomba Mr.12.98", which early date fixes th order of the settings. The inverted centre error is of the first setting. There are probably other variations in the firs setting (of which no complete shee appears to have been found) as on copy of the stamp has been reported combining the distinguishing features of both settings as recorded by Mr. Bacon. Thi variety, used on part of envelope, an also postmarked "Zomba Mr.12.98", ha the vertical frame-lines continued beyond the corners, while the letter P o POSTAGE is only 2mm from the lef frame-line.

The centres were embossed one at a time, the design of the embossed part consisting of a representation of the coffee tree from the Arms of the Protectorate, and the words ONE PENNY below it, and BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA PROTECTORATE extending round the sides and top.

The method of embossing the centre gave rise to a number of more or less interesting errors. We know of the stamps with centre inverted, with centre doubly embossed, with centre missing, and with two centres to three frames

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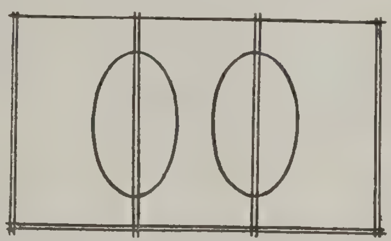
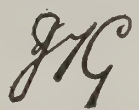


It has been said that only one sheet was printed with inverted centre. Such statements must generally be taken with some reservation, but we have every reason to believe that more than one sheet has got on the market. A sheet of which we have had information had the top row with centre inverted, and the bottom row with centre missing.



At first, as a safeguard against the illicit imitation of the stamps they were initialled on the back by the Acting Postmaster-General, Mr. J. T. Gosling. The initialling appears to have been chiefly with the letters J. T. G., but sometimes J. G. alone appear. The first 16 sheets, or 480 stamps, are understood to have been initialled, after which a novel scheme of secret marking was introduced.

A set of numbers and letters was set up in ordinary type, and impressed without ink on the back of the sheet, so that each stamp got a number and a combination of letters impressed with uninked type on the back.

Mr. Poole, in his article already quoted, has reconstructed a sheet by means of the uninked impressions on the back, and we quote his notes on the matter:—

"So far as the figures are concerned, the arrangement is quite systematic, the stamps in the top row being numbered 1 to 15, from right to left, while those in the lower row are numbered 16 to 30, also from right to left. The letters that accompany the numbers appear to be quite unintelligible, though they might have had some significance to the officials at the time the stamps were issued. In some cases the figures are above the letters, in others the letters are over the numbers; and in four stamps on the sheet they are side by side. I have reconstructed the plate, and find the combinations of letters and figures on the thirty stamps are as follows:—

15	141	13	12	XA	10	9	F	7	6	F	4	3	2G	1
K		D	WX	11	Z	C	8	H	P	5	M	X	·	F
30	XQ	28	27	Z	25	24A	23	S	21	T	Z19	Q	E	16
S	29	FA	B	26	J		N	22	WP	20		18	17	FY

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ISSUE XII.—Late in 1900 the colours of the 1d, 4d and 6d stamps of the regular type were changed, the centre being printed in violet in each case, the frame of the 1d being carmine-rose, of the 4d olive-green, and of the 6d brown. The paper remained the same, "Crown CA," and the perforation 14.

ISSUE XIII.—A series of ten values of King's head stamps made its appearance in 1903, being chronicled in the *Monthly Circular* for September of that year. The stamps are all bicoloured, the five low values, 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d and 1sh being of the usual small size and watermarked Crown CA, the five higher values, 2s6d, 4sh, 10sh, £1 and £10 being of the larger size and watermarked Crown CC. They are all perforated 14. About April, 1907, the 1d and 6d stamps appeared on the new surfaced paper watermarked Multiple Crown CA.

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EDITORIAL.

When collectors concern themselves not alone about stamps but also about the surroundings of stamps, we know then that interest in philately is at high tide. The post-office department is considered a barometer of trade and when there is an increase in postal business, it is argued that there is a betterment in conditions nationally. Just at present our readers are seemingly more regardful of all the tangents of philately, as affecting the general weal of collecting than usual. From the letters that have been received from readers, we could easily fill several columns by quotations, this week; and while this activity may be accounted for by a number of auxiliary influences, yet the basis for it is to be credited to a widening and deepening interest in the collecting of stamps. Noteworthy auction sales, interesting new issues, the seasonable spurt at this time of year, the passing by congress of the U. S. stamp illustration bill, the great London exhibition in May, 1923, are adventitious aids to the swing but nevertheless, all the signs are grounded in the flourishing soil of philately.

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In the course of a letter, a correspondent submits a few figures to show that some of the blame for loss attaching to the Neurope stamps is not fairly alleged. He says that about twenty *per cent.* of the total price paid for all, practically, of the new issues bought at the prices as they prevailed at first is a liberal allowance to place to depreciation. While there have been outstanding examples of shrinkage of values yet there is something to be said of stamps that have held their own or more. However, the contention of our correspondent is that the European issues have sounded the death-knell of general collecting, if his case is to be considered typical. With a keen liking for all stamps, our reader has pursued his collecting course but he finds that it is now beyond reason to collect all stamp issues, much as he dislikes to curtail his range. He is adjusting his collection in order that he may relieve it of an overload which he attributes mostly to the prolific product of the new European countries. In our opinion, the general collector is finding his task too great and it is apparent that this fine type of collector is a diminishing factor in philately.

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Now that stamp collecting is a world pursuit, it has lost some of its provincial aspects and while the older collectors naturally have a bit of sentiment for the good old days of collecting, it is advisable that they trim their sails so as to get the favoring winds that prevail at present. The spread of philatelic doctrine strengthens the market for stamps and we know that the collector who wants to sell all or some of his stamps is always present. No question is asked oftener than that bearing upon the liquidation of stamps held by the collector. As collecting grows, the matter of marketability becomes of greater importance and here is room for systematic work that in the end will give the collector who backs up his belief in stamps by his dollars, an assurance of a return within fairly definite lines, when he has to sell. Happily, the collector gains in experience as he adds stamps to his album and he gets an idea of how to dispose of his stamps through the process of acquiring them, but even so, we have heard some tall tales of unprofitable realization that have a tendency to discourage the collector who sells, expecting to take up stamps again. The underlying necessity for the free selling of stamps at auction, to the dealer, through the sales department of a society and in all other ways is demand; and that demand dare not remain a stationary one. In order to stimulate demand, it is incumbent upon us to make new collectors by the score, and right here, we have the critics who pretend to think that we are over-capitalizing stamp collecting in a public sense. The one certain way in which to add to the ranks of collectors is through newspaper and periodical references to philately and any one who has had an experience in advertising knows that every time mention is made of stamp collecting in the general press, a few seeds are scattered that will develop in more or less time.

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In the "Adventures of Doctor Doolittle," in the New York *Tribune,* the instalment in the issue of March 18th, is a regular parade of stamps. Hugh Lofting, who writes and illustrates this history of the Doctor's "peculiar life at home and his astounding experiences in foreign lands," devotes the chapter in question to a fanciful review of the stamp situation as developed in far-off countries. The section that Mr. H. E. Deats sends us is well worth reading as a genial satire; and we give a sentence or two to loan point to the remark. It is said: "Now, the people of West Africa have curious tastes in dress. They love bright things. And some Fantippo dandy started the idea of using up old stamps off letters by making suits of clothes out of them. They looked very showy and smart and a suit of this kind made of stamps became a valuable possession among the natives." Mr. Lofting knows a thing or two about stamps, we need not add.

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A number of readers have sent us the advertisement of a Swiss dealer that appeared in some of the big dailies; and it would be interesting to know just what results were obtained through this expensive advertising. We regard advertising of this kind as having great possibilities but it becomes a question whether the enormous circulation that is had is not rather too diluted in a philatelic sense to make it generally effective. If there was any certainty that general newspaper advertising would pay proportionately, stamp ads would be a feature of the newspapers throughout the land.

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Our European correspondent, Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz, writes that he has left Paris for a visit to Belgium, Luxemburg, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. He expects to return to Paris by the end of April and to be in England for the stamp congress.

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We thank Mr. Joseph B. Parker of Regina for copies of the first official size envelopes that Canada has issued of the one, two and three cents denominations. From various sources we have received samples of the Stamp Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall, May 14-26, 1923, with airplane as a feature of the design.

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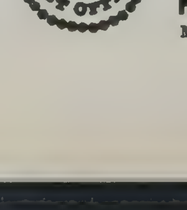

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(More than ordinary interest will be taken in the sale of the Clarence H. Eagle collection to be held by J. C. Morgenthau & Co., April 4 and 5, and 9 and 10. This story appeared in the New York "Times" of April 1, and we believe it to be of enough general interest to reprint.—W. O. W.)

What is considered the finest lot of United States postage stamps to be auctioned since the dispersal of the great Worthington collection six years ago will be sold this week by J. C. Morgenthau at the Collectors Club, 120 West Forty-ninth Street. It comprises a portion of the Clarence H. Eagle collection, and, while lacking the exceptional rarities of the Worthington collection, is remarkably complete in the early issues, including practically all of the 1, 3, 5 and 10 cent varieties from 1851 through the sixties, and an unusually fine lot of pairs and blocks of four, many of them lightly canceled. Several of these are unique specimens.

For more than forty years Mr. Eagle was one of the leading philatelists in this country. He died at his home in Sands Point, Long Island, last December, and the collection is being sold for his estate. Its value has been estimated at $50,000 to $75,000. In a tribute to Mr. Eagle in the sale announcement, H. D. Watson, representing the executors, says:

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TO BE SOLD ON FOUR DAYS.

The coming sale represents only a part of the Eagle collection. The sale will begin on Wednesday and continue on April 5, 9 and 10. Another portion will be sold a few weeks later by Mr. Morgenthau, and on May 3 to 5 still another portion will be auctioned by J. M. Bartels, including a fine canceled copy of the 2-cent Pan-American issue with the inverted centre and an unused copy of the inverted 24-cent aeroplane stamp, from the sheet obtained by Colonel E. H. R. Green. These stamps are valued at $700. Colonel Green still has the largest number of these error specimens.

Mr. Eagle was an indefatigable collector of all stamps issued by the United States Government, and at one time had been credited with having the best collection of United States revenue stamps in the world. Before his death he sold a large portion of his revenue specimens. Those that he retained will be sold by Percy G. Doane. In his will Mr. Eagle left to the Congressional Library twenty-five volumes of proofs of early revenue stamps, the finest collection of this kind in existence. The Government lacked copies of most of them. Comparatively few copies of any of these proofs are in existence, and they are greatly in demand by revenue stamp collectors. Among them is a fine proof of the $1,000 stamp, 1871 issue, which was never put in use. Despite this fact, the proof copy readily sells for $100.

MANY CURIOSITIES IN LOT.

Among the curiosities in the Eagle collection to be sold this week are four bisected copies of early United States stamps used for postage at one-half the value of the regular stamp. The earliest is a diagonal half of the 10-cent black, 1847, on the original envelope with the cancellation, "Potomac Steamboat, Oct. 30." Of the 1851 issue there are two copies of the 12-cent stamp, cut diagonally to pay 6 cents postage, one being on an envelope mailed in Sacramento and the other showing a San Francisco cancellation. In the 1869 issue there is a vertical half of the 2-cent brown serving as a 1-cent on a cover from Mongaup, N. Y., to Maine. The value of this oddity is placed at $125, while the other three are quoted at $200.

The most valuable stamp or piece in the collection is a block of four of the 10-cent stamps of the first Government issue, 1847. They are canceled in blue. This block is a great rarity and was formerly in the Worthington collection. It is valued at $1,500, showing the extra value philatelists place on blocks of stamps. The value of a single copy is $25. Another rare block, which is said to be unique, comprises four 90-cent stamps of the 1857 issue on part of the original envelope sent from Washington to Hongkong. Of the rare 1861 first issue there is a splendid block of four of the 10-cent green, unused, valued at $750, and a fine unused copy of the 5-cent value from the Edgar collection, quoted at $600. All of the National and Continental Bank Note engraved issues from 1870, with many of the rare grills, are represented in excellent copies of all values and many choice used and unused blocks.

TEXAS ASS'N TO CONVENE APRIL 21.

The Texas Philatelic Ass'n will hold its 27th annual meeting in Austin, Apr. 21 for the purpose of reorganizing its by-laws to conform to a state society in every sense of the word. It being a state holiday, it is hoped that every philatelist in Texas will attend, regardless whether they are members or not. There will be a peppy business meeting, an auction, a public exhibit, an auto ride through the city and over the Mt. Bonnel Scenic Highway, and ending with a banquet at the Driskill Hotel.

A number of prominent collectors have signified their intentions of exhibiting some real stamps. Among them are E. W. Heusinger of San Antonio, who will show his wonderful collection of U. S.; Fred Green of Fort Sam Houston, rare Confederate Provisionals; A. M. Krug of Brenham and O. R. Bertram of Austin, U. S. precancels; G. W. Coryell of Boerne, Brtiish Colonial Shilling values; A. H. Schumacher of Houston, U. S. 1857 10c, and a host of others.

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UNITED STATES.—Mr. E. N. Costales of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company has shown me several copies of the new design 2c rotary perforated 11 horizontally and imperforate vertically and thereby hangs a tale. It seems that when a small supply of the new 2c compound perforated 11 x 10 rotary stamps made from the coil waste reached New York the latter part of February, one of the branch offices received a supply perforated 11 horizontally and without vertical perforation. They had difficulty in selling them and having no idea of their philatelic value the young lady at the window in order to facilitate their sale took it upon herself to separate them by scissors. Scott later learned of them, sent around to obtain the supply and found exactly six single copies left. These match up making pairs and they have such margins that there can be no doubt as to what they are.

These varieties occurred because some of the imperforate coil waste became mixed with that waste which had received the vertical 10 coil perforation. When they were run through the regular machine to receive the 11 horizontal perforation this imperforate waste was made into a part-perforated variety.

Mr. Benj. Cadbury calls our attention to the new back cover found on the 25c booklet. We also note that the Department still mentions Shanghai as a destination for which domestic rates prevail, and we imagine they will soon change this.

Through the courtesy of Mr. L. A. Hill, Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, we are enabled to bring our plate number list up to March 28, 1923.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class.	Series.	Subjs.
14342-343	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
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14348-349	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
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14360-367	2c	Ord.	1922	400
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14370-371	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
14372-373	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14374-381	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14382-383	1c	Ord Cvd.	1922	400
14384-385	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14386-393	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14394-395	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
14396-403	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14404-407	12c	Ord.	1922	400
14408-415	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14416-417	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14418-421	2c	Book	1922	360
14422-433	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14434-435	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14436-439	30c	Ord.	1922	400
14440-455	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14456-457	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14458-461	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14462-465	2c	Book	1922	360
14466-475	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14476-491	2c	Book	1922	360

It will be noted that in the above list we have our first 12c Cleveland plates and the first four 30c Buffalo plates. It is odd that no new 1c booklet plates have been made but they no doubt have on hand a good number of the former design and will continue to pack the new 2c with the old 1c where combination booklets are made. A plate for a new 1c coil or for a 2c endwise coil have not as yet been made.

The cracked plate variety of the 3c 1851 is a well known stamp but Mr. Eugene Klein has just shown me a horizontal strip of three wherein the left stamp has a vertical crack through the entire stamp while the subject on the right end has a crack extending from the bottom half way through the stamp. We were not of the opinion that this plate had two cracks. The strip is postmarked "New York, Aug. 4" in black within a circle.

We wish to thank Messrs. S. E. Knox, Wm. N. Taylor, Karl M. Sherman, J. H. Houston and Joseph C. Finch for notes of interest.

One of the last acts of the former Postmaster General, Hubert Work, was to issue, under date of February 28, 1923, order number 8758, effective April 1st, amending the Postal Laws and Regulations. This refers to charges for registration which heretofore has amounted to 10c in addition to regular postage which covered loss up to $50. Under the new regulations a letter may be insured up to $100 for the payment of an additional 10c, this to be paid in postage stamps to be affixed to the letter. Section 879 now reads:—The registry fees on both domestic and foreign mail shall be at the following rates and in addition to the regular postage, both of which shall be paid by stamps affixed, viz.: For domestic articles of the first class, indemnified for $50 or less, 10 cents; for over $50 and not to exceed $100, 20 cents. For domestic articles of the second class, for which no indemnity is provided, and for domestic articles of any class without intrinsic value for which indemnity will not be allowed, 10 cents. For domestic articles of the third class indemnified for not exceeding $25, 10 cents. For domestic fourth class (parcel post) articles, sealed and prepaid at the first class rate of postage, the same as first class mail. For all articles of whatever class addressed to foreign countries, 10 cents. Provision is made for making mention of the value of the registered article on the registered receipt but no mention of the increased value will show upon the cover although the payment of the double registration fee will indicate the increased value.

EGYPT.—In each sheet of 1 millieme of the current issue there exists one error, the two dots being omitted from the Arabic inscription at the right of the stamp.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

IRELAND.—We have just received from Mr. R. Roberts a copy of the new 3d ultra in the allegorical design with watermark multiple monogram as before. The centre is in the shape of a cross with "Eire" in the middle of the stamp. In each corner is the shamrock and at the base the figure of value in ea lower corner with words of value b tween.

Mr. Roberts also reports the appea ance of the ½d, three line overpri printed in rolls by Messrs. Harrison Sons.

ITALY, *Offices In Turkey.* — M Joseph V. K. Wells has shown us t 1 lira stamp with the overprint "7½ astre" in red in two lines.

LATVIA.—Mr. J. V. K. Wells advis that the new design of stamps with t word "Santimo" has appeared in t 10s red and 20s blue.

MALAY STATES.—Mr. R. Roberts ports the 20c lilac and black on scri watermark paper.

MEMEL.—Mr. J. V. K. Wells h shown us a copy of a 100m red in a ne design. In the centre usual design a at the top the figures of value. Bel are the letters "Klaipeda" in a curv frame with the name of the country the same shaped frame at the base.

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. W. T. Wils submits four values of a new issue th appeared about the first of March. T 1c grey and 2c red are of the same ty while the 2½c green shows the pos horn with "Nederland" at the top. T 4c blue is a diamond shaped design wi the figure of value in the centre.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—F. F. Wills ve kindly sends us the 3c brown caribou, a rich brown. The shade is very dar It is a very handsome stamp, the lin of the engraving standing out in marked manner.

PERSIA.—Mr. Joseph V. K. Wells cal our attention to the 10ch of the type A32 which is overprinted "Contro 1922" with native characters at eac side of the date. The surcharge is two lines in black. Mr. Wells also ad that he has seen the same surcharged the 1ch, 9ch and 1kr values.

PERU.—Mr. J. V. K. Wells submi for chronicle the 8c red brown and blac of the 1917-18 issue with the surcharg "CINCO Centavos 5 1923" in black an in four lines.

POLAND.—Mr. Oscar G. Whiting ad vises that he has received a new 500 stamp of violet color and printed o very thin paper, perf. 12½. Also a 100

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nthick paper with an orange centre n perf. 11½. Mr. Whiting adds that hpostage rate is now 500mks instead f 00mks as a month ago.

r. HELENA.—Mr. R. Roberts sub- i the following new items of this ony: ½d black, 1½d rose, 2d grey n black, 3d blue, 4d black on yellow, durple and black, all in the new de- g and all with the new script water- k excepting the 4d, which is multiple

WEDEN.—We gather from our special respondent, Mr. Ragnar Lundberg, t there are to be two series of com- morative stamps next year—one to k the fiftieth anniversary of the blishment of the Postal Union, and other the eighth Congress of the on, to be held in Stockholm during . The following is the prize list:—

First Series.

t Prize to R. Hellman; carrier pigeon ing over the globe.

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d Prize to A. Wallert: "Iris," the nale messenger of the ancient gods.

Second Series.

t Prize to T. Tideblad: Picture of ckholm, showing the towers of the ddarhalmskyrkan church, Town Hall (rmounted by three crowns), and t churches of Tyskakyrkan and rkyrkan.

Prize to R. Persson: design contain- the Swedish Arms (somewhat ilar to that on the Swedish officials o 1874).

d Prize to A. Wallert: "Iris," the nale messenger Swedish dynasty of sa.

r correspondent informs us that, of 02 designs entered for competition, t have been purchased by the Postal inistration. Judging by the news- s reproductions of some of these— rtularly the successful "designs"— en is plagued with an epidemic of tist insanity. The 1st Prize design e Second Series looks more like a than a view of the "Venice of the n."

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—C. Lat. Wilhelm disclaims the honor bestowed upon him in the WEEKLY of March 24 of being the author of the paper on Sonora stamps referred to. The paper was written by Major Hamilton, who last fall was awarded a diploma by the Academy for research work as shown in the exhibit of the Sonora issues.

—W. H. M.—We note your desire that we publish a list of U. S. Postal Cards issued during the past ten years. Will some one of our readers kindly comply with the request? Perhaps Mr. Ward will help us out.

—"Thanks to you for the editorial comment on the early issues of Peru. I had at the time an approval selection of this country and was debating whether or not to take a stamp priced at one dollar, which stamp, to me, was No. 9. After reading the comment on this stamp I looked at the copy on the sheet, and, sure enough the "O" in Franco was oblong!"—DONALD D. MULL.

—The fourth anniversary of the Philatelic Section of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, Baltimore, was held Friday, March 23, at the Academy. There was a special auction and a banquet. The regular spring public exhibit of the Section will be held May 19, from 3 to 10 p. m. Open to all.

—"March 24, 1923, under the heading 'Ruhr' you advise three new issues, which, according to the Metropolitan Stamp Co., are for use in the occupied regions of Germany. Such, however, is not the case. I received a cover from Heidelberg, Germany (outside the above area) with the three stamps in question. My correspondent informs me that these stamps are charity stamps, the face value to be applied to regular postage, the surcharged value to be used in conjunction with other funds, which are being collected by voluntary contributions, for charitable purposes in the occupied territory. He also informs me that the French authorities are suppressing the sale of these stamps in the occupied territory."—CHAS. L. WIDMAN.

PHILATELY IN NEW ZEALAND.

By "ROULETTE."

One cannot help but admire the efforts of New Zealand stamp collectors in promoting our hobby in the Dominion. With a comparatively small population, Societies are gradually cropping up in the various centres, and it is gratifying to learn that the senior Society, the Philatelic Society of New Zealand, has now a total of over 758 members.

There were people who deplored the idea of New Zealand breaking away from Australia in the matter of a Stamp Exhibition and Congress, but collectors in New Zealand have their own way of doing things, and doing them well, and maybe feel their energetic efforts have not so far been appreciated to their due extent. It must also not be forgotten that New Zealand is a thousand miles from Australia, and it is an expensive matter for her stamp collectors to go to the Commonwealth in order to attend stamp exhibitions and congresses; therefore it is quite natural and just that the Dominion should go "pat."

A little more encouragement from the philatelic press in the Mother Country regarding the progress of philately in New Zealand would not be amiss. We know the stamps of Ao-Tea-Roa have a "good hearing," but more broadcasting of what our brothers of the Antipodes are doing on behalf of philately would create a closer bond of friendship, and mayhap produce useful results from the experience they have gained to the advancement of philately.

The efforts of the *New Zealand Stamp Journal* (brought to an end through the outbreak of War) in fostering philately in the Dominion, have been ably revived in the *New Zealand Stamp Collector*, which has consistently endeavoured to put before the philatelic world the progress of stamp collecting in that country. The *N. Z. S. C.* is doing excellent work alone, not only in gathering in recruits for the Societies, but in the publication, in its pages, of articles more particularly referring to the stamps of the Dominion and the numerous islands of the Pacific; while the proprietors also have already successfully produced several good philatelic works written by New Zealanders.

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It pleases us very much this month to announce that all but seven of those whose names are displayed below have sent in additional subscriptions during the past month. This is an indication of how general an interest is taken in pushing the WEEKLY for new subscriptions. The list of those who have sent in ten or more is a very imposing one, and there are several who sent in nine but did not quite qualify for the special mention given those who secured ten or over. The Hussman Co. of St. Louis, turning in thirty-seven subscriptions, with a total of 143, is close upon the heels of the Fennell Co., with 159. Among the newcomers mention should be made of the Buckey Stamp Co., whose total of 20 includes 14 sent in during March. The leaders for March are as follows:—

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THE PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT.

Edited by FREDERICK W. ALLEN, 521 So. 4 St., Grand Forks, N. D.

New Issue Survey.—The new stamps are quite generally being precancelled. The 25c denomination is proving popular. Among the first cities to precancel it are the following: Akron, O., Bridgeport, Conn., Great Falls, Mont., Grennell, Ia., La Junta, Colo., McCook, Nebr., Kansas City, Mo., Rochester, Minn., St. Louis, Mo., Sanger, Calif., Terre Haute, Ind., Toledo, Ohio, and Torrington, Conn. On the 10c stamp Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Lincoln, Nebr., New York, and Milwaukee take the lead. Baltimore, Chicago and New York first precanceled the 5c Roosevelt. The 3c has been reported from but one town. Mr. R. Edward Sharp, of Atlanta, Ga., states that Hickory, N. C., has precanceled this stamp, as well as the 10c Monroe. Toledo, O., and Flint, Mich., are out on the 2c, and also Chicago, New York and others. Chicago and New York are precanceling the horizontal and vertical 2c coils.

Atoman, Kans.—Sec. John L. Parker of the I.P.C., shows me a 6c 1902 from this town. The type is similar to U—8 but the letters have caps. I believe it is a unique item.

Boonville, N. Y.—This city has been using an electrotype similar to Brooklyn, for some time. Mr. Robt. Hess called it to my attention.

Branford, Conn.—I am the recipient of a 2c precancel, which was kindly sent in by Mr. J. R. Vichols. Branford stepped into the fold Xmas 1922 and employed a handstamped type, which makes a very tidy looking precancel.

Cincinnati, O.—The 10 cent perf. 11 with the U—3 type should be scarce as the new issue stamp superseded it very shortly after it appeared.

Clinton, Mo.—Mr. Chas. Whitaker, Sr., informs me that Clinton uses all values precanceled with a handstamp. There is a very special use for them, as they pay the postage on cardboard cartons containing baby chicks. There are several large chicken hatcheries which ship an immense number of baby chicks weekly. I guess if we want to locate a nice lot of Clinton precancels, we had better ramble out to the country.

Connersville, Ind. — Type somewhat like Poughkeepsie, N. Y. I have seen nearly all values up to 50c and also the Special Delivery.

Des Moines, Ia.—The 13 cent is now coming in both Type V and Type VII. Type VII makes a pretty showing with its three line inscription and heavy bars.

Fort Madison, Ia.—The 7, 9, 11, 15 and 20 have been noted so it may be presumed that all values from 1 to 20 cent save perhaps the 13c, are being used. Outside of the 1c and 2c they are quite scarce.

Lawrence, Kans.—This town is coming on all values from 1 to 30c in a type similiar to U—15.

Lincoln, Nebr.—As a new type came into use shortly before the 10 cent Monroe was precanceled, the 10 cent Franklin in this type is going to be a good stamp to hold on to. The 5c Pilgrim has appeared in the current type or U—18 as it is classified by Bushnell.

Newark, N. Y.—Mr. John L. Parker reports the 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 30, 50 cent and 15 cent double. They are many times scarcer than those of Newark, N. J.

Newmans Grove, Nebr.—I have seen all values from this little Nebraska town, except the 5 cent. Also the Special Delivery. The type U—6 shows up well and seems to have been carefully applied for nothing but normals have been noticed.

Newton, Kans.—The $1.00 precanceled in the regular type but with red ink is a new one. Perhaps the red ink shows up better, anyhow it makes a more attractive precancel.

Providence, R. I.—For many years any inverts coming from Providence were accounted as rare, and they were. Lately, however, they have become more plentiful and I have seen a number, among which are the 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 20 cent.

Portsmouth, Ohio.—Mr. N. J. Keely reports the 4, 7, 8, 11, 20, 50, $1.00 normal and 50 inverted. I have seen most of the other values.

Sidney, Ohio.—Another new town, which is using precancels throughout the year. The 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 have so far been brought to my attention.

Waterbury, Conn.—Waterbury is using the same type of electro as Lincoln, Nebr. Most values have appeared and they will improve the looks of any album.

Yakima, Wash.—Mr. E. J. Newcomer reports that Yakima used precancels for the first time Xmas 1922. The type used was plain caps without lines, all values from 1 to 50 cent, except the 13, were canceled.

Conclusion.—I wish to thank Messrs. F. H. Parnell, A. S. Chandler, J. A. Johnson, E. S. Ward, Julius Kurtz, Joseph Peter and others for their cooperation. Any notes of interest will be appreciated and acknowledged.

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Occasionally one reads of the experiences philatelically of some "old timer" that makes us of these days a least bit "green with envy"—as we are told of how they bought this and that rarity of today for a few cents each, and it is only in the last week I read of buying 5c 1847's for 15c. (However, this was years ago.)

Not being an "old timer" I think my experience is rather a unique one and possibly will bear relating. During the years of 1908-09-10, I became acquainted with a lady in St. Louis, Mo., whose "business" was that of a stamp broker; buying mail order house, etc., receipts of stamps, and in turn doing mailing for firms in that city, also selling them stamps. She, by buying at a discount, and charging a certain rate for stamping the thousands of envelopes sent her, made quite a nice little business.

When I first knew her and was permitted to go through her "stock" of stamps, I could not find anything unusual, but she got accustomed to watching out for anything odd, such as folded ends, shades, etc., and I managed to make my time worth while, by stopping in occasionally and getting whatever she had put aside for me to look over—incidentally I might say that I got a pair of the 10c coil (No. 330B) in this manner, and it was nobody's fault but my own that I did not get more, as I handled almost the entire coil; the only one ever sent to St. Louis.

However it remained for the spring of 1910 to bring out what I think was my most interesting "find." It happened that I was in her office one morning, and upon my leaving, not having found anything of value to me, was hardly outside the door, when she called me back, stating she had run across an odd-looking stamp, in a lot she had received from the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" a few days before, and not being able to use it had put it in her pocketbook. You can only imagine my surprise when she laid out an *unused* New York 5c stamp, and asked me whether I wanted it! I told her that I really did not feel able to judge what it was worth and pay her accordingly, even if it did have a slight tear, and of course was almost overcome when I was told that I could have it for what she had paid for it—face value. Needless to say, I,—well, I still have it.

More than the fact that today stamps of that period are getting better and better, and the peculiar position I hold of having purchased it at the price I did, is that Mr. O. S. Hart, who I think had more stamps of that issue in his possession than any other collector (something like 469 of them, I think he said); told me that out of all these, he only had two unused copies.

HARRY B. MASON IN PRINT.

The Washington (D. C.) *Times-Herald* of Sunday, April 1, contained an interview with Harry B. Mason of that city. It is evidently introductory to a publicity campaign about to be waged in connection with the A. P. S. convention to be held in Washington during the five days beginning August 13. Attention is called to the fact that the Shoreham Hotel will be the headquarters, and a feature of the great event will be an auction sale of thousands of dollars worth of rare stamps. The clipping gives Mr. Mason credit for having persuaded last year's convention to make Washington the 1923 meeting-place.

IRISH POSTMARKS.

By Michael F. O'Donnell.

Publicity has, from time to time, been given to the Provisional issues and varieties of the Irish Free State stamps, and collectors, no doubt, are very grateful for this valuable information. It is regretted, however, that collectors of Irish Postmarks are so reticent in the interests of this fascinating hobby. Is it through want of knowledge of the language?

There are, I understand, six electrically driven machines installed in the Dublin area—three at the head sorting office in Parnell Square, and one each at Ballsbridge, James Street, and Rathmines. And since the advent of Mr. J. J. Walsh, the first Irish Postmaster General under the Provisional Government, events have moved rapidly, notwithstanding the hamperings in its administration of the Irish Postal Service. It may be truly said that no government department has done more than the Irish Postal Service to foster and promote the study of the Irish language. Hence we see telegraph forms and postal orders printed in Irish. So too may pillar boxes and mail vans be seen bearing Irish inscriptions. We see also daily changes in our Irish postmarks. The "Bally—" and "Kill—" of yesterday become the "Baile—" (Town) and "Cill—" (Church) of today.

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THE DISPERSAL OF THE EAGLE COLLECTION.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Mr. Clarence H. Eagle, whose death occurred shortly after Christmas, was a collector of U. S. for many years. During the earlier period of his activity in stamps he was a specialist in U. S. Revenues and accumulated the finest collection of these ever assembled. It was complete in all the inverts and had about everything in pairs, blocks and strips that was ever known to exist. It included also Match and Medicine stamps equally complete. Several sections of this wonderful collection were sold and broken up years ago. He had kept his perforated issues in blocks and strips and these will be sold at auction shortly by Percy G. Doane. The unique collection of Revenue Proofs filling twenty-five volumes was bequeathed to the Library of Congress and has also been accepted.

In later years Mr. Eagle devoted his attention almost entirely to the Postal Issues of the U. S. and it is the sale of this wonderful collection which is now attracting nation-wide attention. Mr. H. D. Watson, representing his executors, has paid the following tribute to his friend in turning over the collection for sale at auction to Mr. J. C. Morgenthau:—

"This offering comprises the collection of the late Clarence H. Eagle of New York City, and many of the items are familiar to our philatelists as most of the pieces have been on exhibition both at the Collectors Club and elsewhere. It was one of Mr. Eagle's characteristics that he was always willing to serve the members of our fraternity either by showing his stamps, or to give information in regard to matters that continually arise in the science of Philately. He was a close student of the subject and his ability to grasp its smallest details seems almost a gift that few of us have the patience to develop. He was among those that value stamps not alone as paper of financial worth but as representative of the messages sent in and of the history of a by-gone day. That he had more than a kindly feeling for his fellow Philatelists is evidenced when he stated to the writer that the gradual accumulation of this fine collection had given him such keen enjoyment that he believed it was his duty to have the collection sold, thereby giving to his fellow collectors the same opportunity to enjoy these specimens that he had during his collecting days. In time to come we trust that those into whose hands these specimens will fall will keep him in memory among the leaders in our beloved pursuit who have gone on before."

The first four sessions of the sale were held by Mr. Morgenthau April 4, 5, 9 and 10. They comprised stamps on covers and U. S. general issues to about 1890. The strong feature of the collection is the wonderful lot of blocks, strips and pairs, not only unused but also in used condition. In used blocks we are sure this collection had no rival. Due to the extreme rarity of many of the latter in any condition this collection contained numerous pieces which only exist with defects. The wisdom of this method of collecting was however proven by the excellent prices realized at the sale.

The first session consisted of 448 lots on original covers. Among the most important items were the following: New York, two pairs and one cover, one stamp creased, $250; 1851, 5c, very fine, $97; 12c, diagonal half used as 6c, $115; 1857, 30c, very fine, $67; pair of same, $172.50; 1861, 5c buff, block of four, three stamps damaged, $117.50; 1869, 24c, pair and single on one cover, $112; 30c on cover with 12c to Hong Kong, $160. The floor bidding at this session which realized $5,981.90 was especially heavy as 73% of the lots were knocked down to those personally present, while the percentage in value must have exceeded 90%.

The second session was the most interesting of the series as it contained issues 1845 to 1861 not on cover. There were in all 480 lots, which drew a splendid attendance of around fifty, a decided exception in New York. Nearly all prominent specialists were there in person; several of them had come a long distance. The session reached a handsome total of $14,803.90, with again

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The fourth session of the first Morgenthau Sale of the Eagle Collection comprise issues 1870 and later, again very strong in blocks and odd pieces, but not so many of high priced items.

The J. M. Bartels Co. will sell on May 3 and 5 the issues 1890 to date, practically complete in blocks, though the inverted Pan-Americans and 24c Aeroplane are represented by single copies. Issues 1890 and 1895 are complete in imperf. blocks, also the perf. issues incl. all $2 and $5 stamps, many also used. In this sale the early issues are fairly strong in scarce cancellations, also in covers and rare Telegraph stamps.

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Chapter IV.

Nyasaland Protectorate Issue.

Issue XIV.—By an Order in Council of July 6, 1907, published in the *London Gazette,* September 3, 1907, the designation of the territory previously known as the British Central Africa Protectorate was changed to that of Nyasaland Protectorate, and a new Constitution was established and came into force on October 21, 1907. The change of name led to a change of stamps, and a new series commenced to make its appearance about July, 1908. It is a King's head series, but of the more ornate pattern recently adopted for the De La Rue printings of various Colonial Stamps, and bears the new title of the territory "Nyasaland Protectorate." The values are, ½d, 1d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1sh, 2s6d, 4sh, 10sh, £1 and £10. The 1sh is on single Crown CA paper, the ½d and 1d on unsurfaced Multiple CA paper, and all the rest are on surfaced Multiple CA paper, perforated 14. The 4d is recorded with inverted watermark. The earliest known postmark is Zomba, July 20.

The stamps of the values ½d to 1sh are printed in sheets of 120 in two panes of 60 stamps each (ten rows of six), the high values, 2s6d to £10, in sheets of sixty in five rows of twelve stamps.

The duty-plate of the half-penny stamp exhibits some small imperfections producing a variety of coloured dots in the lower end of the uncoloured label bearing the word POSTAGE at the left.

Issue XV.—In 1913 the first stamps of the Georgian issue for the Protectorate appeared, on April 1. They were in the same style of head plates to fit the duty plates which had been used during the late reign. The values issued then were the ½d, 1d, 2½d, 4d, 6d, 1s, 2s6d, 4s, 10s, £1 and £10. A 3d denomination was added in 1914, and a 2d value in 1915. The shades of the colours of the lower denominations in particular varied considerably during the war period, the ½d green was produced in a bright shade in 1916, a blue-green in 1918, and a deep green in 1919. The 1d originally a rose-red, was printed in scarlet in 1916, and has since reverted to more nearly the original colour. The 2d has lately been printed in a darker shade of grey than its original colour; the 2½d ranges from a dull to a bright-blue; the 4d has been printed in slightly different shades on *yellow* and on *lemon* coloured paper. The paper is watermarked multiple Crown over CA, but the 4d is known on *lemon* without watermark.

Issue XVI.—At the time of writing the halfpenny and sixpence stamps of the Georgian series have been printed on the new paper introduced in 1920 for the stamps printed to the order of the Crown Agents for the Colonies. This is a multiple Crown over CA, but with the initials in a flowing Script style, instead of Roman, and with an improved Crown device.

Chapter V.

Nyasaland Field Force.

The outbreak of war in 1914 involved the Nyasaland Protectorate in hostilities with German East Africa, and the Nyasaland Field Force, commanded by Major General (now Sir) E. Northey, co-operated with other British and Allied forces in the conquest of the late German colony. Major-General Northey applied to the Governor of the Protectorate, Sir George Smith, for stamps to be used by members of the force on registered letters, parcels, etc., and it was originally suggested that the stamps of the Nyasaland Protectorate should be overprinted for the purpose with the initials "N.F.F." for Nyasaland Field Force. Either by accident or on account of shortage of type, the overprint was abbreviated to "N.F." and this was applied to a quantity of sheets of the ½d, 1d, 3d, 4d and 1s stamps.

The overprint was applied in black, in a setting of sixty repetitions, arranged to conform to the panes of sixty stamps; the printing was carried out at the office of the Government Printer at Zomba, and although carefully done a few minor varieties, and one error, occurred. The minor varieties, with the positions in which they occur in the setting are:—

Small stop after "N"—No. 1 in pane.

No stop after "F"—No. 35 in pane.

No serif to left of "N"—No. 55 in pane.

The error is a double overprint of the 3d *purple* on yellow, which was found to occur in the six stamps forming the bottom row of a pane issued at the Field Post Office at Inhambane Bay in the late German East Africa.

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Early in 1919 some Portuguese Nyassa stamps were postmarked with the "Nyasaland F.F.2" field post chop and were said to be issued in that form for the use of the British Imperial Forces stationed at Mtengula, a Portuguese port on Lake Nyassa. Such stamps cannot be regarded as stamps of the Nyasaland Field Force, and the circumstance of

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CHAPTFR VI.
Forgeries.

Early in 1919 Mr. T. Allen detected among some stamps offered him from Italy clever forgeries of the £1 and £10 of Issue IX (1897). The counterfeits are of a very deceptive character, being printed on watermarked paper, which has evidently been obtained by cleaning off the design from some common British Colonial fiscal stamp.

The chief differences remarkable in the forgeries are as detailed by Mr. Allen:

Paper.—This has a very transparent appearance in the forgeries. This is evidently caused by the cleaning off of the other design; apparently some substance has been removed from the paper in the cleaning process. The paper has a very "greasy" feel, as compared with the genuine stamps.

Perforation.—The perforation in the genuine stamps gauges 14; in the forgeries, 15. Collectors are warned not to rely too much on this test, however, as it was probably an oversight on the part of the forger in selecting a fiscal stamp perforated 15 instead of 14.

Postmarks.—Those on the three forgeries examined by Mr. Allen were all different. He states "they are absurd and utterly wrong, as such postmarks do not exist."

Colour.—The forgeries are in an entirely different shade from the genuine stamps.

Background.—The white background around the Arms in the centre of the stamp should be perfectly white, whereas in the forgeries the background has a dirty grey appearance. This may be due to the inability of the forger to remove all the colouring of the previous design.

Shading.—The lines of shading in the corner angles of the forgeries are coarse and blurred. In the genuine stamps the lines of shading are extremely fine, clear and well-defined. The same remarks apply to the lines of shading in the scrolls on the left and right of the shield.

CHAPTER VII.
Postmarks.

There is considerable confusion over the cancelling marks seen on the stamps under review in this handbook. There can be little doubt also that the cancellations intended for postal purposes and those intended for fiscal use were at times used indiscriminately, and this has given rise to the supposition that some of the long fiscal stamps overprinted B. C.A. on the British South Africa company's issues were used postally. We quote some correspondence on this point from which it is clear that where (as doubtless was the case in several districts) the Postmaster and Revenue Officer was one and the same individual, it was an easy mistake to use the tax cancellation in lieu of the postal one, and *vice versa.*

The first two letters were addressed to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. by the Postmaster-General.

"Nov. 13th, 1896.

SIRS:—I have the honour to inform you, in reply to your inquiry of yesterday, that none of the Revenue stamps of British Central Africa were ever used postally.

The one you sent me has been taken off an expired license, and has been improperly obliterated.

There is a special stamp issued to cancel Revenue stamps, and in addition Revenue officers are instructed to write the date across the stamp.

In the case in question the Revenue officer at Port Herald is also Postmaster, and the mistake has thus arisen.

I return the stamp sent for me to see.

I have the honour to be, sirs,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) J. E. McMASTER,
Postmaster-General, B.C.A."

"BRUSSELS,
December 19th, 1896.

SIRS:—I have the honour to enclose for your perusal a letter from the Postmaster of Port Herald, B.C. Africa, with reference to the Revenue stamps of that Protectorate.

You will note that the said Revenue stamps were never used postally, and that the cancellation with the postal postmark was, as I expected, a mistake on the part of the Posmaster, who, as collector of Revenue of the same district, was supplied with two sets of obliterators, one for postal and one for the Revenue purposes, and in error used the postal obliteration for the Revenue purposes.

I have the honour to be, sirs,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) J. E. McMASTER,
Postmaster-General, B.C.A."

Copy of letter from Postmaster of Port Herald enclosed in above:—

"SURBITON,
December 18th, 1896.

SIR:—In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., I have the honour to inform you that those long Revenue stamps you mention were never used postally, and the reason the date-stamp appears on them was that, having a large number of the papers to issue one day, it saved time, as it did away with the necessity of writing in the date in ink on the tax stamps.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) H. GALT,
Postmaster, Port Herald.
The Postmaster-General,
B. C. Africa."

The usual hut tax cancellation appears to have consisted of a large circle with the words British Central Africa within, conforming to the circumference of the circle, and the town name either across the centre or at the bottom between the beginning of "British" and the end of "Africa." This cancellation is found both dated and undated in black, in violet, and in light blue. In some cases the date is in the type, and in some cases, is written in after the cancelling st has been impressed. The cancellat of this class that have come under notice have emanated from the foll ing places:—

Ruo, Blantyre, Milanui, Zomba, I Bay, West Shire, Johnston, Karo Port Herald.

A similar large circular mark is scribed "Her Britannic Majesty's (sular Court Blantyre. Director of (toms—[Date]—British Central Afri This, of course, is not a postal canc tion.

The small size marks which may be ta generally to be the postal obliterat are in a variety of forms—oval, circ and the familiar "squared circle" t There are small, oval-shaped marks c posed of thick lines with the ce broken by a rectangular piercing (taining numerals, of which we have or had reported numbers 563, 833, 854, 855, 860, 863, 871, 872, and (?) As these numeral marks are mostly the old British South Africa Compa stamps overprinted B.C.A., we proached the Secretary as to whe there was any key to the use of t numeral cancellations, but no such is known. There is also a series of marks in a circular type with thin b pierced in the centre with a circle (taining letters B, K, H, etc. These w in use from the very first issue.

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My respect for the postage stamp may not equal the devotion of the philatelist to his treasures. But it enables me to appreciate the variety and interest there is in collecting these tokens, which I look forward to seeing represented in the forthcoming Exhibition.

I am assured that the study of stamps leads philatelists to a considerable knowledge of the working of the postal services. That is all to the good, for a fuller understanding of the working of the Post Office on the part of the public conduces to the greater efficiency of its services.

No doubt in its great variety of stamps, rare and otherwise, the Exhibition will provide some interesting studies in the art of stamp designing and printing in many countries. It will also afford some useful comparisons, artistic and technical, between the different processes of manufacture. This will naturally be of interest to my Department, which spends over £100,000 a year in the manufacture of our stamps, and which also has charge of the manufacture of the stamps for British India.

It is thus not inappropriate that as Postmaster-General I should take a deep interest in the Exhibition, and in doing so I am only following the example of many of my predecessors in office who have been associated in the past with the Junior Philatelic Society's Exhibitions.

I sincerely hope that it will be a great success.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

VARIATIONS DUE TO SLIPPAGE

By L. G. BARRETT and F. G. FLOYD

While engaged in making drawings to illustrate Mr. Randall's article on the surcharged postal cards that appeared in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, Mr. Barrett was considerably disturbed to discover certain discrepancies in the surcharge impressions. These postal cards were surcharged in many of the larger cities of the U. S., from dies supplied by the postal authorities, no two of which were alike although all were of one design and several were almost identical. Mr. Randall obtained his stock of the several varieties of cards direct from the postmasters of the various cities and Mr. Barrett made the drawings from these cards. Instead of furnishing the draftsman one specimen card of each type, the whole stock was sent so that Mr. Barrett had before him for study, several specimens of each type. In going through these seeking for perfect copies for illustration, it was noticed that cards from certain cities, coming from the same post-office and supposedly alike, were not, in fact, identical. This discovery led to considerable argument and discussion between us as to the possible cause.

The surcharging was done on regular cancelling machines by means of special surcharging dies. Two types of machine were in use, known as the International and Universal. It was found that the variations noticed occurred only in offices using the Universal machine. In this one cards are fed in and conveyed to a position directly in front of a rapidly revolving die, where they receive the surcharge impression. Our various theories and speculations culminated eventually in a correspondence with Mr. A. H. Pitney, one of the inventors of the Universal machines, who graciously permits Mr. Floyd to print his letter which follows.

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—*P. C. S. of A. Bulletin.*

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EDITORIAL.

We are assured of an American representation at the London International Stamp Exhibition, at Horticultural Hall, in May, as we are told that here and there collectors are planning to attend this great event. The activities of those who have worked to make the exhibition a success are reaching their culmination and we are confident that the exhibition will be the most momentous one ever dedicated to philately. Universal rejoicing will follow the consummation of the plans that have been worked out so well; and we know that an increase of interest in philately on the part of the public will be one of the results of the exhibition.

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It is apparent from reports that come to us that the regulations regarding the importation of stamps from abroad are not wholly understood, at all the ports of entry. Protests are made at the manner in which some cases are handled and at the arbitrary action of operatives. Now, Mr. J. M. Bartels gives us his experience with the ruling of the New York custom house that American stamps are taxable when once sent out of the country and then returned here, under the section that goods manufactured in the United States and reimported are subject to a duty of 25%. There is a tendency for some of the port collectors to become rather more exacting than formerly but usually after due explanation, the stamp importer can make his position understood. When the dealer feels that he has not been given consideration, he should refer his case to the customs head, who, we should say, will give ear to honest complaints and use his authority according to reason.

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Some time ago, we noticed in the *Australian Stamp Journal* a serious warning to stamp "producers" on the score of the great number of new stamps that is issued with all too little justification. Our friend does not hesitate to deplore the coming of the host of British colonials following the introduction of a new watermark and says pointedly that if a change in watermark was considered advisable, the alterations in the design of the stamps should have been accomplished at the same time. We do not suppose that there will ever be any unanimity of opinion on the subject of new issues as generally speaking there are two camps, those in one of which profess to feel that the more new issues the merrier while the opposing element say they are coming in such number as to blanket interest.

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"Will you give me a line to say that I have just met the old-fashioned collector who irrigates his fore-finger and using it as a magnet, brings the stamp off the flat surface to within the line of vision?" asks a willing helper. Certainly, although we think that we have paid our disrespects to this survivor of the "tongless" age, on a former occasion.

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A stamp crank was beguiled into going on the stage in response to the persuasive invitation of the magician, Thurston, at one of his performances, recently; and he was put through a course of sprouts that seemed harrowing to him, judging from the way in which the victim clutched at his heart, to all appearances. After the ordeal was over and he found his way back to his seat, his friend asked why he had held his hand constantly in the region of his breast-pocket, whereupon he said that he was afraid that with his magic, Thurston would extract a particularly fine approval book that he had in his pocket, especially as it popped into his mind when he got on the stage that he had heard that the great Thurston was interested in stamps.

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Even our dulled eye can see the lambent flames of genius that play around the column conducted by Keith Preston in the Chicago *Daily News*. We'll crown Keith with a Dunlap, if he will betake himself to Dunlap's store on Michigan Avenue and ask Frank Taylor, the boss, to charge it to us. We know that Keith Preston is the sextuple shooter of snappy syntax as well as a pillar of philately, past and prospective for does he not clip our recent rhapsody based on a philatelic question propounded by him in the column and print it in heavy type in the Chicago *Daily News*, with the head, as provided by our hero, "We Qualify as Collector"? Little remains to be told: we did not send in the clipping.

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Our references to the need of making the market more definite and accessible so far as the collector who wishes to sell his stamps is concerned have not passed unnoticed. A few suggestions have come from readers that if they could be carried out would broaden the selling chances of the collector but in the main, all observations are based on improving the outlets now available, such as the auction mart, the sales departments of established societies, the dealers and what one correspondent calls the "local collecting field." The experience of this reader is given: "I have found on two occasions that an advertisement in your paper addressed to buyers in my city or vicinity has had effect; and I have disposed of collections that I was compelled to convert into money to fair advantage to what are best described as collector-dealers. I could show the collection to possible buyers who called but outside of several cities, I do not think that my plan would be feasible."

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A correspondent says that he finds even the latest gazetteers failures in locating some of the newer stamp-issuing countries and he wants to know what we are going to do about it. We agree with the complainant but we are hopeful enough to think that if he will take the time to ferret around, he will meet with success. We have an idea that "Koweit," for instance, one of the latest aspirants with its set of overprinted British Indian stamps is not treated with elaboration in the reference books even though it is a sultanate at the head of the Persian Gulf. On this general subject, we find a playful little skit in the Spanish paper, *La Gaceta Sportiva* of Barcelona on Aguera that runs something as follows: "Where is Aguera was a question that has been asked for several years and to settle the inquiry: it is the name of one of the many shores of Western Africa and because of the great volume of correspondence of its inhabitants, who are Moorish and picturesque, and who pass the day and the greater part of the night in reading the Koran and writing to the paternal Spanish government (they ought to write their letters to the moon) in their anxiety for civil protection, it was thought to endow them with what they most needed, a handsome series of postage stamps." So the stamps arrived at the quiet beach of Aguera one fine day in 1920, the set ranging from one centimo to ten pesetas, and it is suggested that this last stamp be used in writing to the moon. Then, in a short time came the second set as numerous or more so than the preceding "in order to meet the needs of the Agueran correspondents." Civilization follows the postage stamp, we verily believe, and now there is scarcely any country so poor that there are not stamp collectors to do it reverence.

A PHILATELIC TALE.

The following was written by Pres. Hoskins of the Michigan Stamp Club and it will prove of interest to our Detroit collectors who are acquainted with the various actors in this little story:—

Two philatelists, *Scott* and *Bott*, were recently discovered *Holden* hands, on the *Beach*. They showed their *Powers* as sprinters by making a *Quick Tripp* up the *Hill*, through the *Park*, without *Askin* any questions. *Bott* made a *Sharp* turn and slipped into the *Meyer*. His *White* duck pants soon became a dirty *Brown*, and his face turned *Greene* with envy, at seeing *Scott*, who was quite a *Walker*, *Cumming(s)* toward him with a young lady, whose would indicate that she would not *ma* soul. On reaching *Bott*, *Scott* him this *Riddle*: If two *Boers* twelve dollars, how much is a to *Jungwirth?*

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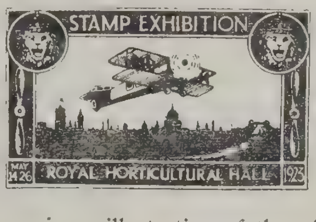

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—C. H. Issler, 21 Dover St., Worcester, Mass., can secure no replies to letters addressed to I. W. Risdon, West Somerville, Mass., and R. R. Thiele, Tacoma, Wash. He would like to hear from others who are similarly situated and information as to correct addresses will be appreciated.

—J. C. Matthews, Olympia, Wash., would like the address of one Ronald C. Briggs, supposed to reside at 16 Paulsen Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. Letter is returned "No such street".

—A. A. Wasserscheid has shown us a new advertising cancellation from New York City as follows:—"National Merchandise Fair July 23—August 3, Grand Central Palace". This cancellation has also been shown us by Robert Besthoff.

—We have been shown a new advertising cancellation from New York by Frank Ruehl. It reads: — "National Merchandise Fair, July 23—Aug. 3, Grand Central Palace."

—Jules E. T. Ehlers sends us a Georgetown, Texas, cancellation which reads: — "1873 Golden Jubilee 1923, Southwestern University". This cancellation will advertise the home-coming of the University next June when the institution will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding at Georgetown.

—Geppert Marsh contributes a good publicity article to a local daily in Middletown, Ohio, dealing with the collecting interest of Charles R. Forster, a local mail carrier. The article gives an interesting story of Mr. Forster's collection and of his interest in the Junior Philatelic Club. Publicity matter of this kind is good for any community.

—The advertising of Maxwell Krause this week does not tell the full story. The truth is that Mr. Krause has found it necessary to pass through a surgical operation. It is not considered of a serious nature but will keep him confined for a month or more. The WEEKLY and its many readers will wish Mr. Krause a speedy recovery and return to the desk.

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Every worthy project needs a leader, a man who is not afraid. Philately should have a leader in every town, a man who knows its pleasures and who can preach and teach it. An all around good fellow, a good mixer, a good friend and companion. National publicity for philately is a good thing, but first let's take care of those that are already converted. Personal contact and fellowship with other hobby men will go a long way to prevent the many converts who are back-sliding.

I am not the only one who would like to see this local leadership idea worked out for it will benefit philately in general as well as all collectors individually. If you are the only stamp collector in your town consider your self appointed as a committee of one. In towns where there is more than one, get together at the first opportunity and talk it over. Where there is a local club, take it up at the first meeting. Have the meeting open for discussion and study carefully the qualifications of every local stamp collector you know. Pick out the most progressive man you have, and one that you are willing to guarantee as to honesty. Map out some sort of a local campaign either through the newspaper or other publicity so as to reach any other collectors that might reside in the locality. Arrange for a meeting place on a given night, or preferably have your committee chairman keep "open house." At least have a permanent address.

This permanent address is one of the main features both for local work and outside help. Your "leader" should get acquainted with the outside world, especially with philatelic journals, and dealers, so as to receive regularly auction catalogs and price lists. Publishers of philatelic periodicals have a right to think that all stamp men should subscribe but as this would mean an expenditure of upwards of a $100. it is too much to expect of all of us. However, a fund could be raised depending on the number of local collectors sufficient to subscribe to the leading journals and these could be passed around.

Thousands of collectors are through with their stamp journals after reading them once and with a little co-operation among "leaders" these could be exchanged and each town could soon boast a local philatelic library at little or no expense. There are many other ideas that could be incorporated in these local organizations after they are once started.

I would suggest first a central clearing house for ideas as well as organization work. Suppose we nominate some one to look after this work at least until such time that its own momentum will carry it on. If you are in sympathy with this movement, write A. H. Pike, 80 Grant St., Buffalo, N. Y. If there is sufficient interest I promise to push this work to the limit. As soon as a reasonable number of "leaders" are appointed I will publish a directory containing (1) the names and addresses of leaders arranged by cities, (2) names and addresses of stamp dealers, (3) names and addresses of stamp periodicals, (4) list of philatelic hand books with price of those available, (5) some general information.

These directories will be circulated to all dealers, publishers and "leaders" in each town. From our point of view this is a wonderful opportunity for the right kind of publicity, co-operation and good fellowship. Further suggestions are wanted and will be appreciated. It may look as though we are trying to get some cheap advertising for ourselves but the fact that MEKEEL'S WEEKLY is publishing this should dispel all doubts from your mind. There is no way that we could make any money out of this idea, in fact, we can already see that it will cost us some real jack as well as take considerable of our time.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—During the latter part of February last there was issued in New York City the 2c of the new design from the rotary press, perforated 11 x 10. This was made from the vertically perforated coil waste. Mr. Arthur E. Owen now reports the rotary 2c perforated 11 x 11 from the imperforate coil waste. The plate numbers noticed so far are No. 14123 to 14126 inclusive and 14133. These stamps are issued in panes of one hundred and also in panes of seventy.

Under date of April 5th the Post Office Department notified postmasters throughout the country that there were available approximately 700,000 low back and 1,500,000 high back No. 5, 2c amber envelopes that were in stock when the manufacture of this variety was discontinued. These are of the "first quality" which is somewhat heavier weight than the present standard quality although they can be supplied at the same price. No mention is made of the other denominations on similar paper, although it is possible some few are still available.

The J. C. Morgenthau Co., during the early part of April sold at auction a part of the unusual collection and accumulation of United States stamps gotten together by the late Mr. Clarence H. Eagle. As Mr. Eagle collected for many years, a great many of his pieces were not in the finest of condition, but some unusual items were among his holdings. This collection is possibly the largest U. S. collection that has come upon the market by means of the auction, since the Worthington sale in August, 1917. As the first four sections totalled nearly two thousand lots, it would be impossible to mention even all of the important items.

A block of six of the 5c 1851 on part cover damaged and repaired brought $150.00; a block of four off cover, two very fine, and two badly cut into went to a New York dealer at $210.00. A block of the 5c buff on cover although the cancellation did not cover both the stamps and the cover, sold at $117.50. Two stamps of this block were very fine and the other two damaged. A horizontal pair of the 24c 1869, together with a single, stamps very fine and cancelled in blue sold at $112.00, while a single of the 30c on cover to Hong Kong along with the 12c sold at $160.00. A 5c New York on blue in fine condition which was described as a re-print with faked signature sold at $101.00. The block of 5c 1847 with the lower left stamp badly damaged went to the Middle West at $255.00. The block of the 10c cancelled in blue with two of the stamps cut into went to New England at $650.00. A proof block of 16 of the latter stamp on India surcharged "specimen," possibly unique, went to New Jersey at $105.00. A block of eight of the 1c 1851, showing recuts as well as an inverted transfer although the latter was not described, sold at $320.00. Strips of the 5c 1851 in varying condition sold from $77.50 up to $270.00. A used block of the 10c 1851 went to the Middle West at $137.50, while a similar block of the 12c brought $325.00. A unique block of eight of the 10c 1857 used showing complete scrolls in the bottom row, started at $30.00 and was knocked down at $320.00. A unique block of four, straight edge on two sides of the 90c 1857 cancelled in Washington sold at $320.00. The 3c August in blocks seems to be selling lower at every auction, and the one in this sale changed hands at $57.50. A block of the 3c pink sold at $140.00, a magnificent block of the 90c of the same issue sold at $305.00. Fine single copies of the embossed series brought catalogue and more while blocks reached fancy heights. The bank note issues brought high prices especially when in fine condition. I note a single of the 90c grill cataloguing $40.00 sold at $67.00. I overlooked mentioning the '69 series and among these there were three wonderful pieces, a block of nine used of the 15c went to New England at $320.00; a block of four of the 24c used went to the same party at $205.00 while a very fine block of the 90c used changed hands at $340.00. It may be noted in passing practically 85% of the above sale went to buyers on the floor.

We wish to thank Messrs. E. B. Sterling, William N. Taylor and William Forster for notes of interest.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman has shown us another value of the new parcel post set. This time it is the 1fr 10c orange.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—Mr. R. Roberts sends for chronicle the 2c brown in the Nyasaland type and the 2c black and 4c black postage due stamps. All are script watermarked.

CHINA.—Mr. F. G. Young writing under date of March 15th advises as follows:

"I am rather slow in getting this novelty to you and perhaps you have seen it before. The history is something like this: shortly after the proposed change in postal rates was announced a bulletin was posted in all of the offices listing numerous changes which were to be made in the current stamps, of the junk, reaper, and "pailou" (archway) type, also stating that a quantity of the three-cent stamp was to be surcharged for use as a two-cent value. After the new rates were withdrawn (temporarily?) no one expected this surcharge as there was no possible occasion for it, but on March 1st or thereabout it showed up in the Shanghai office. Of the other new items and changes the only ones which have taken effect are the following:

The four-cent stamp previously c
mine is now grey, and is printed fr
a new die—the new design has the sa
general appearance as the old but can
instantly distinguished. This stamp
ing in the same color and general
sign as the six-cent, there will doubtl
be another change soon—probably in
color of the six.

The fifteen cent value, withdrawn t
or more years ago (then brown) is n
in blue and likewise from a new
with exactly the same remarks ap
cable—instantly distinguishable, but
same general design.

The poster gave notice that the pr
ent black center of all of the high va
stamps is to be changed to some col
on a recent visit to the bureau in
king I saw all of the dollar stamps
process of printing with the new colo
center, so we shall doubtless have th
soon.

The new colors are: $1, ochre and
$2, blue and ?; $5, carmine and
$10, green and ?; $20, yellow and ?

GERMANY.—J. L. Riedel sends us s
eral items of information concerni
new German stamps. For the benefit
the victims of the French occupation
the Ruhr district a set of three Char
stamps has been issued, as follows:
5m+100m yellow, blacksmith; 25m
500m brown, reaper; and 20m+1,00
blue, plowman. Up to one million co
plete sets will be issued. The 5m star
blacksmith type has not yet been issu
without surcharge.

Two Charity stamps have been issu
for Danzig, 50m+20m brick red a
100m+30m mauve. The design sho
an old man bending over with han
resting upon his cane. In the bac
ground are the buildings of a city.

In the small numeral type, values
100, 200, 300, 400 and 500 marks ha
been issued, and in the large numer
type oblong shape has appeared t
3,000m brown. Some new official stam
are also noted. They are 20m da
blue on rose, 50m violet and 100m ca
mine. Large numerals are shown in t
center of the stamp with Dienstmar
across the bottom.

We have received from Mr.
Roberts the 10mk ultramarine in t
Reapers type and also the 100mk viol
in the new disc type. Both are wate
marked chicken wire.

LUXEMBURG.—Mr. Henry Hoorema
advises that the 10fr black has been i
sued. The stamp is line engraved an
printed in sheets of 50, 5 x 10.

He also advises that the 1c and 4c
the 1906-8 series has been surcharge
"5" with two short horizontal lines o
literating the former values. Bot
overprints are in black.

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ONACO.—Mr. Henry Hooreman has e: a copy of the new design of the values soon to be issued. In the re is the usual Coat of Arms of the ntry with the words "Principavte de aco" at the top while below is stes" with the figure of value in the er right corner.

RUGUAY.—The Metropolitan Stamp have submitted for chronicle three es of a new series with the eques- statue of Artigas in the centre. values and colors are: 2c red and vn, 5c violet and brown and 12c and brown.

URTEMBERG.—Mr. Charles L. Wid- writes:—"It may be of interest to to know that the official stamps of temberg have been surcharged with er values, owing to the depreciation he German Mark. I received a set Germany, Scott's type O-1, sur- ged as follows:—10pfg orange+5 15 pfg violet+10 Mk, 40 pfg rose Mk, 20pfg green+25 Mk, 60 pfg green+50 Mk, 1.25 Mk, em. green Mk, 2 Mk gray+200 Mk, 3 Mk n+400 Mk.

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Before the war stamp collecting was a hobby. It has now become an acute form of investment.

In the Alps there is a letter box 10,000 feet above sea level, from which a daily collection is made.

The St. Vincent, 1 shilling green, surcharged "One Penny" were all sold to local speculators the day of issue.

It is now claimed that up to the present time there are seventy-eight aero mail stamps acknowledged by Governments.

The letters "O.B." on Philippines stamps no doubt have mystified many collectors, but represent "Official Business."

Why not fill in all the cheap issues now and let them grow in value in your collection instead of in the dealers' stock books?

A corpulent stamp collector when asked by a young flapper what made the Tower of Pisa lean? answered—"If I knew I would try it myself."

While there are no reprints from Salvador, Guatemala, or Nicaragua, it seems strange that there are a few of the early issues of Ecuador.

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Haughty Lady (who has just purchased a stamp) "Must I put it on myself?"

Post Office Clerk (very politely) "Not necessarily, madam; it will probably accomplish its purpose if you put it on the letter."

When the issue of the Quebec Tercentenary Issue was on sale it was a great success, the sale reaching the grand total of thirty million stamps, aggregating some $600,000. The new issue has done much to popularise stamp collecting in Canada.

The printing of advertisements on the backs of the New Zealand stamps, 1892 issue, was begun in 1893 and discontinued in 1894. The plan was adopted to raise revenue for the government, and was in no wise a philatelic expedient on the part of the authorities.

Heligoland is the name of two small islands in the North Sea, opposite and between the mouths of the Elbe and Weser rivers and twenty-eight miles from the nearest point on the German coast. The islands, formerly one, have become separated by the action of the sea, by a distance of a quarter of a mile, but are commonly regarded as a single island.—*Postage Stamp.*

PRECANCELS.

By H. S. DICKEY.

The reason some collectors sometimes get discouraged in collecting precancels is because they start to cover the whole U. S. at one shot and they get strung out over too big a territory; now I collect all the different states; but I collect in a systematic manner, by taking a group of states, just like we studied geography, i.e., the central states comprise one group, the eastern states another, the southern states the third group and the western states the fourth group. Of course after I have gotten all of any one group together that a person can reasonably expect to get within a reasonable period of time, I change over and start in on my next group and in this manner I have the pleasure of some new states to turn to all the time. Of course, if I can pick up any odds and ends of other states I do so and simply hold them in reserve till I start mounting up those states later on.

A person can make a very interesting collection of either Chicago, Ill., or New York, N. Y., at a very little expense and have a dandy time doing it, too. Other cities, such as Boston and San Francisco, are equally interesting, so you have a choice of a single city from any one of your four groups of states if you do not care to cover anything else.

If the beginners would try my suggestions on either single cities or a group of states they will find the game unusually interesting and fascinating and they will also learn a lot about the different U. S. issues precancelled.

Even if I didn't collect precancels as a precancel collector, I would still want a few representative sets of the different U. S. issues, such as 1898, 1902, 1910, 1912, 1918 and the new 1923 U. S. set in my collection, just to show how the sets look precancelled. I would also want one set of the parcel posts and one of the Jamestown and other exposition issues precancelled as I consider no U. S. collection complete without sets of its precancelled issues.

Sometime this year will be the biggest stamp boom since 1869, why? Because the 1923 set of U. S. stamps comes nearer being a pictorial issue like the '69 than any stamps we've had since then, their size and their artistic beauty being very much in their favor; and as soon as they come into general use collectors will go wild over them; any one who isn't a precancel collector now probably will be before this year is over, because the 1923 U. S. set will start and cause more interest to be taken in U. S. stamp collecting than any issue we've had since 1869, unless it were the 1893 Columbian issue which caused a boom at that time. —*Philatelic West.*

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"KENNY."

By Edwin B. Hill, Ysleta, Texas.

For L. S. K.

The doors of the big bank had just been unlocked by George, the negro porter. The corridors were empty, except for one figure. The tellers and the cashiers were behind their desks and in their cages, awaiting the rush of customers. The man in the corridor spotted the first comer. They grinned at each other.

"'Lo, Ken," said the customer.

"How come?" said the man designated as Ken.

"Here!" said the first comer, as he sagged into the soft caress of a waiting chair.

The two began a conference.

Samuel Kenny, of medium height and of medium age, was an assistant cashier in what was facetiously known as the Whited Sepulchre, otherwise the Fifth National Bank. The tombstone marble of the newly decorated bank had appealed little to "Ken," as he was familiarly known "in the street." He did not like it.

"Seems to be a sort of 'hark from the tomb' effect about it all,—cold and calm as the deposit vaults in the basement," he told the board. The board did not like criticism. Kenny seemed to certain members lacking in that sense of dignity so becoming to a banker, and so hateful to 99 per cent. of the bank's customers.

Old Hell's-Fire Hughes was one of the best haters the bank had. He was also its best customer, and Kenny's best friend. He was a large man. He chewed his cigars, especially when he wanted to think. And thinking and H. F. were not always compatible, you may be sure. H. F., freely translated, meant Henry Frederick, but the propensity old H. F. had for prefacing nearly every sentence with "Hell's-Fire" had fixed the cognomen beyond erasure.

The conference was ending.

"How's the c'lection, Ken?" asked H. F., as he genially poked Kenny in the midriff.

"Fine! Got a twenty revenue off that last draft you refused!" Kenny shot back.

H. F. looked blank. Then his laugh disturbed the vice-president, who was trying to look the dignity of his position, and failing ignobly. He simply couldn't be made to look dignified, with a misplaced eyebrow adorning his upper lip, and a pair of nose-glasses he doesn't need to set it off. He was all of that in the beginning. H. F. drifted.

An elderly woman took Kenny's attention, next. He steered her safely over to the man with the misplacements, and began talking to a boy who acted in the capacity of messenger.

The woman came back, looked Kenny over gravely, and said:

"H. F. told me to come to you. I wanted to open an account here. I have $480,000 in cash I wanted to transf That"—the woman sniffed audibly—"sa 'he'd look into the matter,' and referr me back to you."

"Did you tell him you wished to d posit that sum?" asked Kenny, with chill creeping up his back. One of F.'s friends to be snubbed like that!

The woman's face broke into a smi Nothing seemed to feaze her, and h appreciation of the situation seemed have its sense of humor.

"No, I didn't like his manners—or h lack of them—and I told him I want to put four-eighty into the savings. H turned me back to you. You see, M Kenny, I'm a cattle woman, and H. and I are in on some good deals. Fa is, H. F. is my husband, and what F. says goes with me, an' it goes a lo way."

"What did H. F. say?" asked Kenn innocently.

The cow-lady chuckled. Then s laughed until Kenny laughed with her.

"I bet he did," said Kenny.

"He sure did!" said the cow-woma

"And now I'm going over to depo that four-eighty in my savings. Y and the $480,000 in the commercial."

Kenny walked over to the saving te er's cell.

"Mrs. Hughes wishes to open a sa ings account," announced Kenny.

The teller smiled genially at Kenn "Yes, Mr. Kenny. Glad to have h make us her friends," he said.

"Young man, you'll need 'em befo you get through with this whited se ulchre!" shot back the cow-lady. T teller choked. Kenny grinned at him.

"How come? Name seems appr priate, Harry."

They turned away, and went to t "H" window.

"Mrs. Hughes wishes to transfer h account," said Kenny.

The teller looked expectant.

"From my left stocking to the rig bank," added Mrs. Hughes, smiling "You, Ken, look at the pictures on t wall!"

Kenny proceeded to look. The r was the proverbial cow-choking bra The teller counted it.

"There is $480,000 here," he said.

"Guess I'll make it $500,000 eve said the cow-woman. Kenny discree turned his back, but the cow-wom said it wasn't necessary. She had t money in her belt.

The business, over the cow-wom took Kenny by the lapels of his co and with her face close to his, she sa

"Old Hell's-Fire was right. He to me what to do. I sized 'em up fi grab. He said to look 'em over aft I'd seen you first. They don't he looks,—that bunch of mavericks."

Her eyes twinkled as she gave the u perturbed Kenny a little jerk. "Lay 'em. They'll shoot you in the back. know the breed. Me an' H. F. su will make 'em sick, though."

Kenny went over and sat down in t chair vacated by old H. F. He studi it over. H. F. was sure sore, he kne That mis-placed fool had turned hi down on a trifling loan of $100,000, wi no security. Kenny knew H. F. H knew he didn't make loans without t best of security. Now and then he'd a for a big loan, just to try the boys o It was his little joke. And to think th sap-head had fallen for it.

H. F. came back again.

"Kenny, I just got a five cents 185 unused, o.g., for your collection. Wa to see it?"

Old H. F. fished in his pocket. Ken assured him, with a wave of his han that he was off on stamps during bus ness hours.

Old H. F. roared. The vice-preside again looked his disapproval.

"Sure. Sure 'Sall right. Here s is!" He passed an envelope over Kenny, and slanted over to the disa proving V. P.'s desk. From this va tage-point he grinned at Kenny, as badgered the precise young man fro the walls of Baylor, vintage of '21.

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Old H. F. badgered Harbuck beyond reason. The worm turned.

"It is the sense of this meeting that changes be made in the personnel of this bank," began "Buck," as H. F. insisted on calling him. "There is too much levity, and not enough of the serious in the business." Then he coughed discreetly.

"Meanin'?" Old Hell-fire's voice boomed out.

"Mr. Kenny is not serious enough," began Harbuck.

Old H. F.'s face was purple.

"You poor runt of a she-steer, you—you don't know a man when you see one! Ken! Hell's-fire! Ken collected friends when you were collecting nickels! He! What this bank needs is a dam-site more levity and a dam-site less Baylorin'! Get me? No? Then I'll bust you in three hours!"

Old H. F. jammed his hat on his head, and fled.

Kenny was in the corridor. "How come?" said Kenny, grinning. "H. F., you seem some feverish!"

H. F. spluttered. Then he choked. Then he unfolded his scheme, Kenny listened.

"Don't do it, H. F. It might work!"

"Work? Work?" H. F.'s voice cracked and broke. "It sure will work! Short an' swift!"

The board came forth. But H. F. was gone.

At 2.30 o'clock "Ma" Hughes came in. She presented a check for $98,000, and insisted on taking the cash. Then she retired to the rest-room, and was seen no more. Old H. F. came in ten minutes' later, and withdrew $225,000 in cash. Other cow-men came in, and the run was on. Kenny strove to stop the tide, but he was helpless.

"H. F.'s buyin' mavericks," was the only explanation he could pry out of the close-mouthed cow-men.

At three minutes before three, nine old depositors withdrew—or tried to withdraw—fabulous sums. It was too late to appeal to other banks, and the Fifth National bade fair to blow up.

Kenny perspired freely. He knew there was something on, but he couldn't get the sense of it. Then the doors were closed, and the depositors waited.

"Gentlemen, will you come into the board room?" The aged president appealed to the cow-men. Mrs. Hughes issued forth, and joined them. "I always was strong on funerals," she said audibly, "and this is going to be two of them."

"Gentlemen, you have seen fit to withdraw your accounts with us. I have been friendly to you for many years,—some of your fathers were my friends. I shall be grateful if you will explain."

"You tell him, H. F.," said Mrs. Hughes.

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The old president looked the men over, a faint smile coming to his face.

"And is that all?" he queried. "Then you'll be glad to know that Mr. Harbuck is returning to the confines of Baylorville, where he plans to start a bank based on new principles."

Old H. F. bit his cigar in twain. "Hell's-fire!" he declared. "Let's buy him a pair of embroidered slippers and a dressing-gown!"

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"I hope you're not going back on the bank," said Kenny, all the humor gone from his voice.

"Hell's-fire, no!" H. F.'s voice shook the windows. "We're just doneskinnin' a cat—a pole-cat. An' we sure done a good job of it, Ken, old top!"

"How come?" queried Kenny.

"And we're goin' to New York,—Ma an' me an' you—t' look 'em over—the stamp-dealers. Ma c'lects—and me—and you. They've give you a vacation, an' raised your pay, an' Baylor's startin' a bank an—an' hell's-fire! It's a sad world, full o' sad cow-men."

Old H. F. looked quizzically at Kenny.

"That there stamp you got off that draft, now,"—H. F. began.

Kenny smiled back.

It wasn't never on it," said Kenny. "There wasn't any draft."

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By CORNELIUS WRINKLE.

Now We Shan't be Long!—It does not seem a long time to some of us since it was first proposed to hold another international stamp exhibition here in London. Actually it was two years ago, but there has been so much to accomplish in the way of preparation that the time has slipped away rapidly, and here we are within a few weeks of an event to which the philatelic world is looking to eclipse all former exhibitions and to spread the charm and fascination of stamps to thousands who as yet know naught of the joys of the philatelist.

American Government Exhibition.—Every day and in every way the signs and portents of worldwide interest in the exhibition burst upon the band of workers. Yesternight the cables were going again, and the welcome news came through that the United States Government is sending an exhibit. This is a fitting corollary to the magnificent support extended to the exhibition by the leading philatelists and the societies in the United States, and is not less a welcome indication of the high and intelligent recognition of Philately by the Post Office Department at Washington, acting through one of its most brilliant and successful heads, the Hon. W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General.

A Genial Champion.—Interest is already centreing in who will carry off the championships, senior and junior. It is eleven years since these were contested, and they were secured in 1912 by Mr. Sidney Loder and Mr. A. J. Warren (Senior), and by Victor Cazalet, then aged fifteen (Junior). We believe Mr. Warren, the genial specialist in Dutch stamps, is in the running again, but he will probably be up against a more varied and imposing competition than on the last occasion. He is an ideal "Champion," a delightful veteran who beams sunshine wherever he goes, and is a living witness to the fact that Philately is no dull thing, and that it can contribute a good deal to the excellent fun that one can get out of life.

And a Junior One.—The Junior Champion of 1912 has passed beyond the age for the junior section of the competitions. He was only fifteen when he scored the highest award over some very hot competitors of several years' seniority. His exhibit was a specialised collection of Great Britain. He is now Captain Victor Cazalet, and had a fine record during the war, serving as A.D.C. to General Knox, head of the British Military Mission with Admiral Koltchak, and was able to give the British public one of the first authoritative accounts of the details of the assassination of the Tsar and the Imperial Family.

Philatelic Courtesies.—Mr. E. G. Harmer, of Messrs. Harmer, Rooke and Co., Ltd., has very kindly offered to Mrs. H. P. Terry, Hon. Secretary of the J. P. S., his Rolls-Royce for her personal use during the exhibition, and his offer has been accepted by Mrs. Terry with the greatest of pleasure. Mr. F. C. Penney, of Messrs. F. B. Smith, Ltd., has placed his car at the service of the Exhibition Committee for the use of French visitors to the exhibition while in London.

The list of voluntary interpreters who will be at the exhibition to afford facilities and assistance to continental visitors throughout the fortnight comprises numerous names, and covers French, Spanish, Dutch, Flemish, Italian, Swedish and German.

Advertising the Show.—Many splendid sites for advertising purposes have been placed at the disposal of the Exhibition Committee, including prominent positions in the Strand, Holborn, Farringdon Street, South Molton Street, St. Bride Street, etc. No one (unless he be blind) will be able to pass along the "Philatelic Mile" without knowing that there is a stamp exhibition on.

The Puzzle of the Perfs.—Captain Lawrence, whose ratio perforation scale is one of the most notable modern additions to the philatelist's equipment for stamp study, writes very interestingly in this number of *The Postage Stamp* on the subject of perforations, and many collectors who used to find perforation varieties too perplexing have to thank Captain Lawrence for making the measurement of perforations simple by means of his ingenious invention. Concerning Archer's patent, of which our contributor states there is no trace in the "Patents Journal," his specification is filed away in our library, and is No. 12,340 of 1848, and is headed "Perforating Postage Stamps, Tickets, Labels, etc." This was probably the first mention of postage stamps in the specification of a perforating patent. The history of Archer's trials—and his tribulations as well—is told in several substantial official "blue books" of the early fifties.

Three Pfennig Saxons in Sheets!—Still they come, the wonders of the Ferrary collection. The next portion of the collection will be sold in Paris on April 25th, 26th and 27th, as announced in our advertisement pages this month. An unused 1d Post Office Mauritius is among the items that will achieve a notable, perhaps sensational figure, and also an unused 2d. There are only two unused copies of the 1d known. But the most startling items in the new sale catalogue, after an apparently superb copy of the Western Australia "inverted swan," are the old Germans. We have learned to speak with bated breath of the 3 pfennig Saxony, which some reckon to be a rather over-rated stamp. It figures at from £60 to £90 in Gibbons. Over-rated or not, we never thought to see a sheet of it, yet here it is, an entire sheet of twenty (with defects) in lot 546. And scarcely less astounding is a block of ten of the ½ neu-groschen error, black on pale blue, a stamp Gibbons lists at £125.

There is a tête-bêche 1 kreuzer Bavaria in a block of twelve, and there are Brunswicks, Mecklenburgs, Oldenburgs, Prussians, etc., galore.

The Classic Gems of Victoria.—The newly-elected President of the Royal Philatelic Society, Mr. T. W. Hall, is giving the display at the Junior Philatelic Society's meeting on Saturday next, April 7th, at 3 p. m. His subject is the early issue of Victoria, and it is an occasion that no discriminating philat
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IRISH PROVISIONAL ISSUES.

By MICHAEL F. O'DONNELL.

Twelve months have elapsed since the advent of the first Irish overprinted stamp. But owing to the nation's transition stages, a series of overprints became necessary pending the adoption of its definitive issues—two of which, the 2d and 1½d, have already made their appearance — and more will probably be on sale before this article appears. The reason for this article is to dissipate some of the mists surrounding collectors abroad regarding the Provisional issues, many of whom will find, in their leisure hours, a cheerful recreation, and, if a little expensive, a delightful pastime in adding to their collections.

The signing of the treaty between Great Britain and Ireland in December, 1921, was the forerunner of the Provisional issue of these stamps, and on the 17th February, 1922, appeared a series of the stamps of Great Britain overprinted in Gaelic characters "Rialtas Sealadac na hEireann 1922" (Provisional Government of Ireland 1922). Two distinctive overprints appeared in black type:—

Type I, by Messrs. Dollard, Ltd., Dublin, of the ½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 9d, 10d, 2s 6d, 5sh and 10sh values and

Type II, by Messrs. Alex. Thom & Co., Ltd., Dublin, 1½d, 2d (Die I and II), 6d, and 1sh values.

Type I has no stop after 1922, while Type II appears with stop.

Owing to the indistinct appearance of the overprints on the 2½d, 4d and 9d values, chiefly the first and last mentioned stamps, these values subsequently appeared overprinted in red by Messrs. Dollard, and can be readily recognised from the later overprintings in red by Messrs. Alex. Thom & Co., by the omission of the full stop. These three issues appeared on the 1st April, 1922.

Next came the automatic rolls (480 stamps) of the ½d, 1d, 1½d, and 2d values overprinted by Messrs. Harrison & Sons, London. These stamps were overprinted in black ink, while the overprint measures 17x15 mm., as against 16x14 mm. of the Thom printing.

In July and August, Messrs. Thom & Co., Ltd., carried out the entire overprinting of all values in bronze blue black ink with full stop as heretofore, except the 2s 6d, 5sh and 10sh values which appeared without full stop; while the 2½d, 4d and 9d values appeared with red overprint as above mentioned, i. e., with full stop.

Towards the fall of the year, the 9d stamp of Great Britain was changed from "agate" to "olive green." This change in colour affected the Irish Provisional issue, and this variety, in consequence, appeared early in November, overprinted in red by Messrs. Thom with full stop.

But one of the greatest surprises awaited collectors when the ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d (Die II) and 1sh values appeared with "The Wide Overprints." This short-lived variety came on sale towards the end of November and early in December, and will, in all probability, prove to be the best of the common varieties, except, of course, the 1½d "Pencf" error, and the ½d and 2d (Die I) inverted overprints, referred to later.

The ratification of the treaty by Great Britain and the adoption of the Irish Constitution on the 6th December, 1922, affected a further change, and the active and vigilant Postmaster General (Mr. J. J. Walsh) proved equal to the occasion. In commemoration of the inception of the Irish Free State the 2d (Map of Ireland) permanent issue was on sale to the general public, on the 6th December, 1922, and pending the unavoidable delay occasioned by the issue of the permanent series of all values, the "Saorstat" overprint had to be resorted to, viz.:—"Saorstat Eireann 1922" (Irish Free State 1922), as the Provisional overprint was no longer applicable.

The 2d stamp of this series, the first to issue, came on sale on the 12th December, while the 4d, the last to issue, was on sale to the general public on the 20th January, 1923.

The Irish Free State Government having installed machinery in their own government offices are, at present, busily engaged on the permanent issues which will, for all times, supersede the provisional and subsequent overprints, to the joy of collectors generally.

Before concluding, perhaps a few words on the inverted overprints may be of interest to your readers, and to collectors particularly. In this connection, I understand, the Postmaster General has stated that only two sheets of the 2d error (Die I) were issued for

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sale in Cork on the 17th February, 1922. (I have, in my possession, one stamp used and unused from these sheets, while only one sheet of the rare ½d stamp was actually sold, one of which is also in my possession.)

I should, however, have mentioned that the 1½ permanent stamp which came on sale on 2nd February is of the same design as the 2d Map, and the colour maroon.

THE MODERN CATALOG.

By EDWARD E. GOODCHILD.

(We are publishing this article but in so doing would suggest that in the future our correspondents file their suggestions directly with the catalog makers. We have again and again stated that present day catalogs are and must necessarily be to a certain degree house organs or price lists with varying discounts. We do not expect to see a catalog that will give perfect satisfaction either in varieties listed or prices quoted.—W. O. W.)

A student of stamp values soon discovers that a superb specimen will oftentimes fetch a far greater value than that quoted in the catalogue. Further, some stamps quoted at a few cents each, can be bought by the pound for the same price. And after a little more study and comparison of catalogues one will discover a striking difference in the values placed on stamps by the respective dealers. One dealer will also favor a certain variety of a country and another will ignore it entirely.

As an instance take the case of Canada. In the Stanley Gibbons catalogue of 1923, we find 335 varieties quoted. In Scott's 225 only.

Gibbons catalogues the 2c hair or guide line of the King George issue at a figure equal to six dollars, whilst Scott's ignore the very existence of such a specimen.

Any student of Canada knows how difficult this variety is to procure, especially unused, and the very fact that it originated through being printed from an unfinished plate justifies its catalogue rank and much of its value.

On the other hand we find Scott's placing a value of two cents on the ordinary three-cent present issue, which are still being run off by the millions, whilst the War Tax are only quoted at one cent.

I remember another variety, one which I possessed and sold for a sum in the three figures. The five-penny "Ser .. et" for "Serriet" of the 1903-4 Jamaica issue. Scott's mentions the fact that such exists. Gibbons sets it out as a variety, but does not attempt to price it; yet I am absolutely confident that there are less of such in existence, than say the 12d Canadian black.

Not only in the varieties quoted and prices given, do I consider the modern catalogue at fault, but also in the make-up and compiling of same, especially with the ever-increasing new issues and the age of specializing.

Criticism, however, should be constructive, and it is my belief that the best interests of philately will be served if the dealers bear in mind that after all is said and done, it is the public at large who ultimately decide upon stamp values. Further, the issuing of catalogues on the loose-leaf system, whereby one can purchase the sheets of all or any particular country he may be interested in, and thus save the expense of unnecessary binding and buying other matter not required. At the end of each year it would only be necessary for the publishers to issue one or more pages of each and every country which had new issues during the preceding year, and thus again a considerable saving would be effected as the cost of reprinting all previous matter would be done away with.

The last, but not the least, of necessary improvements in the catalogues is that of condition. In all the high values at least the basis of value should be quoted according to condition. Such as superb, fine and fair. By such a method we would begin to rid the fallacy of the inexperienced collector that any and all varieties can be procured at fifty off catalogue, irrespective of condition.

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It was found that Berlin's municipal administration had organized its own corps of letter carriers in order to do away with the buying of postage stamps. Informal complaints that this violated the postal regulations failed to move the city officials and the case was taken to court.

With the lord mayor on one side and the postmaster general on the other, this fight has resolved itself into a battle much the same as the contests in the old days between the federal barnos and the heads of minor states. Two of the city's leading counselors, as well as Lord Mayor Boess, were summoned to answer for the alleged breach of regulations, but the highest local court decided against the postal department. Now there is talk of bringing the case before a federal judge on the grounds that constitutional rights are involved.

Pending further action against the Berlin officials the postmaster general is directing his attention to a large number of commercial establishments which are suspected of carrying out the same practices. It is declared the government is losing billions of marks annually thru evasion of stamp windows by various concerns.—*Newspaper.*

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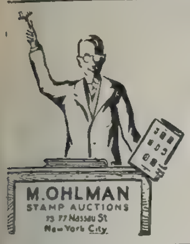

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THE CELTIC CROSS STAMP.

By W. Ward.

It has been known for some time past that the Provisional Government had selected as one of the designs for the new stamps one submitted by Miss Lily Williams, of Ranelagh, embodying a Celtic Cross. An early illustration of this design when first submitted, appeared, with others, in the *Freeman's Journal*.

Though intended for issue in December, various causes rendered it impossible to get the stamps out, and hence their issue has been interrupted.

In the meantime it was brought to the notice of the Postmaster-General (Mr. J. J. Walsh) that if one of the new stamps could be issued on St. Patrick's Day the occasion would have more than a single significance. It would be not merely another milestone in Irish history, but would commemorate no less an event than the 1,500th anniversary of St. Patrick's first missions of Christianity in these Western European Islands, which, unlike some patron saints, is not bound up merely in tradition, but has true historical value.

An Overseas Greeting.

It was also pointed out that this symbol would go out as a very unmistakable greeting, not only to Irishmen in all parts of the world (the new stamp to be issued on St. Patrick's Day is the 3d value—the foreign postage rate), but would be received by Christians of all sects and nations who know the story of the great Apostle who converted our ancestors from paganism, and, needless to say, the first announcement that the postal authorities were using every endeavour to so celebrate the day has been received with all favour in the philatelic world—which does not always view commemorative issues in an exultant light!

Origin of the Design.

The decision to use the Celtic Cross design of Miss Williams's well-chosen arrangement was a happy one, since it is purely of Gaelic character. Further, it has a very significant origin as a stamp, being adopted from the design of one of the two Sinn Fein labels that were first brought out in 1908. These labels, which were sold at ¼d each to assist funds for the National movement, were, as is well known, shortly afterwards prohibited by the British authorities, but nevertheless were surreptitiously used by postal clerks on letters for delivery in Ireland, and to obvious Irish addressees abroad, when the possibility of a direct mail bag presented itself. In very few cases were these labels postmarked, and, of course, they bore no postal value—thus being inadmissible from a purely philatelic point of view. Still they are of interest and worthy of inclusion in a collection of Irish stamps.

Values of the Series.

The adopted design needs little description, and its charming arrangement of the symbolical Cross, with neat inclusion of the shamrocks, will withstand the most critical scrutiny. There will be another value (the 10d) issued later in this design.

The other values of the new series include the already issued Map stamps (1d, 1½d, and 2d), the Sword of Light (described in the *Freeman's Journal* of February 28th last), and Miss Millicent Girling's Arms of the Four Provinces (2½d, 4d, and 9d). Later the higher values (2s6d, 5s, and 10s) will be issued, which are now under preparation by Professor Atkinson, and will embody views of the Bank of Ireland on College Green, the old Post Office, and the Customs House.

The Last Provisional Stamp.

Unheralded, a still further addition to the long list of the Provisional stamps has made its appearance in the 2d British stamp overprinted "Saorstat Eireann, 1922," in rolls. These stamps have been temporarily printed by the roll makers (Messrs, Harrison & Sons, Limited, London) to meet a demand for stamps in rolls, pending the installing of machinery for this purpose at the Castle. These rolls are only on sale at head offices, and they are not sold in less quantity than made up (480 or 500 stamps).

A very important variety in the "Saorstat" overprints has been brought to my notice by a correspondent—showing where in certain printings of the ½d and 1d values the accent on the final "a" and the last "t" of "Saorstat" had been damaged, and had not been printed in in the inscription.

An Error Emphasised.

The error was noticed, however, and the printers had impressed in by hand the missing accent and letter. These are quite noticeable—as a type letter has been used, the accent is in various positions, and the hand-stamped impression had been added by a grey-black ink, whereas the regular overprint is in bronze-blue. Thus, the printers in endeavouring to prevent "an error" have further emphasised their mistake!—*Freeman's Journal.*

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Editorial *Boston Herald.*

Next September the Pony Express will cover again the long trail from the Missouri river to the Pacific slope. A fortnight ago the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sacramento and San Francisco Bay chapters, put up a tablet on a building in Second street, Sacramento, to mark the terminus of the famous ride. A committee headed by former Senator Phelan is making elaborate plans for the Pony Express revival. California at the same time will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the discovery of gold by James Marshall. Reno, Nevada, will hold a joint Mark Twain and Bret Harte celebration. Cities along the eastern end of the route will share in the festivities. The best riders from the cattle ranges and the cavalry detachments at the army posts, mounted on horses best suited for the work, will undertake to duplicate the spectacular feats of the hardy riders of the early sixties.

"A clean-limbed, hardy little nankeen colored pony, carrying a broad saddle, with wooden stirrups and big flappers, to guard against mud," with bags hanging from each side and lettered "Overland Pony Express," started east from Sacramento on April 3, 1860. His rider wore a complete buckskin suit with hair on the outside to shed rain; he carried two Colt's six-shooters, and an 18-inch knife. His precious cargo consisted of about eighty letters, written on the thinnest of tissue paper, and each charged with a fee of $5. Exactly on the instant assigned Harry Hoff was off. He covered the first twenty miles in fifty-nine minutes, his entire run of fifty-five miles over rough country in two hours and forty-nine minutes. With the loss of but a fraction of a minute a new rider took the mail at the relay station and was away at top speed. Thus, across the present states of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, and Kansas, to St. Joseph, Missouri, terminus of the Hannibal and Missouri Railroad, over the shortest practicable route, covering a stretch of 1980 miles, those riders brought the mail.

At the same hour on April 3, 1860, Johnny Frey started westward from "St. Joe." He carried the mail just in by special train and the telegrams which had been wired for California delivery. Eight days later the last westbound rider raced into the midst of a throng comprising about the entire population of Sacramento which had ridden several miles out of town to welcome the express. Did he stop to greet these welcomers? He did not. Under whip and spur he kept his California mustang going at top speed. After him came "the whole cavalcade, shouting and cheering, some waving banners, many bareheaded, riding at breakneck speed, coming in through J street, looking like a band of wild Comanches on the plains." Conspicuous among them was Charles Crocker, later to become known as one of the founders and the actual builder of the Central Pacific Railroad.

From April, 1860, to October 27, 1861, when the telegraph spanned the continent, the Pony Express was operated. To do its work there were required 500 horses, 200 stations, 100 riders. A full cargo was fifteen pounds, or 200 letters, at a charge for carriage of $1,000. Later, rates were reduced to about a fifth the original amount. The service was semi-weekly. The riders ranked high among the heroes of the time. They had to be under 135 pounds in weight. They took a pledge against profanity, drunkenness, cruelty to their animals, ungentlemanly conduct. They must run from Indians; their job was to carry the mail. Nearly all were very young men. Buffalo Bill was in his teens, yet he made the longest continuous ride, 384 miles, with stops only for food and fresh horses. The regular rides varied in length from sixty to 200 miles. The work was arduous and dangerous. Hostile Indians often had to be distanced. Desert sandstorms sometimes blinded both horse and rider.

But those adventurous westerners did carry the mail and in spite of all obstacles, they almost invariably delivered it on time. Each rider used several horses; on arrival at a transfer station he found a fresh horse ready saddled in the middle of the trail headed onward, and to vault from one saddle into the other, and shift the mail pouches required but a few seconds. The fastest time ever made was seven days and seventeen hours, in March, 1861, and the precious freight was the inaugural of President Lincoln. Pony Bob Haslam is said to have made the fastest single ride, 120 miles in eight hours and ten minutes; it was he, also, who carried the news of Lincoln's ele
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I give below a description of an interesting shift on the two-cent brown 1883, Scott's No. 210, that I have in my collection.

Double transfer or shift shows most strongly as a double line crossing the bottom of several letters of "United States" at the top of stamp. The "N" of "United" and "Posta" of "Postage" show traces of the shift in vertical lines here and there. Trace of a double line shows in the white space above the oval top label, this being strongest immediately above the "tes" of "States." There is also a trace of this double line in the white space immediately below "States." At the extreme top of the stamp there is a faint doubling of the top horizontal line of shading, this double line showing mainly on the right half of the stamp.

H. C. FLIERL, Buffalo, N. Y.

W. B. asks:—Has anything ever been printed on the variety we find in some of the stamps of the 1870-79 issues, showing a dot and a faint horizontal line below the design of the stamp? If so, I have missed it, and personally I would like to get through this column some real information on this variety.

Consider this variety on the three-cent green 1870-71, of which I have two copies, both grilled. The dot is just a wee bit below and outside the design at the bottom of the stamp. It is under the letter "H" of "Three." A faint horizontal line runs the length of the design underneath and passes through the dot. There is every indication that this combination of a line and dot served some definite purpose in the engraving or printing of these stamps. What was it? Who will answer?

Have this variety on one or two others of the lower values, 1870-79, and have seen it on the seven-cent vermilion and the 90-cent carmine.

Major C. H. Bonesteel of West Point, N. Y., writes: "Why is no mention made of the shading that appears on the two-cent brown, 1883 (Scott's No. 210) underneath the rectangular frame enclosing the oval portrait which shows so clearly on some stamps and is missing on others?"

Mention may have previously been made of this variety. However, I have never seen reference to it. It is fairly well known by those who have collections of this stamp. But some collectors I have talked with did not seem to know of its existence. Therefore, we will record it here.

In one variety there is a fairly well defined block of shading, a little more than one millimeter deep, directly below the upward-slanting bottom line of the rectangle and directly above "Cents" on the right hand side of the stamp. This appears as a solid block of color, standing out against the horizontal lines of the background. In the same location on the left-hand side of the stamp there is a similar block of shading but not so clearly defined.

In the second variety the horizontal lines of shading at the bottom of the stamp are much deeper and run somewhat together, while the blocks of shading seem to have disappeared entirely. There are in-between examples where the blocks of shading can just be discovered with a strong glass.

Now here is a point for some student of this stamp to clear up for readers of MEKEEL'S. Which is the earlier printing of the two? Is the disappearance of the block of shading under the rectangle due to recutting or wearing of the plate? Somebody please answer.

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By CHARLES G. WILSON.

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An expeditionary force of 4,000 men arrived from England in June, 1843, which, after a series of battles, conquered China in two years. By the Treaty of Nanking (1842) Hong-Kong was ceded to the conquering power and China opened to British commerce and the unrestricted opium trade.

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The printing company agreed to use every effort to deliver the stamps by April 25, in order that they may be ready for distribution before May 1, when the law goes into effect, Mr. Query said.

The State revenue stamps are to be in two series, to be known as documentary stamps, and business license stamps. The documentary stamps, which will be required on issues and transfers of stocks and bonds, promissory notes and similar papers, will range in denomination from 2c to 30 dollars, and will come in 12 denominations.

The business license stamps, which will be placed on cigars, cigarettes, smoking tobacco and ammunition, will come in 25 denominations ranging in value from 21-64ths of 1 cent to 30 cents.

The largest quantities of the various denominations ordered, according to Mr. Query were 5,000,000 of each of the one-cent, one and one-fifth cent and two-cent business license stamps, which will be required for cigarettes. Next in quantity came the 42-64ths of one cent stamp, of which 3,000,000 were ordered. This stamp will be affixed to certain popular brands of smoking tobacco, which is sold in cans.

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The Standard Register Company of Dayton, Ohio, employs a stamp rather cleverly for advertising purposes. It sends out a letter beginning: "This is a postage stamp from White Russia. Beautiful, isn't it? In the country where this stamp comes from, there is practically no building going on, but here in the United States," etc., Mr. Jess M. McNeil, who sends in the circular says that it bore "next to reading matter," a 10k. White Russia.

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From a letter sent us by Mr. Carl S. Davis of Kansas City, Mo., we take the following paragraph: "As I remember the history of U. S. commemoratives, the 1869 set was the very first commemorative set or issue, in honor of the completion of the first transcontinental railroad, namely the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific System." Mr. Davis writes to inquire into the accuracy of a syndicate story that has had a wide currency in which John Wanamaker was said, to have been the postmaster at the time the first issue of U. S. commemorative stamps appeared. It would be impossible to substantiate the claims of the 1869 set as commemorative stamps. As early as June, 1868, the postmaster general advertised for bids for postage stamps of new design for a term of years, and the designs submitted were examined by a "committee of experts." While it was announced that the series was intended in some manner to "portray the history of the Post Office in the United States," there is no disposition to claim on this slight pretext the honors that might accrue to the first commemorative set. Putting aside the somewhat indefinite claims of the Centennial envelopes in 1876, it is but right to say that the Columbian set was the premier offering of this class in the U. S.

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One by one, the bulwarks of sentiment, behind which the old-timer takes refuge, are falling to the ground and he may now just as well accept conditions as they are, with a smile. He remembers the time when a collection of four thousand different postage stamps was considered a collecting achievement and contrasts it with the present when that number, which may be bought for a price around twenty-five dollars, is a mere beginning; and he is apt to moralize upon the changing stamp world. A ten thousand variety collection which was such as to entitle its owner to membership in the *haut ton* of philately not so many years ago, barely competes in value with the twenty thousand variety collection to be had nowadays; and even the twenty-five thousand collection is not beyond the attainment of many collectors of the present. In the '60's, the dealers advertised "many hundreds" of stamps of different kind in stock; and in the '70's, "several thousands" of varieties were advertised as the lode-stone, while in the '80's, it was something to say that "4,000 varieties" were "constantly in stock." The declining value of the stamp unit of a thousand different stamps is a factor, and it is the consequence of the crush of newcomers. We shall content ourselves with saying one thing in favor of new issues and that is, that they have made it possible to obtain a fair representation of stamps at little outlay.

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Many collectors remember when stamps were so few in number, comparatively speaking, that almost anything that came to the collector's mill was grist; and when the average collector included many near-stamps in his striving for quantity. So steadily have the stamps come, year after year, that the knell of general collecting is being sounded, and that devoted type of collector who regards the world as his oyster will become extinct, no doubt. We are inclined to lament the passing of this inspiring type of collector, whose abiding love for stamps makes it incumbent upon himself to offer the hospitality of his albums to all issues. It is futile to bewail what may be called the progress of the times by vain lamentations which will not stem the tide of newcomers that are washed up on the philatelic shores by almost every wave. There does not seem to be any way to stop the flood of new issues, as it is imposible to induce collectors to act as a unit in opposing them. The tendency of collectors, generally, is to rate the novelties as sound, fair or shaky and buy them as such. We are under the impression that warnings from philatelic sources to offending countries will have no appreciable effect; and until collectors make the unnecessary issues unprofitable speculations on the part of the countries foisting them on the collecting public, the overload will have to be carried.

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If collectors were thoroughly organized through their societies and associations, they could speak with more authority than at present, whenever they thought that their interests were endangered. There has never been that unity of thought and action on the part of collectors that one would think would be characteristic of all those who were interested in a pursuit of the distinctive quality of stamp collecting. However, collectors and dealers are not dominated by any noticeable impulse to work for the common cause and although improvement is noticed through the growth of the collectors' and dealers' organizations, the full influence of philately is not fairly represented by the combinations, as yet. If other professions and movements were content to let their pursuits take their own course, philately would not be a sluggard in this regard, but the truth is that almost any other special line of thought or endeavor has its committees, clans and clubs for the advancement of the interests of the chosen line. Knowing this, it is a source of some chagrin to think that collectors do not present a unified front to the world and particularly that portion of it that would resolve itself into a menace to collecting in any of its phases.

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News has come to us from Berlin to the effect that the city has organized a postal service of its own on the profession that it is better equipped to run the post-office efficiently than the national government. Our correspondent does not give any stamp particulars of the venture on the part of the municipality which, it is predicted, will bring forth opposition from the government. Our friend says that the postal affairs in Berlin have been such, that a number of large firms have established private postal systems, something in the manner, we take it, of the old local posts of the German cities.

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—R. Edward Sharp, president of the One-Man Club, has been honored by being made associate editor of the *Philatelic Reporter* of Chicago.

—Who can send us the address of Irving S. Newcomb? Remittance came from one of the Boston offices, but no letter accompanied the same.

—A. Atlas Leve, Syracuse, N. Y., would like information as to the address of A. F. Cantrell, supposed to be at 1512 E. 66 St., Chicago, Ill. Letters are unanswered.

—A Trenton subscriber sends us a Newark, N. J., advertising cancellation. It reads:—"Own Your Home Exposition, Armory, May 5-12."

—There is a letter at this office for H. H. Hall.

—A party by the name of Nogel, giving address 11 Morgan St., Somerville, Mass., is using the name of W. O. Wylie as reference. He has no authorization to do so.

—"A new advertising cancellation now in use in Los Angeles, is advertising the Historical Revue and Motion Picture Exposition to be held here July 2 to August 4 inclusive, commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Monroe Doctrine. President Harding is to formally open the exposition and representatives of the Latin-American countries are to be present. The Motion Picture studios of Los Angeles are taking charge of the major portion of the exposition. I understand the United States mint is preparing an issue of Monroe half-dollars and I think it would be in order to have a special stamp issued for this Monroe Centennial."—Earl G. De Haven.

—Several days ago I received a letter from a friend in Japan. The envelope appeared as if it had laid in water for some time and only one stamp remained, and that was nearly off. On the back of this envelope was pasted a slip of paper about 3½ by 5 inches, with the following printed on it:—"SEATTLE, WASH.—This mail in transit via S. S. President Grant from Yokohama, was damaged by water in an accident to the seaplane in service between Seattle and Victoria, B. C.—Edgar Battle, Postmaster."—Geo. A. Albrecht.

—"Thinking it might be of interest to the readers of the Weekly, I wish to inform you of the death of one of your old subscribers, namely, Mr. C. B. Allison, Mission Hill, S. D., which occurred March 27th, after a short illness terminating in bronchial pneumonia. Mr. Allison was an ardent collector, his specialty being U. S. issues."—Max Menzel.

—"I have just returned from the hospital after going through a severe operation, and my doctor advises me to take a complete rest for some time. Having been an invalid for the last ten years, dealing in stamps have given me much pleasure, as well as helping me to be independent in a small measure. I regret, therefore, very much that I must give up my business, especially now when results from advertising in the Weekly were coming in better than ever. I would appreciate very much if you could find space in your paper for a short note regarding my illness, as I have been unable to take care of my correspondence, but am doing my best to fill all orders received while away from home. —I. Sonnee" (Sonnee Stamp Co.).

—Leonard J. Flerlage of Norwood, Ohio, sails from New York on May 1st, to attend the International Philatelic Exhibition and J. P. S. Convention in London, May 14 to 26. Mr. Flerlage, who is a Life Member of both the A. P. S. and J. P. S. of London, expects to meet several correspondents of long standing and will spend about eight weeks abroad, visiting Holland, Belgium, France and possibly Switzerland, after the "Big Show" in London.

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  2c normal and invert.
  2c normal and invert, coil.
  5c normal.
  10c normal and invert, and double invert.
  10c Special Delivery, normal and invert.
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Iowa—Newton, 2c.
Kansas—Salina, 2c invert, U-1.
Maryland—Baltimore, 5c normal.
Michigan—Flint, 2c normal.
  10c normal.
Minnesota—Rochester, 25c U-10, down.
  Minneapolis, 10c normal.
  St. Paul, 2c normal.
Missouri—Kansas City, 2c normal.
  Kansas City, 2c coil, normal.
  Kansas City, 25c, up and down.
  St. Louis, 2c coil, normal, small type.
  St. Joseph, 25c up.
Nebraska—McCook, 25c normal.
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    10c Special Delivery, normal Type 11.
  Troy, 10c normal, Type I.
North Carolina—Asheville, 25c normal.
  Hickory, 3c normal.
  Hickory, 10c normal.
Ohio—Ashland, 2c normal.
  Akron, 25c down.
  Cincinnati, 10c normal, U-3.
Pennsylvania—Clearfield, 2c normal.
  Du Boise, 10c normal.
  East Pittsburgh, 25c up.
  West Grove, 2c normal, small type.
Texas—Dallas, 25c, Type X, down.
  Dallas, 25c, Type XI, down.
Washington—Seattle, 10c normal.
Wisconsin—Racine, 2c inverted U-1.
  Milwaukee, 10c normal.

Collectors who have reported items in this list are:—R. M. Schlader, L. G. Metcalf, D. H. Graham, Ira C. Holt, F. W. Cummings, K. E. Krug, Fred Allen, A. L. Richel, H. S. Huller, Nels Ericsen, R. Haynes, G. A. Schultz, R. E. Sharp and Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—On Tuesday, May 1, 1923, the Post Office Department will place on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency in Washington the four remaining values of the new series, namely, the 7c, the 8c, the 14c and the 20c. The 7c black, with portrait of William McKinley, the twenty-fifth President of the United States, will also be placed on sale at his birthplace, Canton, Ohio. The 8c will be printed in an olive green and show a portrait of Ulyssess Simpson Grant, leader of the Union forces during the Civil War and seventeenth President of the United States. This will be placed on sale at his birthplace. The 14c showing a portrait of Hollowhorn Bear, a famous Indian chief of recent years, will appear in an indigo blue, instead of an apple green, as at first announced. The 20c crimson will illustrate the Golden Gate at San Francisco and will be sold in that city on the first day. All four denominations will be printed in sheets of four hundred and distributed in panes of one hundred. The three lower values will be upright, while the 20c will have the longer dimension horizontal. Unless they later decide upon a 13c stamp, which is only remotely possible, the completed series will consist of the 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 11c, 12c, 14c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c, $1, $2, $5 and Special Delivery, a total of twenty-two stamps with a face value of $10.42.

It will come as news to many to learn that the wonderful collection of United States gotten together by the late Henry Duveen has been sold to Mr. Arthur Hind, at a price said to be around one hundred thousand dollars. At the same time Mr. Hind acquired the famous Mauritius collection, including mint copies of the 1d and 2d Post Office, in addition to his pick from the other Duveen countries. It is understood that with the possible exception of the purchase of the Worthington collection this is the largest single purchase by a collector on record. Rumor has it that it ran around a half million. One of the first questions a non-collector asks after he inquires what you do with the stamps after you get them, is, have you got one of each. At the rate Mr. Hind is going, he will soon be able to say yes, to the latter question. It is certainly pleasing to see these wonderful things pass into the hands of an American collector and we sincerely trust that he captures the grand gold prize at London, which he so rightly deserves.

Mr. Alex. R. Crane kindly sends something new in the way of San Francisco meter permits. We also desire to thank Mr. Frank Schreiner and W. C. Peters for information of interest.

CYPRUS.—Mr. R. Roberts calls our attention to the 30 paras green which has been issued on script watermarked paper.

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 100m. multiple crescent and star, typograph surcharge Crown, "Kingdom of Egypt" in Arabic. Also following values of the postage dues, watermark multiple crescent and star, lithograph surcharge Crown and "Kingdom of Egypt" in Arabic, 2m scarlet, 4m green and 10m red.

ITALY.—The design of the projected commemoratives foreshadowed on page 297 of our Christmas Number has now been approved. Oblong in format, it will have a representation of Christ and eleven of his disciples, with portraits of seventeenth century personages in the upper corners, the Arms of Italy in the lower left, and the sacred motto, "I H S," etc., in lower right corner. At the top is inscribed "III CENTENARIO DI PROPAGANDA FIDE," at bottom, "Cent. POSTE ITALIANE. 80," at left "Italica Gens," and at right "Patronato romano."

The values expected comprise 20, 30 and 50 centesimi and 1 lira—not 40 and 80c, as mentioned in our forecast. They will be on issue from the 1st to the 31st of May next.—*Stamp Collecting.*

KOWEIT.—This small Sultanate, at the head of the Persian Gulf, is the latest candidate for philatelic recognition. The *Philatelic Journal of India* informs us that supplies of current Indian Imperial issues, ranging from ½ anna to 10 rupees ordinary, and from ½a to 15 rupees Service, are being overprinted with the name KOWEIT, for use immediately.

Our contemporary says:—

"A feature of Indian stamps is the large number of overprints which have been applied to them to make them current in other countries. These include the Straits Settlements (1867-1868), Zanzibar and British East Africa (1895-1896), Somaliland (1903-1904), and the Convention States. An addition to this series will shortly be made for Koweit. We are informed by the Inspector-General of Posts and Telegraphs in India that the overprinting is being done in the Press at Calcutta.

"Koweit is a small state in the northwest corner of the Persian Gulf. Its exact political status before the war was a puzzle. It owned nominal allegiance to the Sultan. In practice, the Sheikh of Koweit has always been independent. When Koweit was regarded as the only suitable port for a terminus for the German Baghdad Railway, Turkey attempted to convert its nominal sovereignty into something more actual. The Sheikh sought safety in some kind of relations with the British.

"During the war a British Indian Post Office was opened at Koweit. This was transferred after the war to the Iraq administration, and the Post Office is shown as a sub-office of Basrah, in the current Indian postal guide. This, however, presumably does not connote the suzerainty of Iraq. Indeed, the adoption of overprinted Indian stamps seems to emphasize the independence of Koweit.

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The denominations and colours are follows:—

1c blue and black.
2c carmine and brown.
5c olive and blue.
10c green and violet.
$1 rose and brown.

—*Stamp Collecting.*

POLAND.—Mr. J. Almar reports th the 80mks, type A32, in red and t 500mks, type A29, in purple. Also a 40 mks brown and 300mks green, both the same design as the 500mks ha appeared.

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ron, Ohio.—In a small job lot I nd a copy of the 1c Type VIII with rmal and inverted strike on it. This rty is probably worth twenty-five

Edgewater, Mass.—The earliest re- rd precancels from this town are p on the 1908 issue, but I have be- me a 5c 1902 clearly precanceled DGEWATER, MASS., in two lines tween lines. The type consists of eum sized caps and is not a package . Probably two or three dollars ld be a fair price.

rfield, Ia.—Mr. J. L. Parker re- r the 8, 10, 20 and 50c double prints it oes not state the type.

gus Falls, Minn.—This city is using ndstamp similar to U-3. Bushnell only one type, the U-16 and calls pe I. Type I should be typewriter ption in one line reading diagonally d down. The perf. 12 and perf 10 s bearing this precancellation are rare.

at Falls, Mont.—The U-18a electro now been adopted and is quite an provement over the old precancel. electro will probably supersede the Universal types in prevalence as a g number of postoffices now pre- nd with it and many more are in- ling it. The lighter variety of this is listed by Bushnell as U-18 and all describe the heavier and very r variety as U-18a. Examples of are respectively: Brooklyn, N. Y., d Lincoln, Nebr.

sey City, N. J.—Errors occur on lues and the set can be completed ways, but the double prints are not common. The 5c and 30c double es are the latest which I have noted.

coln, Nebr.—The 7c and 15c have t been precanceled with the U-18a. e 5c Pilgrim was erroneously listed tis type last month. Lincoln has ve precanceled any Victory, Aero- n or Pilgrim stamps.

A interesting variety occurs on the incoln electroplate and a set show- his little oddity is very "nifty" in perance. There is a gap in the top d ottom lines at the left. The "L" ssing from LINCOLN and only t of the "N" of NEB. shows. As I ve seen this on practically all values ours regularly on each plate and is due to faulty type, not insufficient inking. Look over your Lincoln duplicates and see what you can find.

Newburgh, N. Y.—A neat appearing inscription very much like Type I from New York City is coming on all values. I have an 11, 20 and 30 which are very pleasing to the eye.

Montgomery, W. Va.—Evidently an Xmas issue just coming to light. A hand stamp similar to U-4 does the work quite satisfactorily from the collectors' viewpoint.

Reading, Pa.—A rather smudgy looking cancelation from this coal mining center is a new item, which should be listed as Type II. The type reads down and is Bushnell's U-10.

The 20 cent I have is rather hard to make out but I hope all the rest are not precanceled so poorly.

Shelby, Ohio.—The 1 cent is very common but the other values quite scarce. They are all splendid looking in the bright electro U-18. Recently some values have been coming inverted, among them the 6, 10, 12 and 15 cent.

St. Paul, Minn.—Like Lincoln, Nebr., an odd variety may be found to vary the monotony. The two "n"s in Minnesota are gone and in their place is a small blotch. Directly below is a gap in the bar about one-sixth of an inch. Better hunt through your St. Paul duplicates, also, and look for this pleasing variation.

Miscellaneous.—Mr. H. R. Jansen of Topeka, Kas., has a beautiful mint block of 16 seven cent precancels from a certain Kansas city. The noteworthy feature about it is that besides the normal overprint there is another, running diagonally up on the block, making a double strike, 1 normal and 1 diagonally up. Mr. Jansen says it would not be fair to state the name of the postoffice but we can all guess what it is. If printed from an electrotype the block is a very valuable one.

I wish to thank Messrs. C. J. Bauman, C. G. Dills, and Chas. Lynch for notes of interest. Let me again urge you, my fellow precancel collectors, to make use of this department. It is yours and my services are also yours for the asking.

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Dissatisfaction, jealousy, and conspiracy broke out in Colombia. In 1829, Venezuela separated from the Republic of Colombia. Bolivar's ambitions were denounced and he was forced to resign from the presidency to which he had been confirmed in 1826. He died in San Pedros in 1830, having written shortly before his death a farewell address to the people of Colombia, in which he vindicated his character from the aspersions cast upon it, and complained bitterly of ingratitude.

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ISSUE VII.—1d. Imperforate proof in pale grey-black, mounted on card.

ISSUE IX.—1d. The original colour drawing (illustrated in Chapter III) is in green (frame) and yellow-green (arms). The value tablet is an ultramarine.

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2s. Essay. Colour drawing (illustrated in Chapter III) in lilac (frame and centre) and green (value tablet).
2s6d. Colour trial: olive-brown and grey-black.
 Colour trial: violet and black.
10s. Colour trial: yellow-green and grey-black.

ISSUE XIII.—Colour trials on single CA paper. Imperforate. Frame in first colour.

1d grey black and grey black, orange and mauve, grey green and mauve, blue and grey, grey black and mauve, purple and mauve, pale brown and grey, brown and carmine, mauve and deep brown, carmine and carmine, stone and purple, sage green and blue green, brown and purple, green and purple, mauve and green, brown and green, carmine and brown, green and brown, stone and carmine.

2s6d (single CA paper) orange and green, green and brown, carmine and green, brown and purple, brown and green, black and dull purple, carmine and black, bright violet and dull purple, carmine and dull purple, lilac and dull purple, bright green and dull purple, black and black, ultramarine and black, sage green and purple, stone and purple, purple and green, green and carmine, orange and purple.

We have seen copies overprinted "Specimen" of issues VII., VIII., IX., XII., and XIII., and they are probably to be obtained of all the regular issues.

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CHAPTER X.

Check List.

Stamps of the British South Afr Company overprinted **B. C. A.** in bl *by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & C Ltd., London. Value in second colo Perforated 14¼.*

ISSUE I. *April, 1891.*

1d black.
2d sea-green and vermilion (shades).
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ISSUE II. *August, 1892. Additio overprint in black.*

"FOUR SHILLINGS" on 5s oran yellow.

ISSUE III. *February, 1893.*

4s slate and vermilion.

ISSUE IV. *October, 1893. Additio overprint in black.*

"THREE SHILLINGS" on 4s slate vermilion.

ISSUE V. *October, 1895.*

3s light brown and green.

ISSUE VI. *1895. Conversion of 2d stamp of Issue I. for service as denomination.*

2d sea-green and vermilion bisected di onally for use as 1d.

Additional overprint in black.

"ONE PENNY." on 2d. Stop af "PENNY." (Printed at Cape Tow

Varieties.
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Issues of the British Central Af Protectorate. Printed by Messrs. De Rue & Co., Ltd., in London.

ISSUE VII. 1895. *No waterm Perforated 14. Arms in second colo*

1d black, (small typ
2d green and black, "
4d bluff-brown and black, "
6d ultramarine and black, "
1s carmine and black, "
2s6d mauve and black, (large typ
3s yellow and black, "
5s olive and black, "
£1 orange and black, "
£10 vermilion and black, "
£25 blue-green and black, "

ISSUE VIII. *February, 1896. Wat marked Crown CA. Perforated Arms in second colour.*

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*o	1921, (133-136), 4 var.	.59	.16
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*	1921, (144-155), 12 var.	.68	.20
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*	1922, (208-211), 4 var.	.09	.03
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*	**Hungary** 1919, (198-202), 5 var.	.50	.13
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*	**Charity**, (359-362), 4 var.	.59	.25
*	**Russian Occ.**,1919,(431),1 var.	1.50	.55
*	1919, (432), 1 var.	1.25	.35
*	1919, (431, 432, 434, 437, 440, 441, 442), 7 var.	7.25	2.80
*	**Lithuania** 1919, (30-39), 10 var.	1.50	.35
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*	1919, (413-431), 19 var.	.60	.21
*	**Roumania** 1922, (270-274), 5 var.	..	.45
*	**Postage Due Charity**, (451, 452), 2 var.	.05	.02
*o	1916, (453-454), 2 var.	.11	.04
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o	**Austrian Occupation**, (701-708), 8 var.	.67	.25
	German Occupation 1917-18, (805-808), 4 var.	.52	.25
o	1918, (809-813), 5 var.	.25	.11
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o	1917-18, (820-822), 3 var.	.36	.15
*o	1918, Postage Due, (831-835), 5 var.	.64	.25
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*	1919, (45-46), 2 var.	.30	.13
*	1919, (51), 1 var.	.08	.03
*	1920, (52), 1 var.	1.25	1.25
*	1920, (53-57), 4 var.	.65	.30
*	1920, (58-59), 2 var.	1.00	.45
*	1919, (61-71), 11 var.	3.58	1.25
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By S. M. Shoemann.

Our hobby presents no more interesting study than the various precancel issues of the great city of Chicago. It is my intention to touch but briefly upon a number of points perhaps referred to by Mr. Smith in his excellent check list, but in which his reference has been too vague to be of benefit to the average collector. I want to encourage my fellow collector to study his stamps, and I shall conclude my remarks by submitting a list of 75 varieties which I have in my collection and which do not appear in Mr. Smith's check list. I have not included Parcel Posts in this list as I have previously reported them in *Everybody's*.

In Type I, undated, you will find the narrow spacing very rare; also the printing with the first I of Illinois under the first C of Chicago, would also suggest the collection of shades. Have found several specimens where the upper line slopes downward on the right.

In the dated varieties one will find much to study and learn. Take the figures in the dates. There is the medium 4, the full-sized 4, the 4 with the center partly filled, and the 4 with the center completely filled.

There are two distinct types of 5, viz.: the normal and also one with the junction of the horizontal and vertical lines rounded off. In the 6, 8, and 9, there are two types to be encountered; in the 7 there are three distinct varieties. In the 1-2 date I have found three different sized 1's. In the 2-2 date there are four different sized 2's viz.: the normal, first 2 about ¾ the size of the second; first two about ½ the size of the second and the first two a little larger and a different shape from the second. In the figure one I find two varieties, thick and thin. The hyphens come both thick and thin, and in some cases the hyphen is out of position, usually too high. Would suggest that the collector pay attention to the month date position as regards the letters in Chicago, and that he also collect the various shades.

After some investigation, materially assisted by some vertical strips of Chicago dates I have, I have come to the conclusion that in every printing of 100 stamps there appeared but one horizontal strip of 10 of the narrow type, and that is probably the case in the undated Type I as well. That will explain the great scarcity of all the narrow values of Type I.

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I have several stamps with two lines at the top and one at the bottom, or two at top and lower missing. I do not consider a shifted printing collectable, that is, when the sheet is fed into the press in such a manner that the cancellation is either so close to the top or bottom of stamp that the lower or upper line does not appear, but is on the reverse end of the stamp.

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It was nearly 83 years ago that the prototype of the objects which form the subject of the present Exhibition first saw the light. It was the first adhesive postage stamp, and is familiarly and we might say, endearingly known to the world of stamp collectors as the "Penny Black." True, it had a companion in the "Twopence Blue," but this is almost forgotten at times in the popularity of the "First Stamp." It was placed on sale on May 1, 1840, in the London offices only, but its use in the mails was not authorized until the sixth of the same month. Since then the employment of stamps for the prepayment of postage has spread to practically every corner of the globe.

The collecting of stamps as a hobby is somewhat obscure in its beginnings, but there is evidence from English newspapers of 1841 and 1842 that they were being accumulated for decorative and other purposes. It was not until after other countries had begun to imitate Great Britain's example that there were many of them to collect, or that particular interest would be drawn to them for purposes of collection as a hobby. The Empire of Brazil and some of the Cantons of Switzerland were the first to follow Great Britain's lead in 1843, although a private despatch post in New York, run by Alexander M. Grieg, had issued a single stamp on January 1, 1842, for distribution of prepaid letters in that city, as the Government undertook no local deliveries in those days. This was the first of the so-called "Local Stamps."

In 1845 Finland and Russia were added to the list, but it was not until 1847 that the United States Government adopted the scheme, although various postmasters in some of the larger cities, as well as some of the more obscure towns, had been progressive enough to recognize the advantages of prepayment labels and to issue special ones for the convenience of their own offices. These are known as the "Postmaster's Provisionals," and they are most interesting predecessors of our Government issues—which they practically forced upon a somewhat slow-moving Post Office Department. Of these, the "New York" stamp was the most used, while the "Brattleboro" (Vermont) stamp is perhaps, though undeservedly, the most famous.

In the same year the first of the British Colonies to issue stamps was Mauritius, and its "One Penny" and "Two Pence" labels which by mistake, it is said, were inscribed "Post Office," have since become famous in story, if not in song, as "the most valuable stamps known to collectors." Again, their fame is somewhat undeserved, as there are now many stamps of greater rarity—the one-cent, magenta, error of British Guiana, issued in 1856, for instance, of which only one copy was ever found—but even if there are 25 of the famous "Post Office Mauritius" known, they still trade upon their early reputation and are most eagerly sought for, bringing enormous prices when occasionally the opportunity to purchase one is presented.

In 1849 France and a few other countries of Europe issued their first stamps, and the list was considerably increased in 1850. At this time we really begin to hear of stamp collecting as a pursuit, and the late Stanley E. Gibbons of London has stated that he began collecting in 1853 when at school. Another famous collector was J. B. Moens of Brussels, who commenced his collection in 1855, and began the publication in 1863 of a monthly magazine devoted to the hobby, which was issued regularly for 38 years. Between 1860 and 1870 stamp collecting became a quite fashionable mania, and many titled devotees as well as others prominent in various walks of life fell under its spell. The result was a more serious attention to the pursuit, the French collectors especially realizing the value of studying their treasures and classifying them along logical lines. This soon brought order out of more or less chaos and instituted the beginnings of the literature of the subject in the form of catalogues and periodicals.

Collectors soon began to band themselves together into clubs, not only for the purpose of exchanging their duplicates but for the study of their stamps. A club was formed in Paris in 1865 and one in New York in 1867, but neither remained in existence for more than a few months. On April 10, 1869, however, the "Philatelic Society, London," was formed, which is still in existence. Its presidents have been: Sir Daniel Cooper, sometime Governor of New South Wales, Judge Philbrick, the Earl of Kingston, the Prince of Wales (now King George V), and the Earl of Crawford. In 1906, King Edward VII signified his pleasure to become Patron of the Society (now succeeded by H. M. King George V), which has since been known as the "Royal Philatelic Society, London," and whose members are entitled to be called "Fellows" of that society. The national society in our own country, known as the "American Philatelic Society," was organized in September, 1886, and has over 2,000 members, while the local society, under whose auspices this Exhibition is being held, was organized February 18, 1891, and has over 200 members.

With the formation of clubs to study the various stamp issues and the rise of a literature upon the subject, stamp collecting was raised from a mere hobby to a serious pursuit, and as such was laid out upon scientific lines upon which the student could exert his powers of observation and classification. An appropriate name was, therefore, desired for it, since the French term *Timbromanie* ("stamp mania"), then in popular use, was deemed hardly suitable. Its sister science of coin collecting was already provided with a suitable designation in *Numismatics*, from the Latin *numisma,* a coin. But as the ancients, however much they made use of coins, were wholly unfamiliar with postage stamps, the difficulty of a classical derivation for the new nomenclature w
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"frank" it to its destination, because the stamp showed that charges had been paid and no further fees were to be collected upon it. The word soon found favor in England as *Philately,* and is now the accepted designation of the scientific pursuit. We may say for the information of the uninitiated that the word is properly pronounced in four syllables, with the accent upon the second: phil-*at*-e-ly. The adjective is phil-at-*el*-ic.

While the collecting of stamps may seem in itself a simple pursuit, and the dignifying of it as a science somewhat of a stretch for one's credulity, yet if the doubter will but glance at a letter stamp he may have in his pocket he will observe these points about it: there is a characteristic *design, printed* in *color* upon *paper,* with usually the signs of the method of *separation* from others printed with it, and generally *gum* upon the back. In the scientific study termed "philately," it is necessary to consider all the above-mentioned details of a postage stamp. Of the wealth of design that may be found, of its characteristics for any particular country, one has but to look about him at the displays in this Exhibition to learn what is possible in this line. All methods of printed reproduction will be found, and practically all colors and combinations of color. Paper is naturally a very important item, and many experiments and trials are represented in providing suitable stock for the purpose. Easy, and yet not too easy, separation of stamps from their fellows in the printed sheets gives rise to various forms and sizes of perforation or the like; while proper adhesive qualities must be looked after in the gum which renders us independent of the paste-pot.

The study of the above details for purposes of classification is "scientific philately." But it is not necessary to be a scientist to enjoy it as a pastime. There are plenty of collectors who are not so serious minded, who like to stop with the *designs* of the stamps and consider what lies in them—what they represent, signify and teach us of the land they come from, of its government, people, civilization, language, etc. Here are matters of general educational interest, broadening our knowledge and views at the same time, and giving us a real "hobby" to turn to for recreation. The exhibits which the Boston Philatelic Society has spread before you will present both methods of collecting, and varaious other fancies which may strike the collector as interesting, like the study of postmarks used to cancel the stamps, and the presentation of the entire envelopes with stamps and postmarks thereon, which gives the complete story of its journey through the post.

However, let it not be forgotten that the interest in these little bits of paper lies not wholly in the fact that they present various designs of one kind and another for our delectation or perhaps research; that they illustrate in many ways "the course of human events," as the various war issues of recent years show full well; or that they have inherent points for study in a scientific way. Let us realize that they are the visible sign of a great Postal Reform—of a turning point in the world's history, in fact.

It is difficult for us of today to understand the conditions under which the postal service was carried on before 1840. Postage was seldom prepaid; if it were, the missive had to be taken to a post-office and the postage paid in cash, usually at high rates and depending upon distance, and an account kept by the postmaster. The usual rule was to send letters "collect on delivery," and it can be imagined that even with the small number of letters sent in those days this was a somewhat bothersome transaction. A great amount of work even was done by the post-office for no remuneration at all, as many letters were refused by the addressees, particularly if the amount of postage were large. The problem had been studied by not a few. In England Mr. (afterwards Sir) Rowland Hill, by his indefatigable labors in this behalf, became the great postal reformer, and had the satisfaction of seeing Parliament pass the Uniform Penny Postage Act in 1839. His proposition was for a penny rate for half-ounce letters, regardless of distance, within the United Kingdom. But he realized, of course, that the old system of payment of postage on delivery and the keeping of accounts would be worse than useless under the increased mail that would follow cheap postage. Hence the idea of the prepayment of the penny fee by means of an adhesive label to denote the fact, which Hill proposed in February, 1837. This was the conception of the first postage stamp which, after three years and two months of labor, was born on May 1, 1840. It is safe to say that this was an epoch in civilization, for the impetus of cheap postage, which could be carried out through no other means than the postage stamp, has increased communication by leaps and bounds and thus spread news and knowledge by the written and printed word throughout the confines of the habitable world. Behold in it, then, a great contributor to our civilization!

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EUROPEAN NOTES.

By A. Koechlin.

The first of March Switzerland issued a set of aeroplanes, consisting of 6 values, large size stamps, 27 by 40 m., in three different designs:—15c red and yellow; 25c blue, flyer crossing the Alps; 35c brown; 40c violet, head of pilot; 45c red and blue, and 50c gray and red, aeroplane.

These stamps are intended for the airmail service exclusively. They are not available for franking of ordinary mail like the German and other European aeroplanes. The Swiss airmail service has been stopped over winter and will probably be taken up again by the beginning of May.

The 10th of March a new set of official stamps made its appearance. The current issue of Switzerland with black fourlined overprint "S. d. N. Bureau international du travail" (League of Nations. International office of labour). The set consists of 14 values 5c to 10 frs.

The set issued in Sept., 1922, overprinted S. d. N. was destined for both the League of Nations as well as its subdivision, the International office of labour but the latter refused to make use of it. Sir Albert Thomas wanted to show his independency, insisted on having a set for his own exclusive use and succedeed in getting one and not one only confined to the 11 lower values like the S. d. N. but the whole current issue up to 10 frs.

No mint copies are furnished to applicants only cancelled ones bearing the postmarks Geneva I in the upper part, date in the middle and either Société des Nations, Consig. lett. or Exped lett. in the lower part.

Austria has added two more values to the aeroplane series 3000kr and 4800kr.

In the near future the 2d Charity set of 7 values will make its appearance. Views of the important cities of the 7 provinces left to Austria will be shown. Vienna, the capital, Klagenfurt (Carinthia), Graz (Steiermark), Linz (Upper Austria), Innsbruck (Tirol), Bregenz (Vorallberg), Eisenstadt (Burgenland). Austria, the favorite, has slackened the pace. Germany is leading now.

The depreciation of the mark and the steadily increasing postal rates called for additional new values, changes of colours, types and watermarks.

Whether all these changes were really necessary remains an open question.

Of the five mark for instance not fewer than five different stamps have been thrown on the market since the Germania type has been done away with. Large size numeral type, both watermarks, lozenge and network posthorn type, bicoloured and one colour and now again coal miner type reversed design. Rumour goes that this last issue is sold out already. Berlin dealers are offering it at 50 marks apiece. Reprints are not likely to be made as there is virtually no need any more for a 5 mark value, the lowest rate being 20 marks for local mail.

The pfennig values have been called in already, two months ago, and the lower mark values, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, are not sold any more at most of the post-offices. The two last ones were intended especially for foreign mail, but never answered the purpose as the rates had already nearly tripled by the time they were issued. In future the large oblong numeral type will be confined to the 1000 mark values. 1000, 2000 and 3000mks are already issued. 5000 and 10,000 are under press.

For the 100mk values a new type has been selected. The 100mk has already made its appearance. The stamps are small sized ones. Values and mark below in a circle, the spandrels show scale formed ornaments. At the top Deutsches Reich; at the bottom, values in letters.

The lettering is in Gothic characters. Mark in capital letters. Design and lettering white on coloured ground. The colours are the following: 100mk violet, 200mk lilac red, 300mk green, 400mk brown, 500mk brick red.

The bicoloured posthorn type has been changed to one colour. The 30mk a few weeks ago and the 50mk will no doubt follow suit in the near future.

The 5mk coalminer type, the 25mk movertype and the 20mk plowman have been surcharged Rhein - Ruhr - Hilfe, Rhein Ruhr succour. They sell at an advance of 100, 500 and 1000mks respectively. The number of the issue is 10 millions for the 105, 5 millions for the 525 and 1 million for the 1020mk. There seems not to be great demand for the higher values, as the advance is somewhat out of proportion with the franking value. People prefer to send a couple thousand marks to the newspapers and to figure on the list of patriotic donation. The time of issue is not limited as for the Charity stamps (6 and 4, 12 and 8mks). These were used quite freely during the time allotted to them for franking (11 Dez. 22-26 Jan. 23).

To the aeroplanes three new values have been added—10, 25 and 100mks. Wurtemberg adapted the service stamps to the new rates by issuing a surcharged set of 8 values ranging from 5mk on 60pf to 400mks on 3mks.

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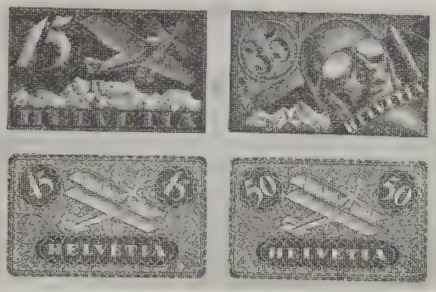

FAKING OF CANCELLATIONS.

By J. W. Sampson.

The crusade that has been started against the repaired stamp evil should have the support of every collector and dealer who has the best interests of philately at heart. And while we are about it, let's co-operate in crushing some of the other "serpents" that are becoming increasingly active in stinging collectors.

Now that odd and curious cancellations are becoming more and more popular, and stamps on the original cover are valued at three to ten times the price of off-cover specimens, the faker is concentrating more of his attention on this rich field and is turning out large quantities of his spurious goods.

Within the last year, most of us who receive consignments from abroad have learned to "watch our step" more carefully than has heretofore been necessary. We have found that the closest scrutiny is necessary to guard against loading up our collections with not only repaired stamps but faked covers and counterfeit cancellations. Some of the faker's work is very cleverly done. Some of it is crude, and need deceive none but the novice. All of it is dangerous to the extent that in adding to the risks of collecting, and submitting some to actual loss through unfortunate purchases, we discourage many whose interest is not strong enough to withstand such adverse influences.

And unfortunately, Middle-Europe is not the only source of these fakes. Right here in our own dooryard covers are being "manufactured' by those who make a business of it, and whose activities seem to be unchecked by the complaints of their victims. Like most counterfeiters, they usually place their goods on the market through somebody who, if pinned down to it, can claim to be ignorant of the character of the offering and innocent of any but the best intentions.

These fakes can be traced to their point of origin, if real effort is made. Their producers are in some cases already definitely known. Yet nothing is being done about it,—no action taken to prevent the continuance of this evil and a steady increase in the output as prices continue to go up and the demand increases. Why not publish a black list, and make the names of the villains so well advertised that the innocent small dealer, who passes on the fakes, can't claim that he "didn't know it was loaded?"

Beyond this, why not get together and take legal action against the fakers, if such a course be practicable? Civil suits for damages might not get us anywhere, but a jail sentence or two would help amazingly in curbing this nuisance.

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Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, who is an enthusiastic philatelist, was asked to intercede in the matter. Mr. Bartels has been waiting for more than four months to get his stamps from the Custom House and he said yesterday that he would make application for them early this week.

A similar case occurred less than a month ago when four volumes of the collection formed by the late Henry J. Duveen were sent to Charles J. Phillips of this city, who has been commissioned to sell the collection, the upset price for the entire collection being put at $1,150,000. With these volumes was a small lot of United States stamps valued at $500 which were being sent over for delivery to another person. The result was that the entire package was held up at the Custom House and the Duveen executors sent a protest to the Treasury Department.—N. Y. *Times.*

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By Charles G. Wilson.

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(NIPPON, ALFRED NOYES.)

Fujiyama, the celebrated mountain of Japan which appears on the recently issued Japanese stamps, has long been a familiar figure in Japanese art. And it is fitting that it should be immortalized by a stamp issue. About Fujiyama focus the folklore legends of Japan and it has ever been a favorite theme of the poet.

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EDITORIAL.

In another column, Mr. Malcolm H. Ganser, a member of the American Philatelic Society, writes pertinently on the subject of the bill recently passed by Congress to allow of the illustrating of United States stamps, under restrictions; and the observations that he makes are not unjustifiable, if the context of the bill alone is considered. Others must have had thoughts similar to those so expressively described by Mr. Ganser. To realize that the concession that has been gained from congress is a step of progress, it is necessary to understand how averse the authorities were to granting any favor to the proponents of stamp illustrating; and for a time it seemed as though the government would make it necessary to deface the cuts of foreign stamps, even, in its zeal to protect the postal securities of all nations. It is safe to say that what we have now gained under the bill we will hold and it is a wedge to make a greater opening. When it is seen that under the provisions of the bill no advantage is taken by the unauthorized person seeking to profit at the expense of the government, the reaction will be to the advantage of philatelists. We think that the present bill is an earnest of what may come some day in the future, and when we think of the opposition that had to be overcome before anything worth having could be got, we think that the workers in the cause may pat each other on the back. Perhaps, on sober second thought, there should not be so many bands in the triumphal procession, but a band or two is good to keep up one's spirits. Mr. Ganser's letter is one sweet hoot, to use the expression of the day.

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From P. R. Maginn, we have received an inquiry, asking if we have commented on an editorial, "A Scrap of Paper," as given in one of the "Saturday Night Talks," some months ago, in a St. Paul newspaper, in which the writer, Frederick M. Eliot, minister of Unity Church, "strongly criticized stamp collecting in its financial aspect." We remembered having received the clipping and luckily, we find it now. We made no comment on it, and reading it once more, we do not see that there is any occasion to "repel the invader." Mr. Eliot inquires "Isn't there something fundamentally wrong about the whole business?" This is *apropos* of the sale of the British Guiana stamp in the Ferrari sale; and shows the puzzlement of the writer rather than any active criticism.

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One of the questions asked the third assistant postmaster general recently was as follows: "Has the department ever considered the advisability of installing at larger post-offices a meter-cancelling machine for mailing matter without postage stamps affixed, the postage to be paid in cash?" The answer: "Yes. The department has considered this question in the past, but it was not deemed advisable to adopt the procedure."

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Our philatelic friend, a well known author writes: "I have just read: 'I would place as accruing from a study of philately, a benefit that I have not heretofore seen placed to its credit, the improvement in health or tone of mind of hypochondriacs, resulting from their being drawn out of themselves by interest in the stamp albums.' Strum that on your spinet. I now know that philately is the pink pill for pale people. I, who ply my trade as a humorist was once a morose, mooning creature and now, thanks to the price that makes them within the reach of all, I can buy set after set of beautiful Neurope, and thus raise my spirits in the thermometer of joy to the boiling point. While in this fine frenzy I can dash off material that makes even the hardened compositor to feel that all's well with the world. I did not realize before why I could grind out the pure, unadulterated stuff so easily after a bout with the new issues but no longer do I grope for an explanation. No wonder that stamp collectors are such funny fellows."

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A collector says that he agrees with us that it is well to try to expand the market for stamps when they are held by a collector, but he asks if the seller is not apt to be inclined to expect too much or, in other words, is not willing to "write off" a percentage for the pleasure in collecting. He says that he knows of a case where the collector realized more than he had paid for the stamps, but in speaking of the sale the collector said that if he had valued the time that he had spent on his stamps, over a period of many years, he was a loser. We know that sellers sometimes take a stand such as this, but for all that the broad question of providing improved avenues for stamp disposal by the collector is not affected. We may aim at ideal conditions in this regard even though we may not hit the bull's-eye. The stamp market should be stabilized in order that the difference between "bid" and "asked" prices is not extreme. Philately, in its financial aspect, must be removed from the hazardous class. The end is a worthy one to work for, and we are certain that each year finds a firmer and broader market for the stamps that the collector wants to sell.

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There have been some desirable additions to the stamp trade in the persons of new dealers, who bring to their employment business methods of a kind characteristic of today, when responsibility and reputability are demanded for permanent success. Their examples, with those of the established dealers of standing, are having effect and when the best dealers, old and new, will work in unison, the result will be more pronounced. Then the stamp business will not be considered by the public as a venture into an uncharted sea, but will take its place among the pursuits that are not subject to wide fluctuations as to the market. The stamp dealer owes something to the occupation that gives him his livelihood, but we must admit that the dealers do not show the enthusiasm in furtherance of their profession that they should. In time, they will see that they must be more public-spirited and our observations are made in the hope that they may have something to do with hastening the day. While not exactly a sleeping giant, the stamp business is not awake to its possibilities as a regulated pursuit.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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By FRANK S. THOMPSON.

(These "Introductory Notes" are found in the new catalog devoted to these stamps and compiled by Mr. Thompson.)

Stamps canncelled before their use to secure postal service, i. e., precancelled were first used at the Ottawa post office in 1888 to facilitate the handling of catalougues and similar printed matter in large quantities. Complete sheets of the 1, 2, 3 and 5-cent denominations of postage stamps then current were cancelled with the local office handstamp, a circle the size of a quarter dollar, with nineteen fine lines, and the center punched out oval shape bearing the figure "1," the cancellation being repeated on each stamp of the sheet. Complete sheets and half sheets of the precancelled stamps were sold to firms of standing, and a record of each sale kept. When mail prepaid by the precancelled stamps was presented at the post office the record was referred to, weight and rate of postage on one of the articles checked, and the mail promptly despatched to its destination without the necessity of cancelling stamps or weighing each individual package.

Other large offices were not long in adopting the idea. At St. John, New Brunswick, the office handstamp, a long shaped oval of fourteen lines with a circle let in containing a bold numeral "1," was used to precancel the 1-cent denomination. Toronto precancelled complete sheets of the 1, 2 and 3-cent values by having several lines ruled with pen and ink across each row of stamps. The stamps precancelled at Ottawa and St. John being so treated with the handstamp ordinarily used on mail, practically the only way to distinguish them from the ordinary variety would be to possess pairs, strips or blocks, so that the cancellation is shown repeated, and not with the dated town's mark. In the case of the Toronto cancellation an undoubted original cover with the stamp affixed could be considered evidence of its precancelled orgin.

The locally prepared precancelled stamps possess an undoubted interest, but as their use was not officially authorized or sanctioned, no attempt has been made to catalogue them.

The first official issue of precancelled stamps, comprising the ½, 1 and 3-cent denominations, was prepared by the Post Office Department and distributed to the larger offices in 1889. Use of the stamps was permitted on newspapers, circulars and catalogues. The stamps were cancelled in whole sheets at one operation on an ordinary printing press, the overprint consisting of a number of bars from one to two mm. wide, extending across each row of stamps. Later, in 1891, the 1-cent appeared precancelled with from one to five lines of single or double dashes. The precancelled stamps issued in 1892 were overprinted with two bars, 1 mm. wide and 11 mm. apart with a wavy line of the same thickness half-way between them. This type of overprint, with several variations, continued in use until 1903. Commencing with 1892, precancelled stamps were permitted to be used on parcels, and several of the higher values were issued precancelled for this purpose, although they appear to have been but little used.

Stamps precancelled with the name of the city and province in which they were to do postal duty first appeareed in 1903, being overprinted in Ottawa from electrotype plates of one hundred subjects. The precancellation of stamps is now usually done locally, the Post Office Department issuing an electroplate upon the contract by the local postmaster, with the local printer being certified by the Postmaster General. The fact that the electroplates are furnished by the Department, together with the requirement that the local post offices keep record of the number of issued precancelled stamps, prevents fraudulent usage. A permit of use must be obtained by any persons or concerns who desire the use of precancelled stamps.

The use of these stamps is permitted on the following postal classes: second class mail, such as newspapers and magazines in large bundles; third-class mail, printed matter such as circulars and catalogues; fourth-class mail, or parcels.

The use of precancelled stamps saves a great deal of time in the post office, for the time consumed in cancelling stamps on package after package, with their respective sizes, shapes and bulks varying greatly, is considerable. Firms accustomed to sending out quantities of circulars and catalogues, and publishers of periodicals find that precancelled stamps insure more prompt delivery, while through their use the large mail-order houses are enabled to deliver mail direct to the railway station, without the necessity of its passing through the local post-office.

Although the Canadian precancelled stamps, or precancels as they are usually called, had attracted the early notice of collectors, serious attention appears to have first been given them by F. Percy Collingwood, who in 1911 compiled for the *Stamp Journal* a list of the varieties in his collection. In the following year S. M. Schoemann published his pamphlet "A Check List of the Precancelled Postage Stamps of Canada," which contained a classification of types, in addition to an extended list of varieties.

Victor Ruggeri's admirable work "The Canadian Precancelled Stamps" appeared serially in the February, March, April, May and June, 1917, numbers of the *Stamp Herald*. A second edition of this work in pamphlet form and entitled "The Canadian Precancel Catalog," appeared the following year, edited in collaboration by Victor Ruggeri and Dr. W. I. Mitchell. Supplements to this edition appeared in the *Stamp Herald* for August, 1918, and January, 1919. Later in 1919 a third edition of the catalog was published. The fourth and fifth editions, edited by the present writer, were published as sections of Bushnell's Precancelled Stamp Catalog for 1920, and 1922 respectively. A supplement to the fifth edition appeared in *Bushnell's Magazine* for May, 1922.

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS of November 25th, 1922, contained an article by W. Ward, entitled, "The First Precancelled Stamps." Notes by J. Harvey Westren in the *Precancel Gazette* during 1921 and 1922, and the *Stamp Herald* during 1922, and by the present writer in the *Stamp Herald* from 1918 to 1920, and the *Canadian Stamp Collector* from 1920 to date, complete the list of all that has previously been written regarding the Canadian precancelled stamp issues.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—I now learn officially that the new 7c black, portrait of William McKinley, will not be placed on sale in Canton, Ohio, his home, on the first day, May 1st, as was originally intended, but that this stamp will appear at his birthplace, Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio.

The 8c olive showing U. S. Grant, will be placed on sale in Washington and there is a possibility it will be sold at Point Pleasant, Ohio, his birthplace, but this last piece of information is not official as yet.

The 14c indigo, showing Hollowhorn Bear, I am told, will be issued on May 1st at Muskogee, Oklahoma, by reason of the fact that this is the largest Indian settlement in America, and as well as the fact that the model of this stamp was approved by Secretary of Interior, Hubert Work, who was then Postmaster General, and now in charge of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The 20c crimson, Golden Gate, will first appear on the same day at San Francisco. All values will be obtainable on the first day from the Philatelic Stamp Agent at Washington, D. C.

The postmasters at these several offices have been advised by the department to co-operate with collectors in making special legible cancellations on that date and postmasters will be glad to comply with collectors' requests for first day covers.

The first article in the April issue of the monthly supplement of the *Official Postal Guide* is entitled "Twenty-One New Faces" and deals with the new series of postage stamps, just issued. They go on to explain that this is the ninth series of designs, but as a matter of fact it is the tenth regular series, as they have omitted mention of the 1870 issue. The article illustrates the printing of one of the first of the new sheets and the good looking young man in the foreground is our energetic Superintendent of the Division of Stamps, Mr. M. L. Eidsness, Jr., who divides honors with the Third Assistant Postmaster General Warren Irving Glover in giving collectors a square deal.

In the same booklet we are informed that the first package ever sent by parcel post in this country, was a feathered fan received by Mrs. Grover Cleveland, wife of the dignitary shown on our new 12c stamp. Government officials in Jamaica dispatched it in 1887, after a new postal treaty had been signed with this country.

They also tell us that suggestions have been made by some business men for the revival of the old postage currency to take the place of uncancelled stamps inclosed in letters in lieu of money. One idea is to make up a money-order book like a stamp book with slips of small denominations. Better still, Mr. Postmaster General, arrange to redeem unused stamps for cash.

As has been the case for some issues, the Supplement is full of humor. We are told of one letter without street number sent to Mr. Andrew Bunn, Pine Street, Baltimore, Md., with the notation in the corner "I don't know the number of Mr. Bunn's house but you will always find his car in front of the door." The mail carrier makes the remark that "That boy thinks Baltimore is in Togoland or Siberia where automobiles are as common as ocean liners on the Mississippi."

January was a record month for the Philatelic Agency. Stamp collectors purchased $13,500 worth of stamps, as compared with $3,800 for January, 1922.

DANZIG.—We have received from Mr. James Van Meyers a copy of a 100m red lilac of oblong shape, which he advises is to be used in connection with "Old Age Pensions." The other value is the 50m and is of carmine shade. Both stamps were discontinued on March 31st last. We understand the 50m is sold at an advance of 20m over the face value and the 100m at an 30m increase.

DENMARK.—Mr. A. E. Pade and the Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 10o green in the newspaper set with the overprint "Gebyr" at the top and at the bottom in black. Mr. Pade in advising us writes, "I think the stamp ought to be listed under Postage Dues, as it is to be used in payment of special services rendered over the Post Office counters, such as certain receipts, return receipts, etc."

HUNGARY.—Mr. G. Stanley Haines sends the following new items from this country: 10kr brown, 15kr black, 20kr lilac, 25kr orange, all in the type of A13. Also 15kr grey has been issued in the official stamps of the 1921 design. Mr. Haines at the same time sends the 20kr and the 60kr of the 1921 official set with the surcharge "15 Korona 15" and "25 Korona 25" respectively. Both overprints are in red at the base of the stamp.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND.—A new provisional Parcel Post stamp has been created here by overprinting the 50c value of the existing Parcel Post series of Italy with the single word SOMALIA.—*Stamp Collecting.*

JUGO-SLAVIA.—Denominations of 5 dinar (carmine), 8 dinar (violet), 20 dinar (green), and 30 dinar (orange), in the modified portrait type of 1921—all perf. 12—have followed the 1d, already chronicled.—*Stamp Collecting.*

LUXEMBURG.—A fresh set of Postage Dues is appearing, the design being exactly the same as for those of 1907, with the difference that the value is now expressed in red instead of black. Mr. Herbert Streatfield kindly submits examples. 1923, March, Postage Due. 1907 type, but with numerals and "cent," or "franc," in red. Perf. 12½. 5c green, 10c green, 20c green, 25c green, 30c green, 50c green, 1fr green.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 2fr stamp of the type of A14 indigo engraved and they are in sheets of 50, 10 horizontal rows of 5.

MAURITIUS.—We have received
Mr. R. Roberts copies of the 25c
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old watermark. Also the 5R green
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stamp on new yellow paper.

MEXICO.—We are indebted to Mr.
Orndorff for three values of the
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the "Fuente Colonial;" 5c orange, sh
nig the statue of "Colon," and 10c br
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orange, 3d blue, 4d black and scarlet
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ORCHA STATE.—The *Philatelic Jou*
of India chronicles four values in
shades, viz.:—¼a deep ultramarine,
deep red, 2a deep brown, 4a pale oc
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PERU.—Mr. J. W. Bailey advises t
on a letter mailed from Arequipa on
19th of March the 8c stamp of the 1
18 issue has been surcharged "CIN
Centavos" at the top in two lines, an
the base "1923." The overprint is
black.

RUSSIA.—Mr. J. Almar calls attent
to a new stamp that he has just recei
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The complete record for last year has not been determined, but John N. Luff of the Scott Company has already listed more than 2,000, and his final figures are not complete. During the latter part of 1922 he listed more than 475 hitherto unrecorded issues of 1921, and if only half that number is chronicled during the next few months for issues in 1922, that year will take second place in respect to the number of new stamps.

Kent B. Stiles, in discussing the continued stamp printing wave in *Scott's Monthly Journal,* states that these stamps came from 161 countries, colonies and dependencies. Eleven issued more than 35 each. Austria heads the list with 74 different varieties. Memel takes second place with 70. Russia ranks third with 62. The other eight are Germany with 61, Italy with 60, Armenia with 49, Danzig with 44, Ireland with 42, Indo-China with 40, and Far Eastern Republic and Hungary tied with 36 each. Egypt, Siberia, Turkey and Guatemala fall just short of the 35-variety-mark. One stamp each has been chronicled for Afghanistan, Bermuda, Costa Rica, China, Dominica, French Soudan, Gibraltar, Honduras, Netherlands, New Caledonia, Niger Territory, North Borneo, Samoa, Spain, Togo and Venezuela.

The average number of varieties for the 161 governments is a fraction more than 12½.

"For the United States, with the Philippines' two stamps not included, eighteen varieties have been listed. These include several of the new series, which appeared late in 1922. This compares with twenty-six varieties in 1920 and twelve in 1921.

"Of the 2,025 varieties thus far chronicled for 1922," says Mr. Stiles, "surcharged stamps comprise 832, or more than 41 per cent. This compares with about 72 per cent. in the record year of 1920, and about 50 per cent. in 1921. These declines—22 per cent. the year before last and 9 per cent. last year—may be interpreted as being indicative of approaching normalcy in international conditions. The nations of the world certainly lacked stability during 1920, with new nations endeavoring to adjust themselves to the scheme of affairs, and that accounted for the appearance of more surcharged postage stamps than had ever before appeared within any twelve months' time.

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The only time when Mr. Duveen permitted a representative portion of his great collection to be publicly shown was in the International Stamp Exhibition held in this city in 1913, when he won the grand prize and several gold medals. Philatelists then had the opportunity of seeing the one-penny and two-penny "Post Office" Mauritius, 1847, both in superb unused condition, valued at that time at more than $10,000, and the pair of circular two-cent British Guiana stamps, 1850, on the original envelope mailed in Georgetown. The discovery of these stamps is one of the romances of philately. On hearing of the find Mr. Duveen sent an agent to British Guiana, but they had been sold before his arrival. Eventually he secured them for $7,250. Even this was not a bad investment, for, according to Fred J. Melville, the London expert, a similar pair was sold in 1921 for slightly more than $20,000.

Buyers with more than a million to spend on stamps not being numerous, the collection has been broken up into groups, each country intact. The United States has already been sold—that is, the stamps issued by that eminent philatelist, Uncle Sam. This was one of the most complete sections, containing all of the early issues and rare varieties. These included a superb unused set from 1 to 60 cents, of the scarce August, 1861, issue, which was in use less than a month, as slight changes were made in September, and inverted canceled copies of the 15, 24 and 30 cent values of the 1869 issue. The Scott Standard Catalogue places a value of $1,000 on the 1 cent of the August, 1861, issue; $1,500 for the 12-cent stamp, and $900 for the 90-cent value in unused condition. At the Worthington sale in this city in 1917 a copy of the 12-cent sold for $1,200, while $830 and $875 was paid, respectively, for unused copies of the 1 and 90 cent values. At the same sale a canceled copy of the 30-cent 1869, inverted centre, sold for $1,500, being purchased by Colonel E. H. R. Green.

In addition to these regular Government issues, Mr. Duveen had a choice lot of the early Postmasters' stamps used in some cities prior to the first Federal issue in 1847. Among them are the 5 and 10 cent Baltimore, the 10-cent stamp being on the original envelope. Only two other copies are known. There is also a fine copy of the rare Millbury (Mass.) 5-cent, a 5-cent Providence on the envelope, a fine 5-cent Brattleboro on an envelope addressed to a young lady at Pittsfield, Mass., and the St. Louis 5, 10 and 20 cent values, including a complete sheet with three of the 5's and three of the 10's. The New York 5-cent issues are also well represented. In the provisional Postmaster issues of the Confederate States the collection is very rich.

While the Ferrary collection, recently sold in Paris by the French Government, was more extensive and contained some incomparable rarities, such as the British Guiana stamp which sold for $32,500, the early ship design variety and the only copy known, the Duveen collection is unique among big collections in that it contains no repaired or "faked" specimens.

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On the occasion of another experimental flight from Montevideo to Mercedes, on November 12th, 1921, a second printing of 15,000 aero stamps was made by the Uruguayan Post Office, this time in red. A specimen with *inverted* overprint is known, used. Subsequently this same stamp was utilised in connection with a spasmodic air mail between Buenos Ayres and Montevideo, which was inaugurated on December 17th, 1921, weekly, on Monday and Saturday, but the flights are very irregular.

A further printing of 15,000 aero stamps in green was brought into use in May, 1922, whilst an additional supply of 8,000 copies with a yellow overprint was ordered, but withheld from circulation owing to the temporary suspension of the Montevideo—Buenos Ayres air mail since the end of May, 1922. It is stated that the plate used for producing these aereo overprints has been destroyed.

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116	(28)	with "10" inverted on the back, fine, used	....
117	(28)	"110" instead of "10" on back, used, fine	....
118	(28)	with "00" instead of "10" on back, used	....
119	(28)	with "0" of 10 dropped low, used	....
120	(28)	"100" instead of "10" on back, used, fine	....
121	(28a)	with "0" only on back, fine, used	....
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126	(32-32b)	fine mint copies	5.00
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128	(32b)	very fine mint horiz. pair	5.00
129	(32)	superb mint block of four	10.00
130	(32b)	superb mint horiz. strip of three	7.50
131	(33)	large sheet margin at right, mint, superb	10.00
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133	(35)	mint, superb copy	4.00
134	(35a)	fine copy	4.00
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140	(36)	good copy	5.00
141	(37)	mint, fine	4.00
142	(37a-37b)	both fine copies	17.50
143	(37a-37b)	o. g., both good copies	17.50
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150	(39a)	deep shade, very slight thin spot at top, mint and really a fine copy	17.50
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155	(41b)	block of four, margins close, yet fine	20.00
156	(42)	two good copies, shades	5.00
157	(42)	fine mint copy	2.50
158	(42a)	fine copy	5.00
159	(43)	very good copy	20.00
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161	(44-44a and two copies of 44c)	fine, latter o. g.	1.40
162	(44-44c)	in horiz. pairs, (44a) vert. pair and (44b) in horiz. strip of 3, all mint, fine	3.50
163	(44)	o. g. and (44a) in fine blocks of four	2.80
164	(44b)	fine mint block four, sheet margin at L.	2.00
165	(44)	superb mint block of 25 stamps, 5x5, being lower right corner of sheet with both margins, a fine and superb piece	8.75
166	(44a)	block of 20 stamps, 5 wide by 4 deep, top right corner of sheet with margins, superb piece, mint	7.00
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168	(45)	block of 12, 3 wide, 4 deep, superb, mint	18.00
169	(46)	three copies and (46a) a single copy and a horiz. pair, three stamps are o. g., shades. fine lot	8.25
170	(47-47a)	two copies of each, mint, fine, shades	4.50
171	(47-47a)	fine mint, horiz. pairs of each	4.50
172	(47)	fine mint block of four	4.00
173	(48)	superb mint copy	6.00
174	(49-49a)	one is o. g., fine lot	4.25
175	(50)	fine mint copy	10.00
176	(50)	lighter shade than above, fine	10.00
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188	(73-4)	first is o. g., fine lot	3.50
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190	(73)	mint block 10. bottom of pane of 50, fine	10.00
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192	(75)	superb mint block of 12, 3 wide by 4 deep, imperf. vertically, very fine piece	....
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194	(90-1-2-3-4-5-6-8)	sixteen stamps, shades, all mint, fine lot	4.09
195	(91-94)	in pairs, also (90-4-6) in blocks of four, all mint and fine	3.44
196	(91)	bottom left corner of sheet, a block of 25 stamps, three stamps at side are ruined by crack, otherwise a superb mint piece	5.00
197	(100-1-2-4 and two copies of 105)	very fair lot	13.20

Lot.	Cat. No.	Description.	Cat.
198	(100-1)	in horiz. pairs and (102) in vertical pair, (101) is without gum, fine lot	
199	(100)	mint block of 12, sheet margin at left, imperf. vertically, fine	
200	(100)	mint horiz. strip of three, imperf. at top and bottom with wide margins	
201	(107 to 113 and 115)	lot of eighteen stamps, fine shades, fine mint lot	
202	(107 & 107a)	lot of 21 stps. in pairs and blox	
203	(108)	in mint block and (108b) in a pair, a block of 4 and a strip of 5, mint, fine..	
204	(110)	in block of four and (109b and 110c) in fine mint pairs	
205	(109)	superb mint block of twenty-five	
206	(111b and 115a)	in vert. pairs, imperf. between, mint and fine	
207	(113)	mint block of ten, one stamp defective..	
208	(117 to 126)	seventeen stamps, shades, fine lot	
209	(123)	superb mint block of four	
210	(129-a-b-c)	superb mint copies	
211	(129c)	mint, horiz. pair, 1 stamp creased, fine	
212	(129d)	superb mint, horiz. pair, triple surch.	
213	(129-a-b)	three superb mint blocks of four ..	
214	(129)	block of 35, being lower part of pane of 50 with margins at sides and bottom, a superb piece	
215	(130-c)	2 fine mint copies, latter has pin hole	
216	(130-130b)	2 copies of each in block of 4, fine	
217	(130)	five copies, (130b) three copies and (130c) one copy, all in superb mint block of nine, 3x3	
218	(132-132b)	latter clipped a bit at R., mint ...	
219	(132-132a)	superb mint block of four of each	
220	(132)	five copies, (132a) three copies and (132b) one copy, in superb mint block of 9, 3x3	
221	(133)	two shades and (133a), mint and fine ..	
222	(133-133a)	each in block of four and another block showing two copies each of (133 and 133a) mint, fine	
223	(139)	superb mint block of four	
224	(140-140a-140e)	latter fair, first 2 superb, mint	
225	(140-140b)	each in superb mint block of four	
226	(140g)	two vert. pairs, different shades, and a horiz. strip of three, mint and superb..	
227	(140b)	sup'b mint horiz. pair, invert. sur., rare	
228	(141-141b-142-142b and two shades of 143)	mint, fine	
229	(141a-141b-141d)	in all five different superb mint blocks of four showing those Nos.	
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231	(142 and 142a)	also (142a and 142b) in two fine mint horiz. pairs	
232	(142d)	double surch., superb mint horiz. pair	
233	(142-142a-142b)	in two diff. fine mint blox of4	
234	(143-143a-143b)	in combination, in three fine mint blox of four	
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243	(157)	superb mint horiz. strip of three	
244	(157a)	superb mint horiz. pair, imperf. between	
245	(158)	superb mint block of four	
246	(158a)	superb mint vert. pair, imperf. between	
247	(158a)	superb mint block of 4, imperf. vert.	
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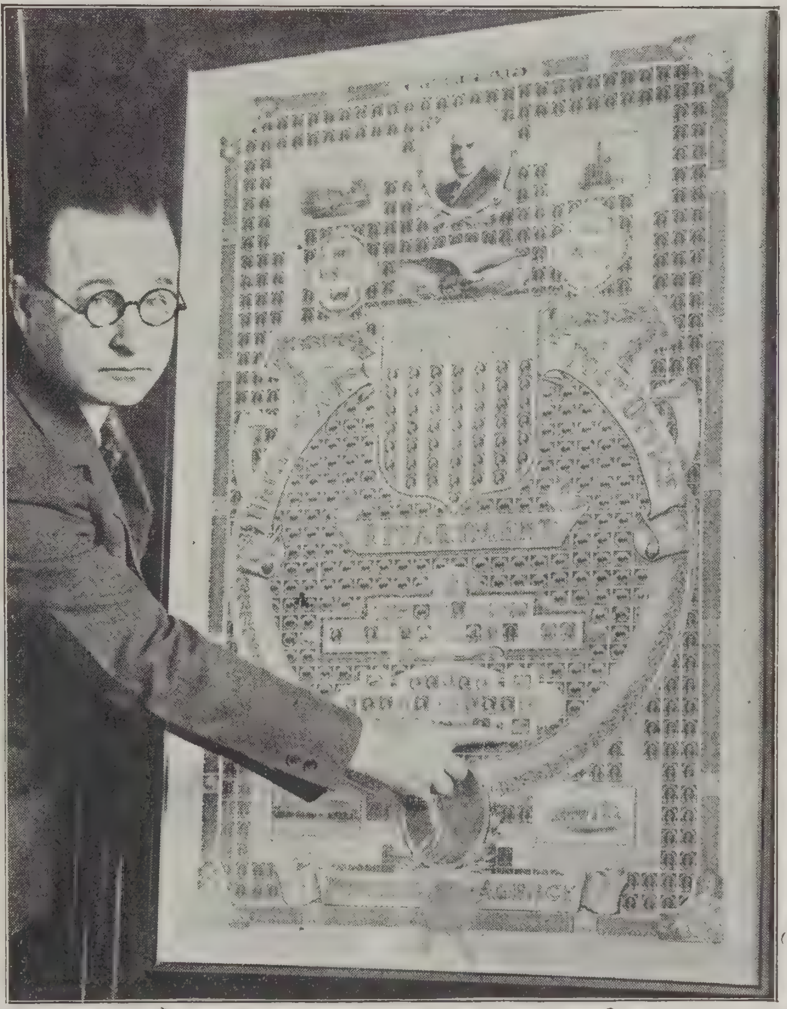

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In the onepenny value, the second setting by Thomas Ham has been finally differentiated and its reconstruction completed, a block of four, various strips, and numerous pairs, both horizontal and vertical, contributing to this result.

The composition of the first setting has been largely determined. Noteworthy items of this first setting are two singles and two horizontal pairs, all used, in the extremely rare orange-vermilion shade (Catalog No. 1), this variety being unknown unused. A horizontal strip of five in pale brown, with margins at right and bottom, a block of six in orange-brown and three pairs in the scarce chocolate shade, are other items of interest displayed.

The third setting of the onepenny is shown in a complete reconstruction of the group unused, one very rare item being a horizontal strip of six of an early impression with margins at both ends, thus determining the width of the group. A probably unique item is an unused block of nineteen with margins at both sides and bottom. The early and late impressions, differentiated by the shaded or unshaded veils respectively, in various shades, are fully plated in numerous reconstructions. A used horizontal pair, rouletted 7, is an unusual item.

In the J. S. Campbell and Company's onepenny, a page of unused singles demonstrates the variety and sequence of the shades found in these printings; while the composition of the group is illustrated by platings both used and unused in various shades, of which mention must be made of the very fine orange-red, dull lake, and brick-red assemblies.

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The solution of the "abnormal" compositions for these settings, fully demonstrated by deduction and diagrams, and illustrated by many unusual and rare combinations of types in pairs, strips and blocks, marks an important advance in Philatelic research.

Two covers show "record" dates. For Ham's second setting of the onepenny, "Melbourne, Port Philip, Feb. 12, 1851"; and for J. S. Campbell & Company's onepenny, "Melbourne, Victoria, March 11, 1854".

Of unused twopence stamps there are displayed as selections from the collection the following noteworthy items:

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The used twopence show a page of the first setting in various shades and include four horizontal pairs of these rarities.

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ith the twopence there are also two rs with "record" dates, one for the nd setting, postmarked "Fiery Creek, t Phillip, Jan. 27, 1850", and one for third setting, postmarked "———, t Phillip, Aug. 17, 1850".

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mplete group platings of the unused specimens are shown for both the J. S. Campbell & Company's and Campbell and Fergusson settings of the threepence; while in addition, of the former firm's productions there are horizontal pairs displayed rouletted horizontally only; and perforated 12; both very rare items. Two unused pairs also accompany the Campbell and Fergusson plating, and are of considerable rarity thus.

From the used section of the collection, Ham's first setting of the threepence is shown partially reconstructed, the assembly containing a wonderful block of sixteen (4x4), and an accompanying diagram shows how this block links up with the unused horizontal and vertical strips of four mentioned above.

The second setting by Thomas Ham is also shown partially reconstructed, a horizontal strip of four, and horizontal and vertical pairs being items which have contributed to the progress made in the solution of this problem. No less than eight different examples of the "retouches" of this setting are shown, of which four are in pairs. Some of these have never before been chronicled.

Thomas Ham's third setting for the threepence displays an unusual reconstruction of the group of twelve, utilizing three horizontal strips of four, a block of four and a horizontal pair, which by their relations one to another clearly prove the "repeat" of the group both horizontally and vertically.

Another page displays two covers, one of which bears five shillings of postage, represented by a complete group of twelve, a block of four, a horizontal pair and a cut-to-shape hexagonal sixpence slate-gray, of New South Wales. The cancellation is the "Oval 25" of Victoria, and the destination being Adelaide, South Australia, the receiving postmark is "Adelaide, G. P. O. Aug. 1, 1854." The other item, a piece of cover, bears six stamps in an unsevered L shaped group of four subjects horizontally and three vertically, all cancelled "Oval 12".

Five different examples of "retouches" are shown of this third setting, three in pairs and four as singles. One or two of the varieties have never been chronicled before.

The displayed pages from the J. S. Campbell and Company's printings of the threepence show many examples of the unusual combinations of known types, which were caused by the abnormal compositions used at times by that firm. These varieties are shown in pairs, strips, and blocks, and each is individually explained and described. There is also a reconstruction shown of a normal setting by this firm, employing only specimens from the worn state of the stone, in their typical Prussian blue shade; several pairs and a strip of three being items of merit.

Another plating, using the perforated 12 varieties is also shown, while a page is devoted to numerous rouletted and part-rouletted varieties in singles and pairs, in the latter state quite rare. A "retouch" perforated 12 is also exhibited.

The Campbell and Fergusson threepence is represented by a demonstration of some of the "white" and "colored" line varieties in a partial plating of the group, besides examples of some of the "abnormal" varieties found in this printing. In the main collection these "abnormal compositions" of the Campbell printings are treated quite exhaustively and the problems pertaining to their make-up explained.

The twopence Queen Enthroned is represented by a page of unused specimens of Thomas Ham's engraved types, in singles and a pair. In the lithographed varieties by the two Campbell concerns, the "substituted transfers" of each printing are shown and explained, as well as the TVO variety. In this display seventeen pairs and three strips are seen, besides several singles, illustrating all the known varieties.

Two covers bearing "record" dates are also displayed; one having a Ham engraved stamp, postmarked "Melbourne, Jan. 13, 1853", and the other showing a J. S. Campbell and Company specimen of an early impression, postmarked "Geelong, Jan. 17, 1854".

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PART II. — CHARITY AND RED CROSS STAMPS.

Chapter I.

The Brussels Exhibition Issue.

In 1910 an Exhibition was held in Brussels and advantage was taken of the occasion to issue a special series of stamps, not so much to advertise the Exhibition itself as to assist the funds of the National Anti-Tuberculosis League. Two series of four stamps each were issued and while both series depict the same episode—St. Martin giving half his cloak to a beggar—the designs are very different. In one series, which was designed by Mr. C. Montald, the figure on horseback, the beggars and the background are shown by a series of dots and lines, the whole effect being crude in the extreme. At top are "BELGIQUE" and "BELGIE", in the lower left corner are numerals of value and at lower right is a plain label containing the word "CARITAS" (Charity).

In the other design, the work of Mr. H. Lemaire, St. Martin and his steed and the beggars are shown on a ground of solid color with "BELGIQUE—BELGIE" as well as the date "1910" at the top in uncolored characters. Below the group "CARITAS" is shown in white letters and in the left lower corner is a square containing the numerals of value.

Both designs have the names of their designers in small capitals under the lower frame line and in both series it will be noted that the 10c denominations has no "c" after the numerals of value.

The usual Sunday label completes the stamps of both series, the type of letters used being distinctive for each set.

In April, 1911, all eight values appeared with an overprint of the date "1911" in black and later in the same year they were all overprinted "CHARLEROI" and "1911" in two lines in black. This overprinting was a speculative device to promote further sales.

The stamps had franking power to the extent of the values noted upon them, viz., 1c, 2c, 5c or 10c, but all were sold at a premium, the extra amount thus obtained going to the National charity named above.

Reference List.

1910-11. Designed by C. Montald. No wmk. Perf. 14.
1 centime grey.
2 centimes purple-brown.
5 centimes peacock-blue.
10 centimes carmine.
(a) Overprinted "1911" *in black.*
1 centime grey.
2 centimes purple-brown.
5 centimes peacock-blue.
10 centimes carmine.
(b) Overprinted "CHARLEROI — 1911" *in black.*
1 centime grey.
2 centimes purple-brown.
5 centimes peacock-blue.
10 centimes carmine.

1910-11. Designed by H. Lemaire. Solid background. No wmk. Perf. 14.
1 centime grey.
2 centimes purple-brown.
5 centimes peacock-blue.
10 centimes carmine.
(a) Overprinted "1911" *in black.*
1 centime grey.
2 centimes purple-brown.
5 centimes peacock-blue.
10 centimes carmine.
(b) Overprinted "CHARLEROI — 1911" *in black.*
1 centime grey.
2 centimes purple-brown.
5 centimes peacock-blue.
10 centimes carmine.

Chapter II.

The Antwerp Red Cross Stamps.

On August 28, 1914, the Belgian Stamp Printing Works at Malines were destroyed by the Germans so that when it was desired to issue a special series for the benefit of the Red Cross funds in October their production was entrusted to Mr. Verschueren, an Antwerp printer and lithographer. Two series of different designs were decided on and both were apparently ready at the same time and placed on sale simultaneously. Each series consisted of three values, 5c, 10c and 20c, and they were sold at double face value, half of the proceeds of their
sale going to the post-office and hal
the Belgian Red Cross Funds.

The design for the stamps of la
size shows the Monument to Co
Frederic de Merode, erected at Berch
in commemoration of the War of In
pendence. Above this central desig
"BELGIQUE", at bottom is "BELGI
in the upper corners are numerals
value and in the lower ones are shie
containing the Geneva Cross, this la
being printed in red. The numbers
dered were:—

5 centimes,	600,000
10 centimes,	600,000
20 centimes,	75,000

The stamps of small design show
portrait of King Albert, similar to t
on the regular postage stamps printed
London in the following year, but w
head partly to right instead of left, w
"BELGIQUE" above, "BELGIE" bel
numerals of value in the right lo
corner and Geneva Cross in red in l
bottom corner.

The same quantities were ordered
for the stamps of larger size and b
issues were produced by lithography.

The stamps were printed and first
sued at Antwerp during the siege ab
October 2nd. On the 9th of that mo
the city capitulated and a large num
of the stamps were destroyed as well
the lithographic stones. Some of
stamps were saved, however, for
read in Field's catalogue that "the
mainder were issued at Ghent, Brug
Ostend, Bar-le-duc, and subsequently
the Belgian P. O. at Havre (Franc
between Oct. 15th and 23rd, when
supply was exhausted".

All six varieties may be found in
number of distinct shades and an int
esting error of the 5 centimes portr
stamp is known without the Cross.

Reference List.

1914. Lithographed by Mr. Verschu
ren, Antwerp. Geneva Cross in red
all values. No wmk. Perf. 14.
(a) Type I. Monument design.
5 centimes green.
10 centimes red.
20 centimes violet.
(b) Portrait of King Albert.
5 centimes green.
(a) Error, without red cross.
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20 centimes purple.

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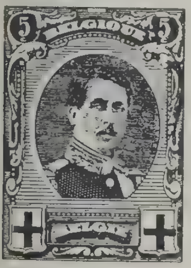
Chapter III.

London Printed Red Cross Stamps.

n January 2, 1915, a new set of three Cross stamps was issued, these be- produced in London by Messrs. erlow Bros. and Layton. The de- is the same for all three values and ws in the centre a portrait of King ert similar to that on the portrait ps of the last series, but on a er scale. The frame is an almost t replica of that on the Monument ps of the last series, so that as far he design is concerned the London shows little originality. In fact it the only original feature is the tion of a small "c" under the numer- f value in the upper corners.



e stamps were printed in sheets of divided into four panes of twenty- stamps each, five horizontal rows of with wide margins separating the s. The portrait and crosses are in on all values and one plate or stone d for all three.

ld's catalogue says the stamps were graphed, but judging by the repeti- of small flaws and defects on cor- nding stamps on all four panes, as regards the frames and centers, ems much more probable that the ps were produced by lithography. evident that in producing the stones frames and centers a block of y-five transfers was reproduced times.

lking the stone for portrait and es first, we find the eleventh stamp ch pane provides the well-known ty with broken epaulet, while there everal varieties in the shape of the es. The most prominent of these short left arm to the cross, which s on Nos. 7, 10, 13, 19 and 24 as ds the left-hand cross and on No. regards the right-hand cross.

proof of our contention that the stones were also made up of four r transfers we will point out a few fication marks which are easily viz.:—

5 centimes.

No. 4.—A colored line extends downwards from the top of the shield containing the right-hand cross.

No. 8.—A prominent line of color crosses the body of the "5" in the upper left corner.

No. 21.—A prominent uncolored flaw is shown about the centre of the right-hand frame.

10 centimes.

No. 11—The small "c" in upper left corner is much malformed.

No. 14.—A small colored line projects from left-hand frame.

No. 20.—There is a small colored dot on the second "E" of "BELGIE".

20 centimes.

No. 12.—There is a colored line in the last "E" of "BELGIQUE" and the line above the shield in left lower corner is broken.

No. 14.—Two of the horizontal lines around the portrait medallion are joined by a semi-circular mark at left side.

These stamps were sold at double face value, the additional amount thus obtained going to swell the National Red Cross funds. Altogether 3,000,000 each of the 5c and 10c were printed and 1,000,000 of the 20 centimes. They were all printed on wove unwatermarked paper and the vast majority are perforated 14 by a single line machine. The 5c and 20c were also issued perforated 12, the same values are found perf. 14x12, the 5c is known perf. 12x14, and, finally, the 20c is found perf. 11x12. Curiously enough none of these abnormal perforation varieties are found in connection with the 10 centimes value. No records were apparently made as to the numbers of these except that it is known that there were 8750 of the 20c perf. 12, (though why the odd half sheet we are not told), and it is believed there were approximately 3000 of the 5c perf. 12x14.

Reference List.

Jan. 2nd, 1915. Lithographed by Waterlow Bros. and Layton, London. Portrait and crosses in red. No wmk.

(A) Perforated 14.

5 centimes green.
10 centimes red.
20 centimes violet.

(B) Perforated 12.

5 centimes green.
20 centimes violet.

(C) Perforated 14x12.

5 centimes green.
20 centimes violet.

(D) Perforated 12x14.

5 centimes green.

(E) Perforated 11x12.

20 centimes violet.

(To be continued.)

THE U. S. ENTRY AT LONDON.

A stamp exhibit, almost priceless from the standpoint of philatelists, has been completed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at the direction of Postmaster General New, and will be sent to London, England, for exhibition at the International Stamp Exposition to be held in the Royal Horticultural Hall from May 14 to 26.

Assistant Postmaster General Glover will accompany the United States' entry and enter it himself at the exposition.

Made up of various hued stamps to represent the American shield which is surrounded by a wreath of blue stamps and a border of lathe and ornamental work reproduced from United States' notes and bonds, the exhibit has won the praise of President Harding to whom it was shown by Postmaster General New at the White House. It is expected to take at least one of the prizes at the exposition.

At the top, in an ornamental frame, is an engraved portrait of President Harding. At the bottom appears a portrait of Postmaster General New, under which is the gold seal of the Post-Office Department with blue ribbon streamers. On the four corners are engravings of the White House, the Post-Office Department, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Washington City Post-Office.

The background of the exhibit is made up entirely of the new golden yellow ten-cent Monroe stamps. The other stamps forming the design are inlaid. The national colors in the United States' shield is made by using the ordinary two-cent stamps of the old issue for the red stripes, the background for the white stripes and the new five-cent Roosevelt stamps for the blue field.

The wreath surrounding the shield is formed by a double row of stamps, the outer one composed of the new dark blue 14-cent American Indian and the inner row of the new light blue 11-cent Hayes stamp. Within the circle in an ornamental panel the entire new issue of 1922 stamps appear while the old issue is in a similar panel directly beneath. Surmounting the shield is the spread eagle of the United States with transparent rays shooting forth. In panels on either side above the shield are the commemorative series of one, two, five and ten-cent San Francisco stamps of 1913, and the Tercentenary series of one, two and five, and the three-cent Liberty stamp.

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A reader has a criticism to offer on the subject of service at the philatelic agency at Washington. It seems that he wrote for some of the new stamps and notwithstanding that a request was made for well-centered specimens, the invoice included stamps that were a disgrace, so far as centering was concerned. Our correspondent says that he wrote to say that the clerk should have known enough to send centered stamps without being told. It is the understanding of patrons of the agency that one of its offices is to furnish stamps in acceptable condition for collectors and dealers and we hope that the intention to provide stamps in proper condition will not be weakened as time goes on.

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Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole, whose contributions to the WEEKLY and whose handbooks in our series have gained him a host of friends, called at the editorial office *en route* to the London International Stamp Exhibition. We are pleased to know that there will be a fair representation from the United States at the exhibition and congress. The exhibition programme shows that from Monday, May 14th, 1923, to Saturday, May 26th, the time of those in attendance will be most pleasantly engaged. The opening ceremony will be by the Hon. President, the Right Hon. W. Joynson-Hicks, Bart., Postmaster-General. The hours of the exhibition are from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M., and dancing, concerts, lectures, receptions and banquet are some of the features noticed in the well rounded programme.

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From a St. Louis newspaper we copy the following obituary notice: "Frederick R. Cornwall, noted patent attorney, died at his home, 5052 Waterman avenue, early yesterday morning in his 51st year. Death followed an illness of seven months. The direct cause was said to be an acute attack of heart disease. Several months ago he went to New Mexico to recuperate. He returned to his home three weeks ago. For a number of years Cornwall had specialized in the legal phase of patent registration and was regarded as an authority in that branch of the law. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. May Rouchelle Cornwall, and six children." Mr. Cornwall died on April 28th and was buried on Monday, April 30th. Thus will the hurrying world read and pass over the philatelic accomplishments of Mr. Cornwall of St. Louis, and indeed, the ever-shifting sands of time have obliterated some of the footprints that Mr. Cornwall impressed so strongly on the philatelic shore and the newer collector with no traditions of the past can know but little of Mr. Cornwall's prowess as a collector. About twenty years ago Mr. Cornwall began to come to the fore as a philatelist and it was not long before he was nationally known through his intensive study of early U. S., Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales, and other countries, particularly British colonies. His collections became an attraction to philatelists visiting St. Louis and on occasion, Mr. Cornwall was an exhibitor at meetings in other cities. After serving on the Board of Vice-Presidents of the American Philatelic Society, Mr. Cornwall was elected president of the A. P. S., and in that position he served efficiently. Through his attendance at many of the conventions, Mr. Cornwall was acquainted with a host of collectors. His trained mind stood him in good stead during his administrations and through his instrumentality, the by-laws were revised to advantage. While Mr. Cornwall's philatelic attainments were of a high standard, he cultivated to the utmost what may be called the social amenities of philately and his spirit of fellowship ran high. He had friends in many cities, and at home he dispensed a rare hospitality. Latterly, we suspect, his failing health, coupled with his progress in business, made it necessary for him to curtail his philatelic activities and some of his stamp possessions were disposed of at auction some years ago. He was forced to absent himself from home and traveled much in the hope of restoring his health and though we heard at different times that his condition was much improved, the hope of permanent relief proved a vain one. The passing of Mr. Cornwall removes from our sphere a brilliant philatelist and a personality that was singularly affable and companionable; and his standing in his business of patent attorney was of the highest. His mind was acute and his ability paramount, and all in all, he was a gentleman who graced all the positions that he filled so well in life. Those who knew Mr. Cornwall will mourn his loss and those who did not will sense that a stanch supporter of philately has passed to his reward.

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From Miss Mabel McClenthen we have received a clipping from *Appleton's Journal*, "a popular weekly back in the 70's," as follows: "Collecting postage stamps, which a few years ago had become almost a mania on the European Continent, has entirely died out. Collections which were once estimated at one thousand dollars can now be purchased for one hundred and less at Stuttgart." Miss McClenthen asks: "Did the gentle art of stamp collecting ever fall as low as this paragraph would indicate? It is hard to believe it." It is true that in the early days of philately, conditions were such at times as to give some color of truth to a paragraph such as quoted, but it may be said fairly that at no period since the founding of collecting did those who were continuously interested in it despair of its survival. A paragraph such as the one printed is characteristic of the viewpoint of the person who was not actively engaged in the pursuit or of the one who had forsworn collecting. Even now, the collector who recants and who no longer is surrounded by the activities of collecting is inclined to ask when once again he establishes contact with a collector if "stamp collecting is not losing its hold?" It is possible that at the time *Appleton's* used the "filler" in question that the wave of interest was receding but as for having "entirely died out," the stamp press from the early '60's to the present furnishes indisputable proof of the fact that stamp collecting has not seriously faltered in its triumphal march.

DEATH OF VICTOR H. SEITZ.

It is with great regret that we record the passing on of Victor H. Seitz, a well-known banker of Fremont, Nebr. Mr. Seitz was born in Norden, Germany, in 1850 and came to Fremont in 1884. He entered the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank as bookkeeper and was connected with that institution for thirty-six years.

Mr. Seitz was an ardent stamp collector and A. H. Westphal, who writes us concerning this matter, says that he had a few years ago a very large collection, which he sold, but the love of stamps was so great that he could not give up his hobby and at the time of his death was building up a second collection.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—New York has a new advertising cancellation reading as follows:—"Convention June 3-7, Asso. Adv. Clubs World, Atlantic City." Boston is also using a similar one.

—At the Boston Philatelic Society meeting of May 15, thirty lots of good stamps are to be sold at auction.

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—L. Meister of Pilsen, Kans., wou like to know the present whereabouts John R. Cserny, formerly of Hammon Ind. Mr. Meister writes that he giv the A. P. S. as reference, but the fa is he has been dropped from membe ship in that organization.

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I asked Tommy if he picked up any good specimens on his trip, and he said he found some quartz. I knew he collected birds' eggs, but didn't know he saved minerals.

Charlie, this being a stamp dealer is certainly the whale's elbow. If I had known how easy this game was, and how little work we do for our living, I would have been in it before I was out of my cradle. A stamp dealer never does nothing for his dough, Charlie, except answer fool questions of his friends.

In the morning I come down to work and kid the elevator girls, then open the mail, if the janitress hasn't beaten me to it. I throw the orders into the waste basket, and I spend an hour answering questions for guys who bought my book on "How to be a stamp dealer and remain honest." Then I stand at attention while the boss comes in, and we say a few words of silent prayer in the hopes that some customers will come in by mistake.

The office being officially opened, and the day's work started, I count the hinges to see if any got away during the night.

Then, before we are disturbed by any of the local buyers, I get after the approval requests. First I find one from a boy in What Cheer, Iowa, asking for a Junior selection of Bremen, which if I sent him, he couldn't afford to buy 'em, y'know.

Then another kid sends in a nickel and wants a set of 1847 U. S. and if there is any change, to send him a Confederate. Of course, he can only get a damaged one for that money, so if we haven't a damaged one, I have to tear one.

Then I get a big want list from a fellow who has 47,000 varieties and wants all the others—until I send them to him. Then he returns them and says they are pretty, but he has decided not to buy any more stamps until Fourth of July, so I put them back in the 126 stock books from which I painlessly extracted them.

Suddenly we are surprised by the door opening and a suspicious looking individual entering. Thinking it is a customer, I rush over and lock the door, but he confides that he wants to sell us a subscription to an ex-service man's magazine, and another fond hope is blasted.

Next, I amuse myself filling a couple of hundred orders for our new U. S. album. Then I send out three or four hundred approval selections.

By that time I am hungry, so I sneak across the street and grab a Kosher ham sandwich at Bartel's (I get a free one for this advertising tomorrow) then dart madly back to the old desk.

Just as I am nicely settled, making up a book of Native India, a chappie blows in with a want list of one stamp from every country in the Junior album.

Then a man enters with a mysterious package under his arm. I open it carefully, and privately, but it proves to be nothing less than the contents of the old family trunk. Whereupon, we spread on my desk and on the floor the choicest lot of continentals that ever came out of a 25c a 1,000 packet. When I refuse to pay him the $1,000 he wants for the lot, he packs it up and takes it down the street to Southern California's Leading Dealer.

Then a customer comes in with a charming young lady. Shoving our counter book at the customer, I give my attention to the c. y. l., who proceeds to ask "What do people do with these stamps after they get them?" One of the first things I learned in this game is not to answer that question of the uninitiated, so I simply say that they use them to stuff pillows with, and to decorate ash-trays, and, in the case of the late Austrians, to paper the bathroom.

Finding a few minutes of quiet between customers I write to the society members, asking them why the deuce they don't kick in with more business, then I send out some letters to the approval customers, asking whether they think we gave them the selections outright, or are they holding them fora rise in price before buying?

Then the late afternoon rush of regulars begins. The boys who have no place to go until supper time and nothing to spend but a happy hour. They amuse themselves by going through the waste basket for the rare cancellations we have thrown away, the customers' names on the return envelopes; then they read the mail on our desks, pick over the orders we have just filled, go through the wholesale lots we haven't had time to look over, read the invoices to see how little we pay for our stuff, and take liberties with our personal tongs, etc., which would mean sure and sudden death in any other line of business. If they have any time left, they read the *Weekly* and sit down and order from our competitors on our typewriter.

Having had nothing to do during the day I decide to work at night, so grab a little supper, then come back to the job. In the evening I do the confidential work, like putting thin spots in the good U. S. for the fellows who only buy damaged stamps.

Believe you me, Charlie, this is the life, and if I were you I would cut out running a stamp paper and run a stamp business instead. And if you do, come out to Loce Ahng-hayl-ais, where the sunkist climate curls the Colonials and the hinges. In the words of the immortal barb, "It's a great life if you don't weaken" and "the first hundred years is the hardest."

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UNITED STATES.—The 1922-23 series of the new United States postage stamps were completed on Tuesday, May 1, 1923, with the placing on sale at Washington, D. C., of the 7c, 8c, 14c and 20c. The issue consists of twenty-one denominations of regular adhesives from 1c to $5, together with a Special Delivery stamp, the set having a face value of $10.42. In addition there may be had at this time the 2c sidewise coil, perforated 10 vertically, the 2c rotary perf. 11x10, the same perf. 11 and the 2c booklet. Sheets of the regular 1c and 2c have also been distributed in an imperforate condition.

The 7c, printed in black, portrays William McKinley with border and surrounding design, similar to the other low denominations of the series. This value was also placed on sale at the birthplace of our Ex-President at Niles, Ohio.

The 8c olive shows a portrait of General U. S. Grant with similar design. This value was sold in Washington only and not at Point Pleasant as at first expected.

The 20c shows a wonderful engraving of Hollowhorn Bear, which however is designated as "American Indian", and this stamp is printed in a rich indigo. This denomination was also placed on sale on the first day at Muskogee, Oklahoma, the location of the largest Indian settlement in America.

The 20c crimson has the long dimension horizontal and shows a beautiful engraving of the Golden Gate. Being printed in crimson the stamp shows up to much better advantage than a design of the Golden Gate on the 10c Panama-Pacific. I now understand that this view was taken from a photograph furnished by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce of the painting by W. A. Coulter, a marine artist of Sausalito, California. A very handsome reproduction of the painting was shown in the *Philadelphia Ledger* of Sunday, April 29th. This denomination was also placed on sale at San Francisco, Calif., on May 1st.

All four denominations are printed in sheets of four hundred, distributed in panes of one hundred, are printed on unwatermarked paper, perforated 11. The new 7c, 8c and 20c will not be issued to postmasters until the supply of the old series is exhausted, but the new 14c, the first of this denomination that we have ever issued, will be delivered to postmasters in limited quantities, upon requisition, after May 1st.

The Philatelic Stamp Agent has distributed Bulletin No. 7 giving a list of all varieties that they now have on hand for sale to collectors. The list covers two pages and includes the new series, the old series, the 1916 perf. 10, $2 and $5, the Airplane, the Victory and the Pilgrim stamps, the 50c and 75c Parcel Post, the last two Special Deliveries, the Shanghai series, several imperfs., the 1c and 2c old issue perforated 11x10, a number of late coils and quite a few entire envelopes from 1899 to date. They especially ask that nothing be ordered other than the items on the list. They do not supply old issues nor do they make up a stock of obsolete stamps for sale in this manner.

On the first page of the *Toledo Blade* for Thursday, April 19, 1923, a half column is devoted to the arrest of one A. V. Winter, a commercial printer of that city, who admits having used on circulars that he sent sent out counterfeit 2c stamps. We are told that an unusually good plate from which the stamps were made was confiscated. It is not believed that Winter had confederates, officials state, for everything points to the fact that he worked alone. It seems that Winter had a contract with a local firm to place 40,000 2c stamps on as many envelopes and this caused him to develop the plan to make counterfeit stamps, disposing of the good ones at the regular price.

To quote from the paper, "The product of the plate is the best the inspectors have ever seen. It is absolutely faultless so far as workmanship is concerned, the only defect in the stamp being the inferiority of the paper".

I have seen a copy on the cover cancelled "Toledo, April 19, 2:30 P. M." and must say that the inspectors have poor eyes. While the stamp is far superior in workmanship to the recently discovered New York counterfeit as well as the old Chicago variety it would never confuse a philatelist. The work is done by some photographic method and somewhat resembles the surface prints. It is the same size as the genuine variety, but is perforated 12 instead of 11. The color is correct but the work is heavy, none of the lines standing out very well. The paper is somewhat gray and looks soiled when attached to a white envelope. It is no doubt the finest counterfeit that has yet appeared to defraud the government.

AUSTRIA.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co. two values of a new design, both showing the portrait of "Wilheim Kratz". They are of oblong shape and the values are 3000kr brown and 4800kr blue.

GERMANY.—Mr. J. L. Riedel and the Economist Stamp Co. have submitted copies of the 10mk and 25mk air mail stamps. They are of the same design as AP3 and the colors are purple magenta and brown and yellow, respectively.

At the same time our correspondents report that the 5m orange in the miner at work type and the 40m green in the reaper type have been issued.

HONDURAS.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 1c brown of the 1920 series with the surcharge "$0.10 Habilatado Vale Diez Cts." in green in four lines and the 2c carmine of the same issue with the overprint "$0. Habilatado Vale Cta Cts." in the sam manner and color as the first mentione

LUXEMBURG.—Mr. Henry Hoorema sends us the new 10fr stamp with th surcharge in red for official use.

Mr. Hooreman also advises that a ne 3fr stamp is in preparation reproducin the "Wolfschlucht", or hole in Ech teruach.

MAURITIUS.—We have just receive from Mr. R. Roberts the 25c black an red on new yellow paper with scri watermark.

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.—Mr. G. W. Reynolds states that the variety "Wes" fo "West" occurs on the second stamp i the bottom row of the 2d Postage Due The same reader shows us a pair of th 2d (not Due), with inverted overprint He states that one sheet has been discovered thus so far.—*Gibbons' Monthl List.*

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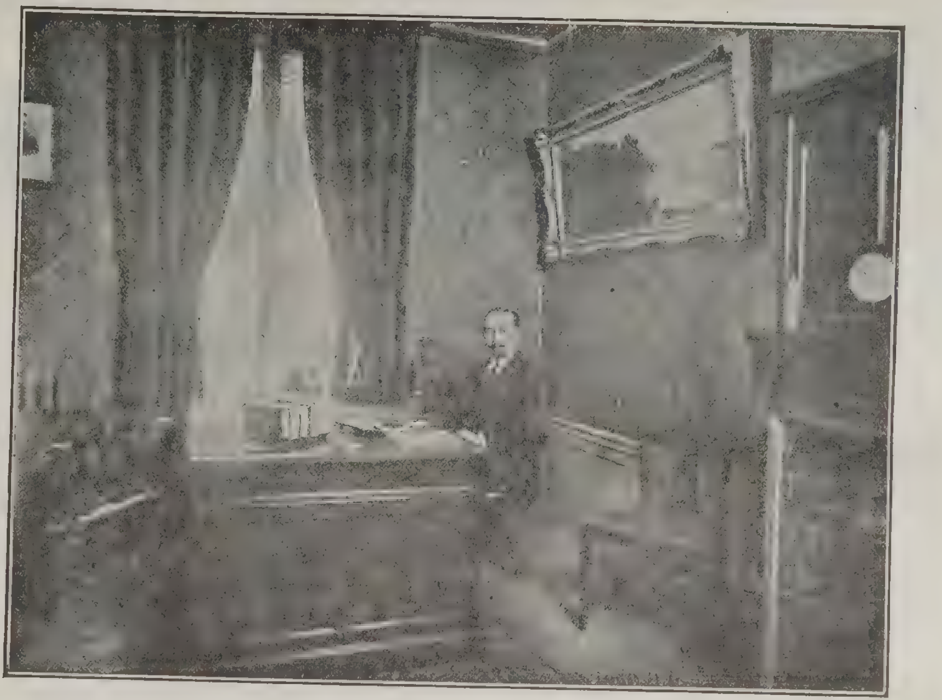

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PHILATELY AS A NATIONAL ASSET.

By L. O. Trivett, F. R. P. S. L.

A paper read at the meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, Nov. 30, 1922.

How can it be made so? Only through the interest of those who possess stamps.

In Lutterworth Church, of which Wycliff the reformer was priest, there is a fresco of three kings, who were pointed at by three grinning skeletons, who say, "As you are, we were—as we are, you will be." The moral is—make the most of the opportunities which arise to do good.

The owners of stamp collections who put them away and hide them are doing no good to the state, but are keeping hidden away objects which may be of service to the growing boy, or girl, in fitting them for the strenuous battle of life which they will have to face.

What is a stamp? A little bit of paper on which colour and letters or figures are printed. The lettering or figures on the stamp teaches them the geography of the world, as each stamp represents some State where it is issued.

Thus by interesting the boy or girl in stamps, you teach them geography.

In the figure printed on the stamp, say of Fiji, where negroes in loin clothes sit under a broiling sun, you teach them the temperature, or weather conditions, of the place whence the stamp is issued.

This enables them, if they ultimately go into business, to know that it is no use trying to sell heavy wool textiles to the natives, but light, cheap materials which are suitable for the climatic conditions of that country.

Secondly, by the stamps of Newfoundland the boy or girl learns the products, and by the Columbus stamps of the United States the history of the country issuing them. On each stamp is lettering, or figure, denoting the country from whence it comes and the value of the issue. This is mostly printed in the language of the country. It therefore follows that this is teaching them first of all the language used in the various countries of the world, and also the fiscal or monetary system in use.

If the collector learns these facts, it is a start in the learning first of all of those languages outside Great Britain where trade may be done, and the system of the reckoning up by conversion of the English currency into that of other countries, so that they know the money value at which goods can be sold.

This would be a great national asset, as in the past we have had to depend mainly on foreigners, for first of all doing foreign correspondence, secondly as travellers, and thirdly as agents for British firms, exporting goods overseas, in consequence of the lack of knowledge of our workers of these important subjects, which is essential to an export trade.

By collecting stamps systematically, the boy or girl soon learns that a stamp is unsuitable to place in a collection unless it is perfect, that is not torn or damaged.

Secondly, that if used it is lightly cancelled and not blurred over.

Thirdly, that it is well centered.

Fourthly, that it is not faded.

All these points help to form a knowledge of system, and to build up capacity in the various pursuits of life.

The stamps, say of Cuba, or the Philippines, or of the various European States, show dynastic changes and portray the history of that country by the change of name, or change in character, or portrait on the stamp.

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Later we have the aerial post, which shows the mechanical control of the air for the service of man, by the use of aerial transport.

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It teaches thrift. A boy or girl who makes a collection of stamps spends some of his or her pocket money on their treasures, and at the same time as they are acquiring knowledge they are forming a valuable asset.

It builds up character and it fits them on the principles of self-reliance, without strenuous aids, to fight the battle as a unit of the British Empire, and it forms an asset in the knowledge of the world, and its requirements, which even though as collectors the boys or girls give away later, or even lose their collections, and even though they may cease entirely to have any further interest in the accumulation of stamps, they can never lose the knowledge acquired, which will remain with them while they live.

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On finishing my simple paper, I can imagine you will say—it is very easy for Mr. Trivett to tell us all these advantages of philately, but how are we to get in touch with the boy or girl who is to take advantage of the same?

In reply I would give a personal description of what happened three weeks ago in Nottingham.

The Notts Philatelic Society invited boys and girls to come and bring with them any stamps they might possess. A large room was used, and we had a number of the pupils of the Nottingham High School, with a master. We had a lot of the Scouts, both country and to and we had a number of juniors joined up with any organization. long central table with chairs, was f by our visitors, and very soon, as crowd increased, additional tables ha be brought in, until the room was li beehive. The members of the soc walked up and down, had a look at various treasures brought by the chil present. I then gave a few words encouragement, not on the lines of school teacher, or parent, enfor some method, or rule, which must observed, but rather on the lines of "Big Brother". For I love you, and love me, and we love one another, aren't so much like father and son big brothers and little brothers.

The children responded, and w very soon eagerly engaged in compa notes.

Nothing more was said, and it with difficulty we could modify t enthusiasm for their wonderful col tions, in order to give us time to tribute some little packets, of which had ninety, subscribed for by the ge osity of the members of our soci each one getting a packet.

That meeting went on until it had be broken up, and the children home, they being the most loth to In other words they had interested amused one another. They had d more, they had brought into the life the older members of the society a f ing that in associating themselves w the pleasure and pursuits of the yo they had themselves cast off many we This service is supposed to operate tw years of life's journey.

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By C. E. BRINTON.

The Fourteenth Anniversary of the Philadelphia Stamp Club was observed by a banquet and exhibition of rare stamps April 26th. Thirty-five members and four visitors were present. After partaking of a very good dinner the President-elect, Mr. W. H. Emmert, gave a short talk. Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., then introduced Mr. Joseph A. Steinmetz, the principal exhibitor of the evening, who showed those present the great possibilities in mounting stamps and how to get the greatest amount of interest and sentiment tucked into his album. A *"centimental"* page contained about twenty perfection copies of the U. S. 1869 Lincoln's; another page had enough Cape of Hope's on it to make a good collection in itself. Mr. Steinmetz's "Odd Pages Picked at Random" were heartily enjoyed by all, and recalled the New York exhibition of 1913, when he captured the Visitor's Cup with some "Random Pages". While showing these rarities he commented on the great value of rare postage stamps as investments and compared them with leading commercial securities, and convinced those present that they were a gilt-edged investment, and, if purchased discreetly, superior to almost any bonds on the market today.

Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., then exhibited his beautifully mounted collection of stamps of the new Irish Free State. This collection was started about February, 1922, and contains everything so far issued, not only in singles, but there were many original covers and blocks. Mr. Eugene Klein remarked that Mr. Ward's collection would sell today for probably four times what it cost originally. Mr. Klein spoke of the proposed stamp exhibition to be held in Philadelphia in 1926, outlining what would be necessary, and stressing the fact that if it was to be a success that it should be started soon. The New York exhibition of 1913 took three years to plan and perfect and it will take that much time for ours. He proposed that the Philadelphia Stamp Club should send to each member reply post cards and ascertain the sentiment.

Among those present were Rear Admiral Harris, Messrs. Joseph A. Steinmetz, Gustave Burger (New York), P. M. Wolsieffer, Fred Liebeck, Eugene Klein, Philip H. Ward, Jr., Percy M. Mann, Carl Young, Alfred Henkels, C. E. Walters, Francis H. Earp, Julius Windner, W. H. Emmert, J. Weer Chew, Prof. Julius Neufeld, Ralph Mercur, Mr. Hoover, of the firm of Davis & Harvey, auctioneers, Billy Lempold, Frank Anselm and many others. Wilmington, Del., Stamp Club was represented by Edgar W. Fielding. Edgar L. Green and Jimmy Whiteside were unable to attend on account of sickness.

All present arose and stood with bowed heads for one minute in silence out of respect for our deceased beloved brother, Robert Craighead.

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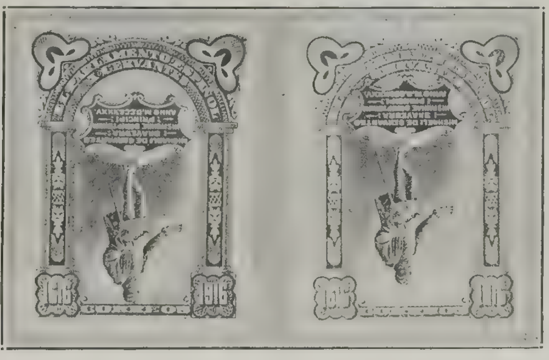

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By Douglas B. Armstrong.

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Summary.

1914. May 1st. "Russisch Polen" overprinted in two lines of black Gothic type on contemporary postage stamps of German Empire at Imperial Printing Works, Berlin. Wmk. Lozenges. Perf. 14.
3 pfennig brown.
5 pfennig green.
10 pfennig carmine.
20 pfennig ultramarine.
40 pfennig carmine and black.

No major varieties of this overprint have been recorded.

II.—Governor-Generalship of Warsaw.

After the fall of Warsaw and the complete occupation of Northern Poland, the German administration was vested in a Governor-General residing at Warsaw, under whose direction a system of military government was organized.

The form of overprint upon the German postage stamps employed in the postal service under this regime was amended to "Gen. Gouv. Warschau," the first to be issued being the new duties 2½, 7½ and 15 pfg, introduced on August 1st, 1915. The remaining values made their appearance at intervals during 1916-17, continuing in circulation until the end of November, 1918.

Shades apart, there are no varieties of importance in this issue.

1916-17. "Gen. Gouv. Warschau" in two lines of black Gothic type overprinted on contemporary postage stamps of German Empire at Imperial Printing Works, Berlin. Wmk. Lozenges. Perf. 14.
2½ pfg grey, deep grey (1/8/16).
3 pfg brown, yellow-brown (?).
5 pfg green, dark green (Oct. 1917).
7½ pfg orange, red-orange (1/8/16).
10 pfg carmine, rose (April 1917).
15 pfg yellow-brown (1/8/16).
15 pfg violet, deep violet (Dec. 1917).
20 pfg ultramarine, deep blue(Oct. '17).
30 pfg orange and black on buff (May 1917).
40 pfg carmine and black (May 1917).
60 pfg lilac, red-lilac (May 1917).

III.—Courier Service of the X Army.

A public courier service was established in August, 1918, in the territory occupied by the X German Army Corps, with headquarters at Minsk, where at that time no civil postal facilities existed. The Army post served the Polish towns. Type-set stamps with a Russian inscription in two lines were provided in the denominations 30 and 60 pfg, the total printing of each value amounting to 50,000 stamps. The fee for registered letters was 40 pfg and a provisional stamp of that value was improvised by surcharging the 30 pfg.

Summary.

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IV.—Essays.

In connection with the projected restoration of the Polish Monarchy under a German ruler in 1918, a series of national postage stamps was prepared in Berlin, after the designs of a Polish artist, bearing the uniform inscription "KROLESTWO POLSKIE" (Polish Kingdom). Proof impressions from the plates of each of the thirteen values were actually struck off at the Imperial Printing Works, Berlin, but the collapse of the German offensive prevented the stamps being placed in circulation. It is noteworthy that certain of these designs were subsequently adopted, with modified inscriptions, for the first general stamp series of the Republic of Poland:—

Summary.

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7½ fenigow violet (Sobieski Memorial).
10 fenigow red (Sobieski Memorial).
15 fenigow dark green (Polish Eagle).
20 fenigow ultramarine (Polish Eagle).
30 fenigow red-orange (Crown and Shield).
40 fenigow dark green (Knight on Horseback).
60 fenigow brown (Ploughman and team).
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Fifteen copies on pelure paper, imperf. include all values but the threepence. The 6d black-brown, rouletted 7 on pelure paper; and the 1d orange-vermilion, the 2d pale ultramarine, the 6d black-brown, and the 1sh deep green, perf. 13 at Dunedin are all displayed, many of these being of great rarity. The 2d on thick "no Wmk." paper, perf. 13, is also shown unused.

Of the Auckland prints on "star" paper, those rouletted 7 are represented by thirteen copies, including the 1d in both orange-vermilion and vermilion; the 2d in both deep and pale blue shades; the 3d brown-lilac and the 6d in black-brown, brown and red-brown. The 3d brown-lilac is also shown serrated, a great rarity.

The rarities on "N. Z." paper are well represented, including several copies each in different shades, of the 1d, 2d, 6d and 1sh imperforate; the Dunedin perforated 13's include the extremely rare 1d carmine-vermilion, and the 2d, 6d and 1sh in numerous shades. The 6d with Auckland perf. 12½ and the 1d and 2d rouletted add to the fine display made by these rarities.

The varieties on "star" paper, perforated 13 at Dunedin, include many rarities amongst the twenty-one specimens shown; of these the most notable are, the 1d in both orange-vermilion and carmine-vermilion; the 2d Plate I in numerous shades of blue and including the "worn plate" variety; the 3d brown-lilac; the 6d in its black-brown, brown and red-brown shades; and the 1sh in dull green.

The same series perforated 12½ at Auckland makes a splendid exhibit with forty-three singles, and numerous pairs and blocks. The singles include such rarities as the 2d blue, plate II, retouched; the 3d brown-lilac, and deep mauve; the 4d orange and the 1sh deep green. The pairs include examples of the 1d carmine-vermilion; 2d deep blue, Plate II; the 3d in brown-lilac, also in lilac; and the 1sh in deep green. The blocks include the 1d carmine-vermilion; the 3d lilac; the 4d yellow; and the 1sh yellow-green.

The color changes of 1871 on "star" paper, perforated 12½ show the 2d orange retouched; the 2d vermilion both normal and retouched.

On the "no Wmk." paper, perf. 12½, the 1d brown, the 2d pale vermilion, and the latter value retouched, are shown; while on the "N. Z." paper, perf. 12½, the rare 2d vermilion is seen.

From the used portion of the collection items were selected for display which would not duplicate those selections from the unused portion. Two covers, each bearing the half of a shilling stamp used as 6d are the first noteworthy items shown, these being of great rarity. The collection, however, contains many items of rarity, such as the various used examples of the first issue, of which a pair of the 1d should be mentioned.

A display page devoted to imperforate pairs and strips of the values printed on the hard or soft paper "without wmk." includes the 1d dull orange, 2d pale blue, blue and deep blue shades, and 6d in brown, pale brown and chestnut shades.

A wonderful lot on this same paper, of the rare pin-perf. 10 shows the 1d dull orange; 2d blue; 6d brown; and 1sh blue-green; of the extremely rare serrates; 1d dull orange; 2d blue; 6d brown and also chestnut; and the 1sh blue-green; and the rare roulettes; 1d dull orange; 2d blue; 6d brown, and 1sh blue-green; filling two pages, twenty-six copies in all.

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Of the Auckland printings, on "star" paper, the extremely rare roulettes are all shown; including the 1d orange-vermilion and vermilion shades; the 2d in several shades of blue; the 3d brown-lilac; the 6d in the black-brown, brown, and red-brown shades; and the 1sh in the green, yellow-green and deep green shades. In addition several rare covers are shown bearing some of these rouletted varieties.

Fifteen specimens of the serrates, great rarities, are displayed; including the 1d orange-vermilion; the 2d in both the deep blue and slate-blue shades; the 3d brown-lilac; the 6d in both the black-brown and brown shades and the 1sh yellow-green. Two pages show some of these rare serrates on original covers, as well as an example of the 2d deep blue, pin-perf. 10.

On "N. Z." paper several of the great rarities of the colony are shown; including in the series perforated 13 at Dunedin, the 1d carmine-vermilion; the 2d of Plate II worn, in pale blue; the 6d brown, and the 1sh green; twenty-one copies in all. The Auckland perf. 12½'s include the same four values as with the Dunedin perforation, but the 1d carmine-vermilion perf. 12½ is at present unlisted. Thirteen specimens fill this display, while fifteen of the rouletted varieties, divided amongst the four values brings the display pages to a close.

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These necessary five varieties are shown, together with a correct assembly of the entire group.

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OUR REVIEW.

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—Bright & Son send us their March-April pricelist. It deals particularly with British Colonials in multiple CA and new script CA watermarks. For a copy address 164 Strand, London, England.

—We have received a card from C. S. Watson dated Paris, April 28. He is there attending the latest Ferrari sale.

—A. Bauer, Palmyra, N. J., can get no reply to communications sent J. R. Deshon, 806 13th St., Oakland, Cal.

—The Geo. W. Linn Co. has removed its office down town again, and is now located at 210 Clinton Bldg., Columbus, O. Mr. Linn expects to stock up with a full line of material for counter trade and will prepare this summer for a going business in the fall.

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—We have a welcome word from Maxwell Krause who writes that he has gone through a successful operation and is now on the road to recovery. It will be another ten days before he will be able to attend to routine matters, but by June 1- he expects to be in proper shape to carry on his business. We extend our congratulations and in doing this we are joined by a large circle of our readers.

—Collectors who are interested in the stamps of the Irish Free state, novelties and special bargains in old and recent issues, and stamps used on entire original covers, should write W. T. Wilson, Birmingham, England, for a copy of his April list.

—Elsewhere in this issue will be found the advertisement of L. J. O'Keefe of St. John's, Newfoundland. Mr. O'Keefe specializes in the stamps of Newfoundland and numbers among his customers some of the oldest and best known of U. S. dealers. We recommend him to the favorable consideration of our readers.

—We have received from W. E. Dunlap of San Francisco, a specimen of the new 20c stamp on original cover, bearing postmark on the first day of sale. The post-office, not content with a double cancellation on the face of the envelope has for good measure a third cancellation upon the reverse.

—The *National Geographic Magazine* for May has just come to hand and in the leading article, which is on Egypt and the recent discoveries, there is a paragraph of interest to stamp collectors who are condition cranks.—J. G. JEWETT.

—Frank A. Goldsmith has shown us the following new advertising cancellations:—"Rutland Vermont Live Stock Exposition, Sept. 3 to 8, 1923" from Rutland, Vt., and "B in Burlington June 10-11-12, 150th Anniversary Celebration" from Burlington, Vt.

—Andrew R. Perry, well and favorably known by the collectors of Providence, R. I., has opened a stamp shop at 107 Westminster St., Providence, and the same will be occupied jointly with the Rhode Island Philatelic Society. This arrangement will doubtless be very satisfactory, as it will give the members of the Society the advantage of headquarters in the heart of the city.

—Oscar Andreen, A. P. S., member for many years (No. 453), of 1512 South St., Lexington, Mo., died April 14th, after a long illness.

—The Stamp Collectors Club "Philatelia" has been organized about two months ago. The society is open for membership to any collector living in Brooklyn, New York City and suburbs. Members meet at 2136 86th, Brooklyn, N. Y., every other Saturday evening. Next meeting is on Saturday, June 2. The entrance fee is $1. only. If interested, please write for particulars. Sec. H. Deeken, 19 Sheridan Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.—*Advertisement.*

HISTORY FROM POSTAGE STAMPS.

By CHARLES G. WILSON.

Greece has twice issued commemorative sets of stamps for the Olympic Games held in that country in 1896 and 1906. The issue of 1896 was to commemorate the modern restoration of the Olympiads in that year.

The Olympic Games of antiquity from which the modern Games are copied, had their origin in Greece so long ago that the date is unknown, lost in the mists of time. Legend attributes their foundation to Zeus, father of the gods of Hellenic mythology. From 776 B. C. the Greeks reckoned time by Olympiads, which were held from thence on, for over a thousand years, and did much to maintain a Hellenic union and to form a sense of common Greek life.

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Messrs. Chun Foh Ziang and Z. W. Chang have recently written us interesting letters on the subject of the stamps listed by Gibbons under the heading "Chinese P. O.'s in Eastern Turkestan," while an article on the same subject by Mr. James Starr has been published in the *American Philatelist.* We find, from these sources, that the catalogue list requires amendment in certain particulars, and to the revised list here given we add a few notes on this little known territory drawn mainly from Mr. Starr's interesting notes and the pages of the *Statesman's Year Book*, that source of so much unacknowledged information.

Sin-Kiang, or the New Dominion, as it is called, consists of Chinese Turkestan, Kulja and Kashgaria, and includes all Chinese dependencies between Mongolia on the north and Tibet on the south. Estimates of the area vary between 550,000 and 708,000 square miles and of population between 1,200,000 and 2,000,000, the population being on the increase. The country as a whole lies some thousands of feet above sea-level, with mountains in the south running up to 20,000 feet. When we add that one river, the Tarim, is 1000 miles long it will be seen that the country is not built on a small scale.

The inhabitants are of various races, known as Turki, mostly Mohammedan and Chinese. The chief towns are Ili (where the Chinese administrators reside), Kashgar, Yarkand, Khotan and Aksu. Until recently the Chinese hold on the country has not been very firm,

(*Continued on page 265.*)

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Chapter IV.

The Last Red Cross Issue.

On January 15, 1918, the most ambitious of the Red Cross series appeared, the entire set of the stamps of 1915 being overprinted with new values (corresponding to those expressed on the designs of the stamps surcharged) and Geneva Cross in red, the extra impost helping to swell the Red Cross funds. No change was made in the color of the stamps of the portrait design, though the shades were different, but the higher denominations were printed in colors quite distinct from those used for the regular postage series. The catalogues give the color of the overprint as red, but as a matter of fact it is carmine on all except the 1c, 2c, 5c, 15c and 20c, and on these it is vermilion.

The 10 centimes is known with double surcharge, the 1c is listed with smaller numeral "1" and the 5c with small letter "c", but what positions these occupied in the sheets we cannot say.

Reference List.

1918. Stamps of 1915 in modified shades or altered colors overprinted with additional values and Geneva Cross in carmine or vermilion by Waterlow Bros. and Layton, London. No wmk. Perf. 14. The numbers overprinted are shown in parenthesis.

1c+1c orange (400,000).
2c+2c brown (400,000).
5c+5c green (400,000).
10c+10c carmine (400,000).
(a) Double surcharge.
15c+15c violet (200,000).
20c+20c purple-brown (200,000).
25c+25c bright blue (200,000).
35c+35c violet and black (75,000).
40c+40c dull red and black (75,000).
50c+50c turquoise blue and black (75,000).
1fr+1fr greenish slate (75,000).
2fr+2fr deep green (25,000).
5fr+5fr brown (25,000).
10fr+10fr deep blue (25,000).

Chapter V.

The Olympic Games Issue.

This chapter will be found on page 493, Oct. 7, 1922, issue.

Chapter VI.

The Disabled Veterans Stamp.

The *Etoile Belge* for May 4, 1922, contained the following paragraph in reference to a forthcoming stamp:—

"The Administration of Posts has just introduced an idea which we hasten to warmly commend to our readers. On or about the 25th inst a new postage stamp, 20 centimes, is to be issued, and is to be sold at an extra 20c for the benefit of those disabled in the war. The number printed is strictly limited and collectors should lose no time if they wish for examples.

The stamp has been engraved on steel and printed in America after the style of the beautifully-produced Olympic Games series. It has been designed the well-known artist, M. Anton Ca who has declined any fee in view of worthy cause. The subject of the des is allegorical, depicting a disabled w rior holding the Belgian flag in his ri hand and a sword, surmounted laurel, in his left, standing in respect and admiring attitude before the portr of our beloved sovereign.

This stamp is such a marvelous li piece of work that even non-philateli will probably wish to obtain entire she of it, both because it is a real work art and because of the noble object."

This stamp was engraved and prin by the American Bank Note Compa of New York in sheets of 100 stamps ten rows of ten. The main feature the design is a nude figure of a warr with bandaged head looking at a sm medallion enclosing a profile portrait King Albert. In his left hand the wa rior holds a sword and bunch of lau leaves, while with his right he holds stave from which the Belgian flag suspended. Above his head is "BE GIQUE" and by his right knee "BELGIE", while the inscription at bo tom reads "POUR LES INVALIDE —20c—VOOR DE INVALIEDEN" three lines. In the lower corners a "20" and "C" respectively, while in t background above "BELGIE" is t name of the artist in tiny capitals, vi "ANTO CARTE, 1921". Below the d sign the imprint of the manufacture is shown.

The stamps were sold for 40 centim though only having a franking value 20c, the extra 20c going to the fund f disabled veterans of the Great Wa They continued on sale until Decemb 31, 1922, and will not be good for pos age after January 15, 1923.

1922. Engraved and printed by th American Bank Note Co., New Yor No wmk. Perf 12.

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(*To be continued.*)

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*1922, Nos. 250-61, 69, 74	.44	.12
*—Nos. 402-09	.16	.04
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*1919, Nos. 1-10	3.97	.50
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*1911, Nos. 92, 93	.11	.04
o1914, Nos. 94-104, 10, 11, 13, 14..	.34	.08
*1919, Nos. 176-87	.31	.09
*—Nos. 188-91	.70	.20
*—No. 191, complete sheet of 20	6.00	2.00
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*1920, Nos. 231-33	.32	.10
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SALE OF THE EAGLE COLLECTION.

SECTION II.

By J. Murray Bartels.

On May 3rd and 5th another instalment of the large specialized U. S. collection of the late Clarence H. Eagle was sold in New York by the J. M. Bartels Co. According to Walter S. Scott he considered the first session the most successful sale he ever held.

The first 344 lots comprised stamps on covers and issues prior to 1890. These were very strong in odd cancellations and more appreciated by out-of-town buyers as the strong attendance on the floor got less than 40% of the lots. The item attracting most attention was an 1857, 3c on cover, canc. PHILADELPHIA, AUG. 29, 1861, "OLD STAMPS NOT RECOGNIZED" across the stamps. It was run to $38 after keen competition. A cover, 1862-66, 2c two strips of three, from Honolulu, one stamp repaired, brought $55. A Confederate envelope, Columbia, S. C. (No. 30), brought $33 (cat. $30.). A similar Raleigh, N. C. (No. 116, cat. $25.), brought $36 and an unpriced Tuscumbia, Ala. (No. 138), $25.25. 1861, 10c (August), red canc., $30.50.

The strong feature of the sale was the wonderful lot of issues 1890 to date, including all the dollar values in blocks of four, and other rarities practically complete. The floor was very active and secured slightly more than half of the lots, including most of the higher priced items, however all five of the inverted centers were sold on orders. Many new records were reached, especially on blocks of four, and a list of some of the principal items will prove of interest. All are unused and o. g., blocks contain four stamps.

1890, 1-90c imperf., blocks.	$199.00
2c, rare reddish shade, block of six	16.50
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$4, pale carmine rose, block	52.00
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$1, Type I, block of four	23.00
$1, same, used	17.00
$2, block, (one thin)	50.00
$5, block	66.00
1895, 50c deep red orange, block	23.00
$1, block (with imprint)	40.00
$1, Type II, block	70.00
$5, block, perfection	105.00
1c-$5, in imperf. blocks	352.00
1898, 6c purple lake, block	34.00
Omaha, 8c, part perf., pair	129.00
$2, block	104.00
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1c, invert, used	59.00
2c, invert, used, torn	171.00
1902, $1, block	19.50
$5, block	55.00
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This section of the Eagle Collection contained 874 lots and realized about $8,100. The floor secured exactly 50% of the total number, while the rest went to outside bidders; the latter percentage being considerably less than is usual at sales by our firm. While many failed to score there were 142 represented by bid lists, who obtained lots in spite of the heavy local attendance.

The next section of the Eagle Collection will be offered by J. C. Morgenthau & Co., on May 15-17 and contains principally the 1869, issue specialized, including many proofs and essay of this issue, furthermore Departments, many in blocks and some Carriers.

Percy G. Doane, will sell about 900 lots of Revenues, mostly in blocks, the end of May, while Kelton & Sloane as well as M. Ohlman later will also sell the remaining portions of this wonderful U. S. Collection, which is undoubtedly the most comprehensive one ever assembled. Others have been stronger in the great rarities but none cover so wide a field, including cancellations and covers as this one. The owner had marked in cypher on nearly every item the price he paid and from whom it had been obtained. This is a very useful habit, especially when such notes are made on the hinges. The date is often also useful.

The New York *Times* has printed reports of the Eagle Sale each time. In fact, this wide awake and popular daily contains one or more articles or notes on stamps nearly every week.

THE EXHIBITION BANQUET.

The Official Banquet of the London International Stamp Exhibition has been fixed for Thursday, May 17th, in the Grand Hall of the Hotel Cecil, Strand, at 7 for 7.30 P. M.

Many distinguished guests have accepted the invitation of the President and Council to be present, and the gathering will be one of the most brilliant functions in the history of Philately throughout the world.

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EDITORIAL.

A collector residing in St. Louis has sent us a copy of a letter recently despatched to Third Assistant Postmaster General Glover at Washington, from which we take the liberty of quoting as follows: "The writer has for some time past purchased stamps advertised by the Philatelic Stamp Agency which I understand comes under your supervision. In talking to other U. S. collectors, there does not seem to be any clear idea as to what the Agency furnishes. To further make this matter clear, I have before me your Circular P. S. A. 6. This list gives all the stamps for sale which is satisfactory as far as it goes. However, many collectors especially interested in U. S. stamps want arrow blocks of four, center line blocks and plate number blocks of six, and even center blocks of four, both of perforated and imperforate issues. While I presume that it is the policy of the Agency not to advertise its goods, yet many collectors do not understand that the Agency will furnish these position blocks, and therefore do not order. In other words, they think that they have to buy entire sheets in order to get these position blocks." The writer proceeds to make the suggestion that the Agency announce its willingness to sell position blocks when they are clearly indicated (by sketch if necessary) by the purchaser. The suggestion is an original one and it will be of interest to know if the Agency will accede to it or whether the ratio of blocks to single stamps will be cited as an objection to advertising as aforesaid.

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If the reader who protests against our classification of the U. S. set of 1869 as an ordinary issue and not in the category of commemorative has any facts to prove his assertion that the '69 set is the first commemorative issue, we should like to have them. As early as in March, 1868, the designs of three of the values were given through the courtesy of a friend of Mr. J. W. Scott in the postal department, sa follows: 2c, post cart, for city delivery; 3c, steam cars, for inland postage and 12c, steamship for ocean postage. These descriptions were the nearest approach to any commemorative aspect that could be claimed for the issue and they fall short of proving the case in favor of commemoration. We have searched through the contemporary stamp literature of 1868 and early in 1869. That effort was spent to make the stamps distinctive is true and that the Associated Press of that day described the stamps as showing "national designs of pogramatic character," is admitted, but no real basis is afforded for commemorative claims. The designs of the stamps were symbolical, "confined for the most part to the distinctive mission of our American institutions," but were not intended as commemorative.

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"Riq," in his coruscating column in the Chicago *Post*, like his fellow gleaner in the vineyard of verbal quips and quiddities, Keith Preston of the Chicago *News*, shows that he is no stranger to stamp collecting. In "Riq's" announcement of a "column" university, he bestows a professorship on one of his contributors, W. W. Nefarious, and styles him "Extension Lecturer in Numismatics and Early Spring Philately." That's the boy, "Riq"; and in recognition of your giving warm shoulder to the brand of philately that blooms in the spring, we shall all turn out to the philatelic lectures of the learned Nefarious.

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Referring to lectures, we are reminded that in speaking at a community club recently, the editor said that it was all right to have pet ideas but that it was not fair to force them on the other members who might be reluctant to accept them; and with a fine show of earnestness we spouted that if one of the members insisted that because he liked to collect stamps, all the others should, he was a disturbing element. After the little talk was over, one young man said that he was a stamp collector but that he rarely mentioned the fact, he "did not know why." We showed him that he went to the other extreme and that it was only right on proper occasion, that he say that he collected. He had never heard of the WEEKLY, by the way.

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From an old friend of A. von Glahn, who with Fred Busse, later mayor of Chicago, published the *Philatelic Headlight* in 1883-84, at Chicago, we have received an inquiry asking whether Mr. von Glahn has returned to the philatelic fold. We take the following description from the letter of our correspondent: "I well remember my visit to his house on the north side in Chicago a number of years ago (I hate to say how many), when he opened his bureau drawer and showed me all the Allen's locals in sheets."

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A reader who has followed our remarks on the marketability of stamp collections speaks a good word for stamps. He says that in a recent break in the stock market, it became necessary for him to keep his "margins" safe by putting all the cash that he could rake and scrape together, in order to protect the securities, in the hands of his broker. He says that he obtained in spot cash from a dealer a sum that represented a higher proportion of the estimated value of the stamp collection than the yield obtained from the sale of his books and pictures. He says that he was perilously near the edge of the financial abyss for some time but that without any question he was "saved by stamps."

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A letter from an old collector who signs himself "'95'er" speaks right out from a breast full of indignation. Let him tell his story: "It has been a long time since I have been active, in fact, it was about twenty years ago that I put my old National Stamp Album with spaces only for United States issues, out of harm's way; and only recently I resurrected it. I have got my stamp balance again but what confounds me is that the catalogue dismissed evidently some years ago the ribbed paper varieties of the 1875 issue which at one time received so much attention from collectors. These stamps, one cent to ninety cents, were regarded as especially desirable and that they were fully recognized as collectible is shown by the old catalogues, *vide* that of 1897, as big type varieties. Columns were written in their favor by investigators, and they who specialized in U. S., paid high prices for some of the values. Some of the stamps were not priced and others were listed at $25. each, and now I read in the current catalogue that these stamps with others 'may be found upon a paper that which shows more or less of the characteristics of a ribbed paper.' This is unfair and what was once admittedly ribbed paper is still ribbed paper." There is more, but we leave it to the imagination, but we remember that many students maintained at the time that the so-called ribbed paper was not the ribbed paper of the paper manufacturer; and they were catalogued in a moment of undue tolerance.

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The coming exhibition, which has been organized by the Junior Philatelic Society of London, of which Fred J. Melville, the well known stamp expert, is President, is also in the nature of a competition, for which a number of gold medals will be offered for the best collections from various countries, in addition to the Grand Prize for the finest general collection.

The exhibition from the Post Office Department is not entered for any of the competitive medals. So far as known it will be the finest governmental display in the exhibition.

"When the department received an invitation from London to send over a set of its stamps," said Mr. Glover, "Postmaster General New considered it of such significance in the recognition of the Government's interest in philately that he immediately cabled an acceptance. It may be interesting to know that a special request was made to show one of the famous error air-plane stamps, the first 24-cent issue, with the inverted centre, and a die-proof of that rarity has been included. Very few of these stamps got out and they are now valued at more than $1,000 apiece."

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Frame Contains 1,200 Stamps.

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The background is composed of the new yellow 10-cent Monroe stamps. The other stamps forming the design are inlaid. The national colors in the United States shield are made by using the ordinary 2-cent stamps of the old issue for the red stripes, the background for the white stripes and the new 5-cent Roosevelt stamps for the blue field. The wreath surrounding the shield is formed by a double row of stamps, the outer composed of the new dark blue 14-cent American Indian and the inner row of the light 11-cent Hayes stamps.

Within the circle, in an ornamental panel, is the entire issue of the new stamps, all imperforate, while the complete issue of the old stamps is in a similar panel directly beneath. Surmounting the shield is the spread eagle of the United States with transparent rays shooting forth. In panels on either side above the shield are the commemorative 1, 2, 5 and 10 cent San Francisco stamps of 1913 and the Tercentenary series of 1, 2 and 5 cent stamps and the 3-cent Liberty stamp. Below the wreath are specimens of the airplane stamps issues, with the die-proof of the inverted centre stamp. The shield is surrounded by a wreath of blue stamps and a border of lathe and ornamental work reproduced from United States notes and bonds.

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On the voyage this frame of United States stamps will be stored in the specie room of the Homeric. Mr. Glover is also taking with him as a gift from Postmaster General New to the Postmaster General of Great Britain, Sir William Joynson Hicks, a beautifully engraved leather bound album with proofs on India paper of all of the new stamp values, twenty-two varieties. Years ago proofs of the United States stamps got out of the Post Office Department by various means, but they are now carefully guarded, and even a request from Senator Frelinghuysen for a proof set failed to break the iron-clad rule of the department. Senator Frelinghuysen has sent some of his rare United States stamps to the London Exhibition and they are entered for competition.

Mr. Glover will be the official United States representative at the dinner to be held by the Junior Philatelic Society of London on May 17. Beside the Postmaster General of Great Britain, guests will include Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins, the novelist; Sir William Berry, Sir Bertram Mackennel, the sculptor and the designer of the current British coins and stamps, and representatives of many foreign countries.

During his stay in London Mr. Glover said he would have a conference with the British Postmaster General regarding the proposed increased weight in parcel post packages from 4 pounds and 6 ounces to 11 pounds.—*N. Y. Times.*

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.—At the time I wrote my last notes I had not as yet seen the new 7c, 8c, 14c and 20c which were placed on sale on May 1st. All of the 7c were from one plate, namely number 14584, while four plates of the other denominations were completed. In the case of the 8c these were 14569 to 14572 inclusive, 14c numbers 14512 to 14515 and of the 20c numbers 14559 to 14562 inclusive. Sheets as usual were autographed by the Postmaster General, the Director of the Bureau and the Third Assistant Postmaster General. This time the Postmaster General signed "H. S. New" instead of simply initials as heretofore.

Five thousand of the 7c were sent to Niles, Ohio, for sale on the first day, twenty thousand of the 14c to Muskogee, Oklahoma, and a like amount of the 20c to San Francisco.

I am now definitely informed that we will shortly have a new 12c linen lined envelope and this will show an embossed portrait of Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has also started to pre-cancel stamps of the 1c denomination and the first lot has gone to New York. These are printed and cancelled on the rotary press consequently they will be rotary impressions, perforated 10. These stamps are now printed, then cancelled, then gummed and finally perforated. The cancellation is black and somewhat similar to those turned out locally. It is planned to precancel at least this denomination for the 65 largest post-offices in the country.

While in Washington on the first, I had the opportunity of viewing in the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General the very attractive exhibit which was prepared by the Bureau for exhibition at the forthcoming London philatelic affair. It was described in this column last week and is even more pleasing than the written description would lead one to believe. Mr. Warren Irving Glover, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, was very enthusiastic about it and will accompany it personally to London, sailing on Friday, May 4th, on the steamer Homeric. Nearly a column is devoted to the subject in the New York *Times* of May 6th.

In the magazine section of the same paper a page is devoted to the Pony Express and a history of its operation. The express is to take horse again on September 9th and ride as they did in the early sixties. The department has been asked to reissue the famous Pony Express stamps but have had to advise that these were not government issues but were the issues of private concerns. Whether they will ask the old companies to reprint their issues I cannot say.

The first session of the Bartels sale of the Eagle stamps was held on May 3rd and covered mainly the issues from 1890-1898 although some few early pieces were present. Fine things generally went at top notch figures and two or three record prices were made. A 3c 1857 on cover cancelled "Old Stamps not recognized" changed hands at $38. Two strips of three of the 2c black, Jackson, used on cover from Honolulu, found a new home at $55. A vertical unused strip of three of the 2c Columbian, imperforate, possibly printers waste, sold at $95. The 4c Columbian error made a new record at $138, while this issue generally went at good figures showing that the 1893 issue that was a drug on the market some years ago are now most desirable property.

Blocks of four of the $2 and $5 mint of 1894 sold at $50 and $66 respectively while the block of the $5 1895, mint, went into your editor's collection at $105. Blocks of this same issue imperforated from 1c to $5 reached a total of $331.50. A pair of the 8c part perf. Omaha which came from the DuPont sale at $50.50 went into a southern collection at $129., a new high record for this variety.

We wish to thank Messrs. T. J. Tyrell, Emile Jost, Henry Hammelman, H. A. Thatcher, Standish Prescott, B. A. French, R. H. Mower and that veteran collector Mr. E. B. Sterling, for information of interest.

Azores.—The Economist Stamp Co. inform us that a 50c orange has been recently issued in the usual design of Portugal with the overprint "Acores."

Dutch East Indies.—Our special Correspondent in the Dutch Indies, Mr. J. O. Cramer, sends us three new definitive high values, taking the place of the corresponding provisionals of last year viz.:—

Surface-printed, portrait type (to right) of 1913-15, Perf. 12½.: 32½c lilac and orange-brown.

Line-engraved, portrait type (to left) of 1913-15, Perf. 12½: 60c blue and 80c orange-brown.

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Esthonia.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. show us: Woman at loom (W. K. Type k), ½ mark orange, imperf. and ½ mark orange, perf. 14.—*Stamp C* *lceting.*

Ireland.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent us a copy of the ½d green in tl "Sword of Light" design.

Portugal.—The Economist Stan Co. send us the 5c in olive brown ar the 25c in pale rose in the current typ

Portuguese India. — The Economi Stamp Co. report the following ne items, 4r blue, 1½t olive green and 2½ light blue, all in the type of the 191 issue.

Russia.—We are indebted to Mr. Almar for a copy of the latest sui charges. It is type A55, 200r on 15 red brown and deep blue. Also ther has been issued 30r on 35k red brow and green, type A9, No. 134.

Upper Silesia.—Mr. J. L. Riedel send us the following new values in the cur rent design: 80mk red, 100mk purpl and 200mk tan.

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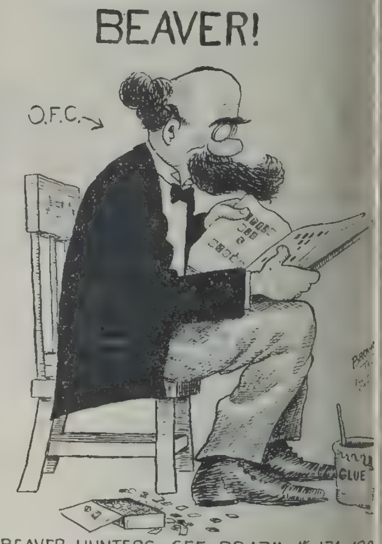
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r. Starr states that the Imperial Re- Service (Ichan) served the country 1877 till the advent of the Re- lc, the provincial authorities sharing cost of its upkeep. Under the Re- c postal work was given over to the ese Post Office, which received from province half the allowance previ- paid to the Ichan.

e stamps issued for use in this vast ory are fortunately not in propor- to its size or importance. Our cata- lists only one type of overprint on urrent stamps of China; but this is correct as two settings exist, the distinguished from the former by hinner characters, and by the fact the uppermost character is exactly ged with those below it instead of placed slightly to the left. The ps overprinted are the Pekin print- and not the London-printed set as catalogue suggests. All values up d including the $1, with the excep- of the later-issued 1½c, and 13c, overprinted with the first type of se inscription while the complete ncluding these two values and the 10 and $20, comes with the second of overprint, the overprint being d on the dollar values in both sets. meaning of the inscription, accord- o Mr. Starr, is "Restricted for use in-Kiang."

th our correspondents point out that 0c of the Postal Jubilee issue, with hinese Turkestan overprint, is rare, Chun Foh Ziang stating that he be- only 2,000 copies were overprinted, is value is little used. Both agree the market price in China is in the bourhood of eight shillings.—*Gib- Monthly Circular.*

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WAR ISSUES.

By Hope Dawlish.

The decision of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., to list and deal in ex-enemy War Issues opens up a field of collecting of great interest, to which very little attention has been given. Possibly, therefore, the following remarks may be of interest to the readers of the *Monthly Circular.*

Now first, they are already with us; for the "C.E.F." series was a "War Issue," and so also was the "Alsace Lorraine" issue of Germany which has long been in the catalogues. The *raison d'être* of such issues is simple. Armies in the field are composed of human beings, who, although they are soldiers, yet have human feelings, and are frequently impelled to write home. There are only two ways of dealing with their letters: either they must go "On service, free," or they must be stamped; and if stamped, then the question arises, with what stamps? Certainly not the stamps of the country in which the army is serving; therefore it must be the national stamps. And then comes the question of paying for them. When an army is in occupation of an enemy territory it has to use the currency of that country; the men are paid a proportion of their pay in that currency because they have to pay for what they buy; theoretically, everything taken from the civil population of the country is paid for. Therefore the national stamps must be surcharged with the currency of the occupied country. This has the further advantage of facilitating the accounts of the Army Post Office. Further, if, as in the late war, several countries are occupied, there must also be included in the surcharge the name of the country where the stamps may be used. Thus, by easy stages, we arrive at the meaning of a "War Issue."

The second point concerns the collector, and the Great War. The numerous German issues—for Belgium, Poland, Roumania, Russia—afford an interesting record of what the enemy did during the terrible years of the war, the story of which is for many already dying away, and for our children is unknown. I am a great believer in the historical value of stamp collecting, and I know of few better ways of inculcating in the minds of the young some of the salient facts of the war. The German issues are fairly familiar; but the Austrian—for Italy, Roumania, Serbia, Montenegro—how many of us can remember the invasions and counter-invasions in Southern Europe? And then there is the invasion of Germany by Belgium. The first issue of Belgian stamps with the surcharge "*Allemagne-Duitschland*" tells how Belgium came into her own at last. And then that Warsaw issue of Germany, surcharged "Gen. Gouv, Warschaw," which later appeared, when the Germans were driven out of the country with the enemy surcharge struck out and "*Poczta Polska*" proudly pirnted above it. These, and many other issues, have a whole history of national aspiration behind them. Surely worth preserving, and in this simple manner handing down the story to posterity. There can be no easier way of teaching history, and I am not exaggerating when I say that it would be well if children of collecting age, and indeed of all ages, were encouraged to make a collection of these issues.

The plebiscite issues form another chapter of history, transitory it is true, but of great importance, and they have a special interest because the principle of "postage" is involved in them, which is the same as that of coinage: the stamp, like the coin, bears "the image and superscription" of the Sovereign or the national emblem. But when the Treaty of Versailles dealt with these fragments of old kingdoms, and decreed that their future should be decided by the principle of "self-determination," the sovereignty of the district was in a state of suspense, and, therefore, the plebiscite issues depended for their validity on the Treaty of Versailles, which created the Interallied Commissions in which the government was for the time being vested: hence such surcharges as those on the Marienwerder issues, which remained in circulation until the question "Under which Flag" was decided by the people.

There are many other points of interest in these issues, which the reader, if he takes to collecting them, will find out for himself. If he takes my advice he will start at once to form a special collection, which he may appropriately call "The History of the Great War, and After, Illustrated Philatelically."

On one other point I should, however, like to say a word. It has often been said that these war and other issues to which I have alluded were speculative, their sole reason for issue being to make a little money. Well, a nation which is at war has not time to think of such minor methods of money-making. But the facts of the issues themselves really disprove the suggestion. It must be conceded that once the necessity for stamps is recognized, as it will be now, I feel sure there must be a certain number of different values for postal purposes, to prevent the stocks of lower values running short. But on examining the lists as given in Michel's excellent catalogue, we cannot fail to be surprised how few stamps were really surcharged. The first Belgian issue contained only the 3, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75 centimes, 1 franc, 1.25 and 2.50. The second issue was the same with the addition of 6.25fr., on the 5 mark German, of which I know, as a fact, that the few which were issued were used legitimately, and now are extremely hard to obtain. There were, as I also know, a large stock of the 5 marks on hand, but they were not used in any other issue. One curious point to be noted. The "Etappengebiet" issue, in other words, the issue for the Lines of Communication, of twelve stamps only, were used for the armies invading France, but for some reason were not surcharged "*Frankreich;*" the only occasion on which the Germans refrained from an assertion of their supremacy over their enemy's country during their occupation.—*Gibbons' Monthly Circular.*

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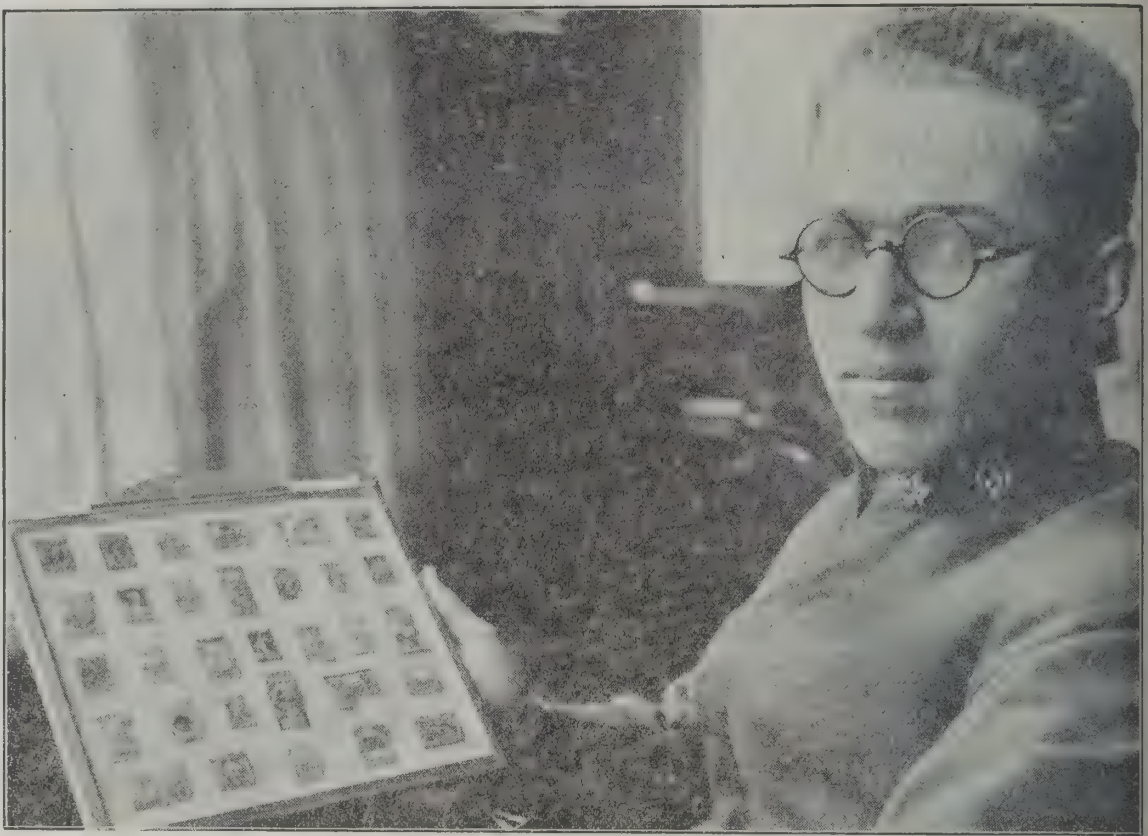

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The picture, composed of a collection of 30 foreign postage stamps and set in a steel frame, has been put on exhibition in the corridors of Central, and is attracting considerable attention among the student body and visitors.

Gichner conceived the idea of making the unique picture when his class began the study of the Greek legends as told by Homer in his "Odyssey." The boy's hobby is the collection of postage stamps of all lands, and in the hundreds of stamps he has saved he found a sufficient number with engravings to represent the principal characters in the "Odyssey." Atlas, Juno, Apollo, Jason sowing the teeth of the dragon, etc., are represented by the pictures on the stamps. Of course the student has given his own interpretation of the meanings of the miniature postage-stamp pictures, but the Latin and English teachers at the school have described it as a work of art. —*Washington Star.*

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Br. Honduras 1922, 5, 10, 25c	.50
Br. Solomons, No. 29a, Mint	.05
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Caymans, No. 44, Mint, 1sh White Back	.50
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Danish W. Indies, Provisionals, Nos. 24, 25, Mint (Cat. 95c)	.40
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The new edict that Crown Colonies are no longer to introduce new series or issues of stamps without substantial reasons, such as the death of a sovereign or change of status, has been received with a sigh of relief by the large following of this ever-popular group, modern British Colonials, and we may now look forward to a period of comparative "tranquility." A great many Colonies are provided with well-designed and executed sets, of a higher standard of excellence than has been obtained for a long time, and it is hoped that they will remain current for many years, and once the new watermark has been introduced there should be no more marked varieties of paper for some years.

This breathing space will afford an opportunity for collectors to fill the many gaps in their collections amongst the Colonial issues of the past decade, and which are numerous in most cases, but were difficult to fill as long as there was such a heavy drain on their purses by the plethora of new emissions and varieties.

There is a revolt in some quarters against the splitting of the coloured papers into too many grades. Some have been trying to still further sub-divide Gibbons' classification, but for most collectors this is inadvisable, and some, indeed, only recognise four shades, in the greens for instance, thus:—

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One of the countries greatly in the limelight politically is Irak, and with the new set momentarily expected, the old issue is worth buying at present prices. Roughly speaking; most values are obtainable at ½ face for used copies, and buyers will not go far wrong at these prices. The new set is stated to be an attractive one, and will probably increase the popularity of this country.

Every group has various innings of popularity, and it is quite likely that the despised War Tax stamps, just now obtainable very cheaply, will show an improvement during the next few years, with the possible exception of the commonest varieties, now obtainable wholesale at face value or slightly under. Even these, however, have shown nothing like the depreciation of many Neurope stamps, whose fall was partly brought about by the depreciation of the currency of most continental powers, due largely to unsound finance.

In passing, it may be as well to point out to those who collect the somewhat unpopular group of Portuguese Colonials that the current and recently current sets are worth picking up on a basis of the present value of the escudo stabilised at about 2½d.

Some large remainders of the last printings of the old type Cayman Is., K. G., have recently been coming on the market in mint sheets of most values to the 10/-, and the catalogue prices of some will probably have to be reduced. It appears there was a large stock on hand when the handsome new issue made its appearance, as the genuine postal demand is very slight, and if these had to be used up before the new set made its appearance, years might have elapsed before some appeared. It may be remembered that some years ago a remainder of the 1905 K. Ed. set was also put on the market, but on that occasion in proportion to the face value the amount available was much less, and these were soon absorbed, until at the present time all the values of the 1905, except the 1/-, are as scarce as the previous issue of 1902.

Rhodesia is another country that has been to the fore again. In the Georgian issue there has been a lot of splitting into unnecessary varieties, except for the specialist. For many of the higher values used copies are really less plentiful than mint, although not fetching such high prices. Several of the earlier issues are also appreciating; the 3d duty in the 1898-1908 set has always been scarce used, whilst some of the values of the surcharged set of 1909 are less common than catalogue suggests.

The 2½d Sierra Leone in blue on Script paper seems likely to be scarce, the 3d now being printed in that colour, and the former having only had a short life. The 1½d and 3d of this colony are usually pretty frequent used, but other duties such as the 9d are decidedly scarce and worth more in fine used condition, whilst several other of the now obsolete stamps on old paper are worth picking up at current rates. The 2/-, on old blue paper is appreciating now, and it is curious how consistently good the recent stamps of this Colony have turned out, as exemplified by the Edward sets, where the 1903 issue is still easily the best of this Colony, whilst all values over 1/- of the Universal set of 1910 are becoming quite rare stamps, mint or used.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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The stamps under study are the One-, Two- and Threepence values issued January 3, 1850, and known as the "Half-length" series from the figure of the Queen thereon; and the Twopence issued the latter part of December, 1852, and known as the "Queen Enthroned." These were all the production of the engraver, Thomas Ham, of Melbourne, who undertook the contract to furnish the first stamps required by the (then) new Colony. The three "Half-length" values were engraved side by side on steel, and a fine half-tone of a proof from this plate is given as a frontispiece. It seems to have been the original intention of the engraver to construct a plate of twelve subjects for each value; but time was pressing and but three subjects were finished on the plate, one for each value, and these were used for *dyes* for the making of transfers to prepare lithographic stones for more rapid production by that method.

Now it was this particular fact that made the work under review possible. Had the original intention been carried out we should doubtless have had twelve plate varieties of each value, with probably some retouches when they had become worn, after the manner of the so-called "Sydney Views" of New South Wales, and that would have been all there was to it. But the lithographic reproduction was responsible, as is so often the case, for introducing flaws, etc., in each transfer from the original engraving so that the individual transfers can be recognized and therefore plated.

Some progress in this study of the first issue had already been made when Mr. Pack took it up, and credit should be given the pioneers; but it is evident that without a proper assortment of interlocking strips or pairs, at least, it is next to impossible to locate properly all the varieties of any one setting or determine the number of settings. That a vast amount of material has been gathered for the present study is shown by the fact that 6206 copies of the "Half-lengths" were carefully examined during the work. The splendid results obtained have been due not alone to this fact, but to the patience and philatelic acumen of the investigator. We find that a third (chronologically the second) setting of Mr. Ham's Onepenny has been determined and worked out; that complete platings of his Twopence in a second, a third and a fourth setting have been made, and also of his Threepence in a third setting; while considerable progress has been made toward completing the first setting of his Onepenny and Threepence—a very difficult problem owing to the scarcity of this early material.

When the contract for furnishing stamps passed into other hands in 1853, there were still different settings used for the Onepenny and Threepence by Messrs J. S. Campbell & Co., and their successors, Messrs. Campbell & Fergusson: Mr. Pack has determined the setting and worked out the plating guides for the Onepenny as made up by both firms and that of the Threepence as made up by the first named. Only the Threepence of Messrs. Campbell & Fergusson had been previously determined. But a new complication arose with these settings, as pairs and more kept cropping up with stamps together that could not possibly be found in juxtaposition under any normal arrangement of the transfer groups. These abnormalities were studies with reference to the makeup of the printing stone in various tentative arrangements of the transfer groups until a solution was found that fitted all known cases. The result was that "ab-

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Some accident evidently happened to the engraving of the Twopence "Half-length" as the proof reproduction shows, and as this was the most used value at the time, Mr. Ham prepared a steel plate in a new design, the "Queen Enthroned," the stamps making their appearance in December, 1852. This stamp is readily plated as it is provided with check-letters in the lower corners only, after the manner of the first British stamps. When Mr. Ham's successors took the printing contract in 1853 they did not use this plate to print from, but only to make transfers for printing by lithography. The most interesting thing about this stamp, as there is apparently no problem of different "settings" in its makeup, lies in the fact that quite a number of transfers have been discovered in blocks or pairs that are out of their normal position in the sheet. No better explanation has yet been advanced than that defective or damaged subjects on the stone have been erased at times and new transfers substituted which were taken from other portions of the sheet. These "substituted transfers" are most interesting and are found both in the printings of Messrs. J. S. Campbell & Co., and Campbell & Fergusson.

Taken altogether the volume shows a wonderful piece of painstaking work. Not only is it replete with diagrams showing the method of working out the various settings, but it contains thirty half-tone plates of the stamps themselves in enlarged reproductions. Introductory chapters on Political, Statistical and Historical matters connected with this first issue give all the information available to date; the original plate and the settings made from it are described in detail; earlier Victorian specialists and their collections are noted; early dates and covers of historical value are summarized; with illustrations of various cancellations and postmarks; a comparative study of the use and rarity of Mr. Ham's printings is given; and notes on "abnormal transfers" and their causes, and the rouletted and perforated "Half-lengths" precede the detail concerning the "plating."

Special acknowledgment is given Mr. Lewis G. Barrett of Boston for his assistance in the work.

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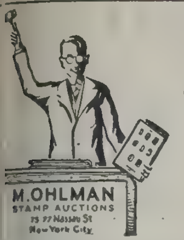

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What are postage stamps? The dictionary defines them as being official bits of adhesive paper showing the prepayment of postage fee on mail. The writer of that definition was no real stamp lover. If postage stamps were no more than the definition says them to be, there would be no world-wide army of millions of collectors camping steadily on the trail of the elusive adhesives, spending brain and money in the chase.

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It is not hard upon a winter's evening, when the hearthfire's crackling and the pipe smoke hanging low in the study, to sit back in the old arm-chair and conjure back the shades of the Kings and Emperors at whose decrees many of the stamps were issued, the ghosts of the humble men unknown who staunchly fought nature on land and sea, in fire and flood, and often gave the most that man can give, life itself, that the mail might go through.

Let us open at random the beloved album—and before us lies the face of a king. And a very royal king he was, too. The stamp is one of Sicily, issued during the reign of King Bomba in 1859, a stamp bearing a portrait of the king. Note the peculiar cancellation in the form of a wreath over the royal head. It came to the notice of Bomba that the postal department, in cancelling these stamps, so besmeared them as to obliterate his features. So he gave forth a decree that his stamps were to be cancelled with two laurel fronds crossing above his brow so that each time a letter was mailed, the king was crowned once more and his tenure of the throne once again brought to the notice of his subjects.

Again at random we turn a page—here is another king. He also brought notoriety upon himself, but notoriety of ill fame. This is King Leopold of the Belgians, who in the Belgian Congo amassed a huge fortune for himself, and the world well remembers the unscrupulous treatment the natives received at the hands of the Crown agents.

Again a king—hats off, for this is Albert of Belgium in morion and trench coat as he looked when he occupied the trenches with the thin blue line of his valiant little army holding back the Germans. A valiant, honorable gentleman—and a democratic, popular king.

There are dozens of crowned heads that look out at us as we thoughtfully turn the pages. Many are now dust but they have left behind romantic memories. Here is Queen Victoria, "the Widow at Windsor, with a hairy gold crown on 'er 'ead"; here her grandson, Edward Albert, Prince of Wales, globe-trotter, hunter, all-round sportsman and blending in his lovable personality the best that aristocracy means with the best democracy gives. Here is Louis Napoleon of the French, parvenue emperor and adventurer extraordinary, nephew of the Great One whose ashes repose under the gilded dome of the Invalides but whose shade still hovers over the battle-flags of France.

Opening our album at the United States collection, we see an insignificant looking stamp bearing the picture of a rider on a galloping horse. It is of private issue of the Pony Express Co. These stamps were used on the letters carried on pony back overland from St. Joe, Mo., to Sacramento, Cal., by Russel, Majors and Waddell Pony Express Co. in 1860. Memory wings us back these many years. It is twilight in a little Kansas prairie town, a huddle of shacks of mud and plank but a link in the chain of empire and a remount station for the pony express. In the gathering dusk a hostler stands in the little dusty street holding a spirited horse bridled and saddled. The express rider is due. Here he will change horses for his next gallop between stations. The restive horse neighs; a group of cowboys stand talking indolently in subdued voices. There are conjectures as to whether the rider will get through, for only yesterday a buffalo-hunter reported the Kiowas out with paint on. Again the remount neighs and a faint drumming of hoofs is heard, becoming stronger and stronger until horse and rider loom up in the dark and the heaving animal lurches to a halt. The rider rolls a "cigareet," passes a few terse remarks about the Kiowa war-party he descried in time and circumvented at 'Dobie Wells, drinks a pint of black coffee (these men have pledged themselves to pass up all liquor) and swings to the back of the remount to whose saddle the pouches have been transferred. "So-long!" and the hoofs go drumming out of town to be lost in the prairie's distance. A few nights later and the rider fails to ride in. A search party goes out and in a few hours they find him, stark and scalped, beside his arrow-riddled horse. A substitute gathers the letters the pilfering savages have scattered and takes them on to the next station. And one more rider is laid to rest in Boot Hill—but the mail goes through.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—From Rocky Ford, Colo., comes a new advertising cancellation. It reads:—"Arkansas Valley Fair, Rocky Ford, Colo., Sept. 4-7, 1923." It reaches us from Chas. J. Bauerle.

—It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Hugh Dougherty, who has been a steady advertiser in the WEEKLY for some months. No particulars are at hand.

—We have been shown by Frank A. Goldsmith a Barre, Vt., cover with the advertising cancellation:—"Barre Granite Exposition, May 1-Nov. 1, Visit Quarries."

—A new advertising cancellation has been received from Milwaukee. It reads:—"Home Building Exposition Milwaukee June 2 to June 9." The cancellation announcing the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the world to be held at Atlantic City is now being used in various cities and the form of the cancellation varies.

—"Enclosed we hand you herewith our check to balance our account. We have three more radio talks left for this season. Mr. Olaf J. Olson, St. Paul, gave a very scholarly talk on the "Educational Side of Stamp Collecting" Wednesday, May 9th, and was listened to by a large following of raido fans—we hope soon they will be stamp collecting fans. To listen to such a talk as Mr. Olson gave cannot help but create an interest in our "Hobby." We hope to be able to give another series of lectures next Fall and believe we will have no trouble in getting the air as the *Farmstead* advise us that there has been a great deal of enthusiasm shown as to when the talks were coming on. All this helps."—BURT MCCANN CO.

—E. W. Goldhrope of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., sends us a clipping from a local paper giving the particulars of a most successful exhibit and contest of the Y. M. C. A. Stamp Club of that city. J. M. Bartels, the well-known dealer of N. Y. City, made an interesting address on the value of stamp collecting and also exhibited his specialized collection of Holland stamps. Joseph Hoffmann, secretary of the New York Stamp Society, accompanied Mr. Bartels and explained the worthy features of the collection.

—"For years I have used in cleaning dirty stamps a two percent. solution of permanganate of potash, in which stamp is immersed for a few seconds, then washed off in water and placed in a three percent. solution of Citric Acid to take off the deposit of the potash. I have never had any trouble until recently when I attempted to clean a Block of Six of the Three-Cent Blue, U. S. 1869. The color left the stamps and they are a very faint brown yellow. I used the same solution in cleaning copies of the same stamp both before and after my unfortunate experience with no bad results. This particular block of six seemed to lose the blue. Can someone tell me what to do to restore this block?"—FRED V. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

—We have received a new pricelist from the Max F. Bier Co., 1496 Bedford Av., Brooklyn, N. Y. It gives retail prices of packets, single stamps, and stamps in sets. Catalog prices are disregarded to such an extent as to make the list of interest to any of our readers.

—The philatelists of Allentown, Pa., have organized to form the Allentown Philatelic Club. Our first meeting was held on April 19, 1923, with an attendance of ten and with as many more prosp ive members in view. The officers are Pres., Walter Neitz; Sec., Harold Fist; Treas., H. E. Newhard. The secret would like to receive literature a correspond with other clubs.

—Aberdeen, So. Dak., has a n stamp club. The officers are Preside Rev. Wm. Kraushaar; Vice-Preside Charles Hickenbotham, and Secreta Treasurer, J. Frank Nickol. Meeti will be held monthly.

—In the page Handshaw advertisem this week will be found a notice of new book written by Mr. Handshaw a recently placed upon the market. T book has had a large sale but there s remains a sufficient supply to meet a orders that may be received. This bo has been reviewed in the WEEKLY a it is of special interest to the sta collector because of the philatelic atm phere that surrounds it.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS.

Some of our subscribers need to know our rule regarding discontinuances. We discontinue all subscriptions in arrears promptly the second issue of each month. This means that your subscription should be renewed prior to expiration. The expiration number can be ascertained by consulting your wrapper. No free copies of the WEEKLY are sent out and this rule is as fixed as the laws of the M. and P. Our older subscribers understand our rule and the newer subscribers should get acquainted with it.

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*1919, Nos. 301, 303-18	.37	.10
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A. P. S. CONVENTION.

The committee of Washington Philatelists is holding regular meetings and developing the program for the week of August 13-18. Advertising contracts are being distributed for space in the *Official Bulletin,* the rates being $30 per page, and smaller fractions of a page being as low as $3 for a twelfth of a page. Several members of the committee will personally canvass Philadelphia, New York and Boston for advertisements.

The official hotel being the Shoreham, the various functions will be held there. Reservations are now being made and the rates are from $2.50 for single room and stationary basin to $3 and $4 per day with bath. Rooms with double beds for couples, with bath, from $5 to $6 per day. The Ebbett House has been selected for the overflow and the rates are about the same.

Washington collectors each recently donated stamps catalogued about $2.00, that were auctioned off for the benefit of the committee of arrangements and the success was so great that another such sale will be held soon.

Mr. Mount of the Philatelic Agency of the Post Office Department was the guest of the Philatelic Society at its last meeting and announced that the run of orders was so great that the agency was five hundred orders behind on that day.

He also announced that the sales of the agency almost equalled those of a first-class post-office. A surprising condition existing is the very large number of local people who patronize the agency, but are unknown to the regular collectors of the Philatelic Society.

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE.

By Ernest Kelly.

For some time I have been using a chemical for watermarking stamps which seems to have decided advantages over the benzine commonly used. Perhaps the matter has already been mentioned in your paper, but if not, I believe that it would prove of interest to your readers. The material that I have been using is carbon tetrachloride, a substance which can be secured at almost any drug store. I do not wish to claim originality for the use of this process, as I read about it or heard about it somewhere; but I can give you the results of my experience.

The most serious objection to the use of benzine is its inflammability. This is a decided disadvantage to those who like to puff their pipes while spending an evening over the watermark detector, and to those who have young children around the house. I have also found that a good grade of benzine is not always readily procurable. I have seen gasoline used, but this substance contains some slight traces of oil and is liable to leave the stamp with a greasy film.

Carbon tetrachloride is non-inflammable. Indeed I am told that it is used in some sorts of fire-extinguishers. It is also used in some commercial cleaners, and owing to these qualities it will often improve the appearance of the stamp. It is slightly more expensive, but prices here are only about 40 cents a pint, which are not prohibitive. I must confess that its odor is not the sweetest, but it isn't much worse than benzine, at that. It shows the watermark plainly and dries quickly, leaving the stamp in good condition.

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EDITORIAL.

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Our mail has been heavy with clippings from newspapers in New York City and elsewhere, telling of the attractions of the London exhibit and its patronage by leading collectors in this country. A list of Americans who have sailed from London to participate in the session is interesting, and in due time we shall have particulars of the exhibit which certainly will be a most successful one. The exhibition has been advertised adequately and the result of this world congress of philatelists will have a most beneficial effect on all philately.

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From Miss Marion C. Deane of Seattle, Washington, we have received the following letter: "Did you know that the Prince of Wales has not collected stamps for several years? He now has no collection of his own—so he wrote me last week. I sent His Royal Highness some of the new U. S. issue for his collection and he sent me such a nice letter of appreciation. I did not dream that he would reply and, you may be sure, I am greatly pleased to have such a letter in my possession. The cover is postmarked with the Philatelic Exhibition marking. I am still a shut-in and have made several very good friends through the note in your paper at Christmas time. It was good of you and I appreciate all the many kindnesses shown me in the past."

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We are glad to have the opportunity to copy the following tribute to Robert David Craighead, whose death last year saddened philatelists. Recently, the Atlantic City *Daily Press* printed the following impressive memorial notice under the head, "A Monument That Will Last":—

"On the nineteenth of May Robert David Craighead will have been dead a year. The memorial to his death will be something more than the material presence of tablet or imposing shaft. It will be a perpetual reminder of the departed and yet not be embodied in the usual form of remembrance.

Robert D. Craighead was but eight years old when he began to collect stamps. From that time until his death he never ceased to gather together rare issues of the world until he possessed a collection that was famous among eager seekers for the unusual and the curious. The zest he threw into the hunt for choice stamps did not in the least prevent him from becoming one of the city's leading hotelmen. Rather, it was his hobby that kept him active and enabled him to serve the better. He was a citizen in all senses of the word—a genial, whole-hearted man whose friendship was a thing of value, as the poor can attest.

Now that he is gone, Mrs. Craighead has determined upon a splendid consecration of what constituted her husband's lifework. The stamps will be disposed of at auction sales until they have all been sold, and from the proceeds the eye clinic at the Atlantic City Hospital will be maintained as a memorial to Mr. Craighead, a constant tribute to the deceased and a never failing source of relief to untold numbers of sufferers. It is a fine example of the truth that though one is dead, yet he speaketh. Such a monument is worth more than all the marble shafts and ornate tombs ever constructed."

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The following letter has been received by Mr. Shirley Moisant of Kankakee, Illinois, but looking down the vista of years, Mr. Moisant does not recall the writer; and we are unable to say that we can identify the man who now writes from the Ohio Penitentiary at Columbus: "Twenty-five years ago the writer when a boy used to be well acquainted with you thru the mail. We both had the same hobby, Postage Stamps. But twenty-five years make a big change. Today you have a nice business and I am in the Penitentiary. Where one goes up the other comes down—that is the law of average, I guess. Mr. Moisant, I am here not for any serious crime, but because of the fact that I trusted another man too far and my company went broke. I was in the drug jobbing business at Van Wert, Ohio, and our company got into financial difficulties thru too rapid expansion and the gutting of it by a couple of unscrupulous salesmen. Too late I found out the condition and it went to the wall with a lot of paper outstanding and that is a felony in this state; so I am here. In other words, I overdrew my bank account. I am married and have as nice a wife as any man could desire. I have been here nine months and am trying to get a pardon for this offense against the peace and dignity of this great state. My record here is of the best. I need all the good letters I can get to the Governor of this state and the Chairman of the Parole and Pardon Board, Columbus, Ohio, asking my early release. I feel sure that you will for old times' recollection do me this favor and write me a good strong letter. * * * * I have a very nice collection of U. S. and British colonies." The letter is signed, Chas. Adams, Box 511, Serial No. 51118, and is submitted here without prejudice. It is possible that a reader here and there will be impressed by the letter sufficiently to seek further particulars regarding its writer.

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It is not our intention to dwell upon the subject of philatelic criminalogy, but an old-timer who remembers John R. Hooper of Canada as a prolific writer for the stamp journals, twenty years or more ago, is still living. Mr. Hooper was tried on the charge of wife-murder and sentenced to be hanged, but subsequently, his sentence was changed to life imprisonment. However, Mr. Hooper's protestations of innocence had a foundation, as we believe that he was pardoned. A hazy recollection of having heard of Mr. Hooper's death is in mind. Incidently, our questioner asks if it would not be a good idea to organize an "old-timers" club, the membership of which would be based on the requirement of at least thirty years' service in philately. The suggestion is all right but we are afraid that the old-timers are not now so keen on organizing stamp societies as they may have been once. They might stand for a reunion some time, but th would shy at the society call.

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Mr. E. L. Stuart of Chicago is a vau ville artist, and recently he was given a friend, a booking-agent aware of M Stuart's stamp proclivities, a packet stamps that the agent had picked up the White Sox baseball park in Chica at the game the day before. The stam in the packet are mostly Australian a each one has the catalogue number back. It is needless to say that M Stuart wishes to return the stamps the owner, who, should he come for as the successful claimant, must adn

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From Mr. C. F. Richards of New York, we have received a picture clipped from the rotogravure supplement of the New York *Times* of May 6th, with the following descriptive text: "For the New 20-Cent Postage Stamp: The Golden Gate and San Francisco Bay, With a Clipper Ship Standing Out Into the Pacific, From a Painting by W. A. Coulter of Sausalito, Cal., Approved by Postmaster General New for the New Issue." Mr. Richards sent, as well, the clipping from the New York *Times* describing the national exhibit, under the custody of W. Irving Glover, third assistant postmaster general, who sailed on the Homeric. It is with great pleasure that we learn that Mr. Glover will be the official representative of our government at the exhibition in London and that he will attend the dinner to be given by the Junior Philatelic Society at London on May 17th. Too, the fact that Senator Frelinghuysen will exhibit some of his United States is good news. We commend the *Times* for its intelligent and liberal treatment of philately in its interesting columns; and we are sure that philatelists are not forgetful of their newspaper friends.

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Answering to the call for material there comes a letter from F. O. Selianoff, No. 614 Pine Street, San Francisco, Calif., that is so interesting it is worthy of printing entire. Mr. Selianoff says:

"It is with pleasure I see you have started the ball rolling by giving publicity to a cause that is a delight to many collectors of United States stamps. Seeing the remark by Mr. Wylie to address you in this matter, I am sending a few introductory remarks in the interest of postal markings.

Being by nature a collector, my mind first turned to books, then old coins, stamps and cancellations. The last named has been to me very fascinating and I intend to spend the rest of my life in the study of cancellations of which I have at present about 50,000 varieties.

To my knowledge, the collecting of cancellations has been going on for a long time in a primitive form by a certain few collectors, the cause being in most cases through the many curious and interesting designs used by various Post Masters throughout the United States from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and it seems to me that the biggest share of the most uncommon falls to the New England states and California. For instance, the New Meriden, Conn. (The Devil, as he is pictured, with horns, tail, cloven foot and poker, all in a circle on the 3-cent 1861.) The Waterbury, Putnam, etc., most collectors know. Dogshead, Wayland Station, N. Y., Kicking Mule, P. T. Wash., Goleta and Forresttown, Calif., Lady's Shoe, West Berkeley, Calif., Rosebud, from Santa Rosa, Calif., Fish, from Dixon, Calif., Indian Chief, Tecumseh, from Tecumseh, Nebraska, Wildcat, Pomona, Calif., Horse's Head from Knoxville, Tenn., Cat on the Fence. I have two. Post Offices not known. Flag and Union, Healdsburg, Calif. Uncle Sam's Hat, don't show the color, in fact, too many to mention. It seems that the commercialized contingent in Philately has for some reason or other never looked favorably to this collecting until lately when the sentiment steadily grew in its favor, and I must say the love for and collecting of cancellations is burning strong, that dampness and speculative powers will not be able to check.

The majority of collectors have yet to learn to see the importance in knowing something worth knowing. As I stated before, most collecting has been done by curiosity without any further interest or attempt to find out the historical part connected with those markings. Since the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. favored us with a special catalogue of United States stamps and to some part connecting, so far as to let us know that white is white, and black is black, we have arrived at a good start, even if it is a baby in the cradle, a little more interest has been given to this subject, one more step added as to the definition of the real objects we are seeking.

I hope that the near future will give us plenty of enlightenment and explanatory data about real cancellations. I mean those that were used 90% on the cheaper stamps on which there has been very little information concerning cancelling, etc.

In my next letter I will try to give you a check list of all different cancellations I have in my collection, although I feel that some one of the old collectors who has been gathering in for years should have the favor in this matter and not a novice like myself, and I must confess this is really the first letter on any subject I ever wrote in my life."

Although Mr. Selianoff says that the collecting of cancellations on U. S. stamps has been confined to a certain few collectors, it is my belief that this sort of specialization is far more general than is generally suspected. Going through a list of A. P. S. members, one can easily pick out a hundred or more collectors who are designated as collecting cancellations or specializing in U. S. But I have found many not so designated who follow the pastime to a greater or less degree and besides I am in correspondence with many others outside the A. P. S. New York stamp dealers will bear witness to the fact that there are a great number of cancellation collectors and specialists in that city alone.

I think when Mr. Selianoff says in his last paragraph that this is the first article on any subject he has ever written, it gives good proof of the value of this Department. Undoubtedly there are many collectors who have stores of knowledge that will help others who will contribute to a department like this but would never have thought of writing a special article for a stamp paper.

THE ECONOMIST PURCHASE.

The advertisement of the Economist Stamp Co. elsewhere in this issue is of more than ordinary importance. It marks the passing of the G. Fred Ralph collections, one of the notable collections of U. S. stamps. All lovers of the issues of our own country will be especially interested in noting the list of rarities which constitute only a part of the important items that are offered in this collection.

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.—Through the courtesy of Mr. L. A. Hill, Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, I am able to bring our list of plate numbers up to May 7, 1923. One hundred and eighteen new numbers for plates have been assigned since the last report.

Plate No.	Den.	Class.	Series.	No.
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14529-14536	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14537-14538	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14539-14546	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14547-14548	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14549-14552	5c	Ord.	1922	400
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14575-14578	2c	Ord.	1922	400
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14580-14583	10c	Ord.	1922	400
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It will be noted on the above list that there is included the first plates of the recently issued new denominations, namely the 7c, 8c, 14c and 20c. An extra plate for the 14c was made which means it is possible that something happened to one of the others, for these plates are usually made in lots of four in the case of the flat plates or multiples of four, and two or multiples of two in the case of the curved plates for the rotary presses. The dies for the new series have all been completed so that we have seen the last plates of the Washington-Franklin design which ran from 1908 to 1923, a period of fifteen years.

Mr. Charles Mueller submits for inspection a half-cent black cigarette tax stamp, issued by the State of Iowa. We listed some months back the 1c, 1½c and 2c of the same design. This is the second series of these stamps gotten out by this state.

Austria.—Mr. E. L. Southwick sends us the following from a weekly Esperanto paper published in Horrem, Germany:—

The Austrian Charity stamps for the present year will be issued in the second half of May. The series will consist of 9 values: 100, 120, 160, 180, 200, 240, 400, 600, 1000 kron. The official price will be six times the face value, for the complete series 18000 kron. They will be valid only during four weeks. The stamps will show pictures of landscapes in the principal cities. Direct orders from foreign countries will not be accepted.

Gold Coast.—The 1½d is being printed in red, on Script paper, from Plate 10. Postage Due labels are on order, comprising the values of 1d, 2d and 3d in black, on white Script paper.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Hong-Kong.—Supplies have been sent to China of the following, all Plate I:—

1c brown, Script wmk.
4c red, Script wmk.
10c blue, Script wmk.
20c purple and sage-green, Script wmk.
25c purple and brilliant rose, Script wmk.
50c black on emerald, Old wmk.
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Iraq.—On official authority we are now able to give the respective colours of the impending pictorial stamps (both ordinary and Service sets) in definitive types, of which particulars have already appeared in these columns:—

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1½a red.
2a buff.
3a blue.
4a grey.
6a green.
8a yellow.
1r brown and green.
2r black.
5r orange.
10r crimson.

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New Britain.—The 4d blue Australian stamps overprinted "N. W. Pacific Islands" were issued in so limited a number that we have only been able to obtain a very few, less than ten per cent. of the number required for our new issue service. No further supplies are available, as the stock on hand of the 4d violet is sufficient to last until the permanent stamps are issued.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

Poland.—Mr. J. Almar advises that he has just received the 1000 marks orange, in the type of Scott's A31.

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TURKEY.—The 50 piastres stamp of the Kemalist issue exists in two distinct types. In type I the inscription in Turkish at the top signifies "Ottoman Posts" and in the corners the word "piastres" is below the figues of value; in type II the inscription reads "Turkia postalari" (Turkish Posts) and the word "piastres" is above the figures of value.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

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By CHARLES G. WILSON.

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THE PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT.

Edited by FREDERICK W. ALLEN, 521 So. 4 St., Grand Forks, N. D.

Notes on the New Issue.—New precancels on any but the 2, 5, 10 and 25 cent stamps are very scarce, as yet. Chicago ranks as the only city to have precanceled the new 1 cent at the time of this writing (May 10th). However, numerous cities are using the aforesaid four denominations of the new series. Clearfield, Pa., Cleveland, O., Lincoln, Nebr., Des Moines, Ia., Detroit, Mich., Louisville, Ky., St. Louis, Mo., Springfield, Ill., and Minneapolis, Minn., come on the 2 cent. Wooster, O., and San Francisco are the latest to have been noted on the Roosevelt stamp. Atlantic City, N. J., Connersville, Ind., Des Moines, Ia., Omaha, Nebr., Troy, N. Y., and numerous others are appearing on the 10 cent. Finally on the handsome 25 cent we find the evidence that Ashville, N. C., Cedar Rapids, Ia., Harrisburg, Pa., and Tampa, Fla., have begun to use them. Probably the most desirable precancel of this value will be Niagara Falls, N. Y. As Niagara Falls is a user of many precancels there ought to be plenty for everybody.

Bloomington, Ill.—Bushnell does not list any inverts from Bloomington so they must be rare. Mr. Chas. Metz sends in a fine pair of 6 cents precanceled with the U-3 electro.

Cleveland, Tenn.—These are becoming more plentiful, but are very good property. Mr. L. L. Batchelder informs me that Cleveland began to precancel in Dec., 1922. At present four firms are using them, two of which are large nurseries each having an extensive mail-order business. All values up to the 50 cents have been reported except the 9, 11, and 13. Also the 2c inverted.

Columbus, Ga.—This office precanceled, last month, its remaining stock of the 3c Victory issue. In view of the fact that few have reached the hands of collectors, they should be quite valuable.

Muskegon, Mich. — Muskegon has finally stepped into the fold, according to Mr. C. L. Gabel. Mr. Gabel sends a clipping from the Muskegon paper which states: "An electro-plate, for precanceling stamps to be used by several local manufacturing firms, has been received at the post-office." The type is not mentioned but my guess is that it will be U-18. Watch for Muskegon precancels and see if I am right. Anything on the current issue will be good property in view of the new series being out.

New Albany, Ind.—Mr. Chas. H. Hermann submits copies of the 7, 8, 15 and 30 cents precanceled with the U-3 handstamp. He also mentions that the 50 cents is out with the cancellation inverted. This office has been using precancels for several years and employs an electr plate in conjunction with the hand-stan

Newark, N. J.—An inverted precan from this Jersey City, is really ra Bushnell lists only the one cent cancel thus, but Mr. Chas. Metz goes him o better in reporting a fine pair of the cents inverted.

Princeton, Mo.—Many Missouri tow have been listed during the past f months, as new comers in the precan field. Princeton is the latest which h come to my attention. Mr. Metz chro cles the 7 cent, but fails to state the ty

Rochester, N. Y.—The $1.00 denon nation has finally been precanceled wi

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Zambesia, 7 var. (Cat. $1.34),	.55
Cayman Islands, 5 var.,	.12
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*188.	1896 complete, 300 2s 6d	150.00
*189.	1896 complete, 300 2s 6d	150.00
*190.	1896 complete, 100 2s 6d	50.00
*191.	1896 complete, 100 2s 6d	50.00
*192.	The last lot, 100 same	50.00

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Lot No.		Cat. Price
*193.	Lot of 1600 Crete stamps, 5 var., large stamps, not cat.	..
*194.	100 sets 8 Belgium Telegraph stamps, fine large stamps	..
*195.	Another lot of 100	..
*196.	500 old Salvador stamps, not listed	..
*197.	Another lot same, 900	..
198.	Sample book of 175 stps., about	10.00
*199.	50 Complete sets of 8 Salvador due stps., 1896, imperf., much scarcer than the perf.	..
*200.	Another lot of 80 sets	..
*201.	Nicaragua 1890, 2c Imp. blk. 75	..
206.	Guatemala, 24 sets 1897, 2c, 6c, 12c, 18c, 75c, 1.50 Sur. Telegr.	..
207.	U. S. Revs., 2c, 5th issue, uncancelled, 1000	10.00
208.	Revs., 1900, 800 $2.00 Doc., cut	16.00
209.	Postage, common on covers	4.00
210.	Another lot, includ. some 1890	4.50
211.	Still another lot	4.50
212.	Foreign, 250 assorted on covers, about	8.00
213.	Another 250 similar, about	8.00
214.	One more lot 150, about	3.00

OLD PAPER MONEY

215.	50 Sheets of 4 fine old bills of the Tecumseh, Mich., Bank, not dated, but very old	..

U. S. STAMPS IN WHOLESALE LOTS

216.	U. S. 1908, 15c ult., 200 copies	10.00
217.	1916, Special, 400 copies	12.00
218.	Dues, 1c assorted, 175 copies	8.00
219.	Dues, 3c, Nos. 2210 & 2224, 95 copies, about	8.00
220.	1912, 1c Parcel P. Dues, 100	5.00
221.	Revenue, 2c Internal, 1st issue, 3000	30.00
222.	Revenue, 25c Bond, 25c Certificate, 25c Insurance, 30c Inland, 10 of each, part perf.	16.50
223.	Assorted imp. & part perf., punched cancelled	17.80
224.	Match Stps., No. 5125, 100 copies	5.00
225.	Match Stps., No.5165,100 copies	25.00
226.	Match Stps., No. 5269, 100 copies	5.00
227.	Match&Med.assorted, 55 copies	10.00
228.	Medicine Stamps, J. F. Henry 1c black, 100	5.00
229.	Medicine Stamps, J. F. Henry 4c red, 100	5.00
230.	Medicine Stamps, I. S. Johnson & Co., 1c red	15.00
231.	Playing Cards. No. 5594, 100	5.00
232.	Argentine, 100 sets 5 vars., 1896-99	10.00
233.	1908-10, 20c, 70 copies	4.20
234.	1916, 5c, 650 copies	33.00
235.	Australia 1914, 1d, 1000 copies	10.00
236.	1914-18, 1d, 1000	10.00
237.	1914-18, 1d, 1000	10.00
*238.	Austria 1867, 100 copies No. 34	18.00
*239	1867, 50 copies No. 40	12.50
240.	1908-13, Post Dues, 300 30h	15.00
241.	Another lot same	15.00
242.	Lot of 350 of the 100h	17.50
*243.	1916, 1h Postage dues, 1000	20.00
*244.	Another lot of 1000	20.00
*245.	Another lot of 990	19.80
*246.	Austria Turkey 1867, 25 soldi, 50	5.00
*247.	1890-2, 1p on 10kr, 100	6.00
*248.	1892, 10p on 1g, 25	8.75
*249.	1892, 20 on 2g, 25	12.50
*250.	1900, 5pi on 1k, 115	11.50
*251.	1900, 10pi on 2k, 25	5.00
252.	1908, 1pi, 100	3.00
253.	1908, 2pi, 100	3.00
254.	1908, 5pi, 100	8.00
*255.	1902, 3pi Dues, 100	8.00
*256.	1902, 5pi Dues, 100	6.00
*257.	1908, 10pi Dues, 25	6.25
*258.	1908, 8 var. Dues, 25 sets	43.75
*259.	Offices in Crete 1904-5, 10c, 190 copies	9.50
*260.	Bavaria 1919, Charity, 185 sets 2	12.95
261.	1919, Official, 25 sets complete	16.25
*262.	Belgium 1912-13, 9 vars., 50 sets	28.50
*263.	1914, 5c Charity, 100	10.00
*264.	Parcel Post, 10 var., 39 sets	7.80
*265.	Brazil 1906, Offi., No. 510, 45 sets	13.50
*266.	Bulgaria 1915, 50 each 20s, 50s	21.50
267.	Canada, 3c brown, George, 5000	..
268.	Chili 1912-13, 10c, 450 copies	9.00
269.	China 1913-18, 30c, 100 copies	5.00
270.	1913-18, 8c, 500 copies	20.00
271.	1913-18, 8c, 500 copies	20.00
272.	1913-18, 3 vars., 1200 Sets	36.00
*273.	Colombia (Antioquia),1000 asst'd	30.00
*274.	(Antioquia), 500 50c	25.00

Lot No.		Cat. Price
*275.	Costa Rica 1911, 1c on 50c, 80	20.00
276.	Cuba 1899, 3c, 380	11.40
277.	1899, 10c, 300	12.00
278.	Cyprus 1896, ½pi, 80	6.40
279.	1904, ½pi, 100	4.00
*280.	Ecuador 1899, 1c, 1000	20.00
281.	Egypt 1888, 5m, 1000	20.00
282.	Finland 1919, 100 each, Nos. 105, 106 & 107	11.00
*282a.	Belgium, Occupation Ger. E. Africa, 5c, 200	10.00
*282b.	Occupation Ger. E. Africa, 5c same, 140	7.00
*282c.	Occupation Ger. E. Africa, 5c same, 100	5.00
283.	Gold Coast 1907-13, 1d, 100	4.00
284.	Great Britain 1865, 4d, 140	35.00
285.	1873-74. 3d, 100	30.00
286.	China, 1916, 4c, 160	4.80
*287.	Offices in Turk. 1905, ½pi, 160	12.80
*288.	Greece 1917-18, 1l on 50l, 250	37.50
*289.	1917-18, another lot, 250	37.50
*290.	1917-18, another fine lot, 400	60.00
291.	Grenada 1906-11, 1d, 200	8.00
292.	Hawaiian 1894, 2c, 100	6.00
*293.	Hayti 1904, 5c imperf., no gum, 50	50.00
*294.	1904, 7c imperf., no gum, 50	50.00
*295.	1904, 20c imperf., no gum, 50	50.00
*296.	1904, 5c imperf., no gum, 50	..
297.	Hejaz 1917-18, 1pa, 100	6.00
298.	Honduras 1915-16, 10c, 140	11.20
*299.	Hungary, Charity, 16f, 100	6.00
*300	Charity, 1f, 575	11.50
301.	India 1905, ¼a on ½a, 100	3.00
302.	Cochin 1911-14, 3p, 150	9.00
303.	Cochin 1913-14, 9p Official, 290	14.50
304.	Cochin 1917-18, 4d Official, 300	12.00
*305.	Gwalior 1903-07, ½a, 70	7.00
306.	Gwalior Official 1895, ½a, 240	12.00
307.	Gwalior Official 1903, 3p, 500	25.00
308.	Gwalior Official 1903-5, 2d, 60	6.00
309.	Hyderabad Official 1911 - 13, ½a, 1000	30.00
310.	Hyderabad Official 1911 - 13, 1a, 1000	40.00
311.	Hyderabad Offi, 1917, ½a, 800	24.00
*312.	Indore 1904-5, ½a, 1000	30.00
*313.	Indore, another lot of 500	15.00
*314.	Indore 1904-5, 2a 500	25.00
*315.	Indore, another lot of 500	25.00
*316.	Indore, another lot of 500	25.00
*317.	Indore, another lot of 500	25.00
*318.	Indore, 1 more lot, 400	20.00
*319.	Jhind 1913, 1a, 100	25.00
320.	Italy 1863, 15c, 100	5.00
321.	Japan Offices in China 1914-16, 1 yen, 65	9.75
322.	Jamaica 1912-19, 2½d, 100	5.00
323.	1921, 6d, 100	8.00
324.	1921, No. 90, not priced, 475	..
*325.	Latvia 1918, 5k map, 125	7.50
326.	Liberia 1903, 3c black, 100	5.00
327.	1903, 3c green Official, 100	5.00
328.	Monaca 1891, 1c, 300	6.00
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330.	1907, 100 sets, 8 var.	22.00
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334.	New Zealand 1909, 1d, 1200	12.00
335.	1915, ½d, 1000	10.00
336.	1915-20, 1½d, 325	16.25
337.	Nicaragua 1912, 10c, 275	13.75
*338.	1913, 3c on 6c, 250	25.00
339.	1914, 1c, 300	12.00
340.	1914, 2c, 325	13.00
341.	Northern Nigeria 1902, 1d, 90	10.80
*342.	Paraguay 1913, 20c, 100	6.00
343.	Penrhyn 1902, ½d, 50	25.00
344.	1902, ½d, 50	25.00
345.	1902, 1d, 45	18.00
346.	1902, 1d, 45	18.00
*347.	Philippine Islds. 1880-86, 20c, 30	4.50
*348.	1903-4, 1c, 90	4.50
349.	1917-22, 20c, 450	32.40
349a.	1917-22, 20c, 200	16.00
*350.	Poland 1919, 100 sets, 10 vars.	30.00
*351.	Portugal 1910, 2½r, 400	12.00
*352.	1910, 2½r, 400	12.00
353.	1910, 50r, 165	9.90
354.	1912, 2½r, 500	5.00
*355.	Portuguese India 1914, 1½r, 36	5.40
*356.	1914, 3r on 1t, 30	3.00
*357.	1914, 3r on 4t, 60	7.20
358.	Porto Rico 1899, 2c, 200	6.00
359.	Roumania 1918, 25b on 1b, 100	8.00
*360.	50b surcharged Timbru De Ajutor, 500	..
361.	1911, 10b Postage Dues, 1000	20.00
362.	1911, 20b Postage Dues, 1000	30.00
*363.	Russia 1918, 35k & 70k, 100 each	14.00
*364.	Salvador 1896, 5c imperf. in blocks 200, not priced	..
*365.	Another lot like last	..
*366.	One more lot	..
367.	1912, 6c, 450	13.50
*368.	Senegal 1915, Charity, No. 151, 25	2.50
*369.	Servia 1915, No. 132, 100	3.00
*370.	1914, 5d, 50	12.50
371.	Sierra Leone 1896-7, 1d, 100	8.00
372.	South. Nigeria 1907-10, 1d, 100	12.00
373.	Straits Malay 1909, 3c, 350	7.00
*374.	Tasmania 1905-8, 1d, 100	6.00
375.	Turkey 1908, 20p, 975	16.50
376.	1916, No. 1217, 75	7.50
377.	Uruguay 1900, 5c, 425	13.25
378.	1910, 5m, 250	5.00
*379.	Venezuela 1899, 25c, 275	8.25
*380.	1901-3, 5c, 600	12.00
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(139)	.50	.20
* (141)	.40	.18
* (142)	.60	.25
* (149)	1.00	.40
* (150)	1.00	.40
* (152)	2.00	.75
* (155)	1.00	.65
* (159)	3.00	2.00
* (161)	3.00	2.00
* (162)	3.00	1.85
* (165)	..	.40
* (166)	.20	.10
* (167)	.40	.17
* (169)	.60	25
* (171)	1.00	.45
* (177)	.85	.40
* (178)	1.50	.60
* (183)	3.00	2.00
* (255-257)	.28	.15
* (258-268)	.36	.15
* 1921-22, (280-284), 5 var.	.72	.40
*Austria 1922, (250-258), 9 var.	.18	.04
* 1922, (269-74), 6 var.	.48	.12
* 1920-21, (382, 384-401), 18 var.	.38	.13
o 1922, (402-409), 8 var.	.16	.05
* 1922, Air Mail (572-582), 5 var.	..	.15
* 1915, (772-780), 9 var.	.42	.15
* Porto, (970, 971, 984-987), 6 var.	.18	.06
* 1919, (1014-1022), 9 var.	.19	.05
* 1922, (1030-1038), 9 var.	.19	.06
* 1921, (1023-1028), 6 var.	.21	.08
*Azerbaidjan		
* 1922, (101-102), 2 var.	..	.85
* 1922, (201-217), 17 var.	102.00	45.00
*Batum 1919, 6 var. (1-6)	1.90	.75
oBavaria 1910, (73-76), 4 var.	4.25	2.60
* 1911, (77-85), 10 var.	1.17	.75
* 1911, (77-91), 16 var.	15.02	7.25
* 1916, (110-111, 113), 3 var.	.06	.03
* 1919, (117-135), 19 var.	2.50	.60
* 1919, (136-155), 20 var.	2.56	.78
* 1919, (156-175), 20 var.	2.56	.85
*o 1919, (176-191), 16 var.	1.01	.30
* 1919-20, (193-211), 19 var.	2.53	.78
* 1919-20, (209-230), 10 var.	2.53	78
* 1920, (231-233), 3 var.	.32	.12
* 1920, (234-236), 3 var.	.32	.12
*o 1920, (256-275), 20 var.	3.03	.75
* 1920, (540-552), 13 var.	.68	.22
* 1920, (558-575), 18 var.	1.63	50
*Bosnia 1914, (231-232), 2 var.	.11	.05
oBulgaria 1886-88, (27), 1 var.	1.50	.65
* 1896, (41), 1 var.	2.25	.95
* 1902, (70-72), 3 var.	.65	.20
* 1919, (136-244), 9 var.	.23	.07
* 1920, (147-152), 6 var.	.60	.23
* 1921, (153-157), 5 var.	.23	.09
* 1921, (158-167), 9 var.	1.20	.50
* 1921, (168-176), 9 var.	.52	.22
* 1922, (178-180), 2 var.	.07	.03
* 1920, (251-260), 10 var.	.84	.35
o 1902-04, (372-375), 4 var.	.45	.20
* 1915, (377-381), 5 var.	.68	.25
*Cent.Lithuania 1920, (1-12),12 var.	.28	.10
* 1920, (23-34), 12 var.	.64	.18
* Charity, (217-222), 6 var.	.56	.08
oCilicia 1920, (117,119,121-123),5 va.	.52	.25
*oDanzig 1920, (19-23), 5 var.	.19	.11
* 1921, (77-79), 3 var.	.87	.32
* 1922, (87), 1 var.	.75	.26
* 1922, (88), 1 var.	.12	.05
* 1922, (89-91), 3 var.	.11	.05
*oDanzig 1920, (201-203), 3 var.	.20	.09
*o 1921-22, (204-209), 6 var.	.45	.18
* 1921, (251-253), 3 var.	.14	.05
* Official 1921, (301-314), 14 var.	.44	.15
* 1922, (315), 1 var.	.12	.05
* 1922, (318-323), 6 var.	.34	.15
* Postage Due, 1921-22, (401-410), 10 var.	.68	.25
* Postage Due, 1921-22, (411-413), 3 var.	.09	.03
*Far East. Rep. 1920, (38-41),4 var.	.23	.25
* Commem., (93-96), 4 var.	10.00	5.00
*Germany 1920, (118, 119, 121-132), 13 var.	.74	.18
*o 1921, (133-136), 4 var.	.59	.16
* 1921, (137-143), 7 var.	.14	.05
* 1921, (144-155), 12 var.	.68	.20
* 1919, (101-102), 2 var.	.06	.03
* 1922, (208-211), 4 var.	.09	.03
* 1922, Charity, (227, 228), 2 var.	..	.05
1920, 5 var., (318-322)	.52	.16
*Hungary 1919, (198-202), 5 var.	.50	.13
* 1919, (203-228), 20 var.	.76	.20
* 1920, (565-567), 3 var.	.18	.05
* 1921, (871-878), 8 var.	.28	.10
o 1921, (871-878), 8 var.	.16	.05
*Latvia 1919-20, (60-67), 8 var.	.40	.20
* Charity, (359-362), 4 var.	.59	.25
* Russian Occ., 1919, (431), 1 var.	1.50	.55
* 1919, (432), 1 var.	1.25	.35
* 1919, (431, 432, 434, 437, 440, 441, 442), 7 var.	7.25	2.80

	Cat.	Net
*Lithuania 1919, (30-39), 10 var.	1.50	.35
* 1919, (40-49), 10 var.	1.28	.38
*o 1919, (50-60), 11 var.	.54	.22
* 1920, (70-80), 11 var.	3.24	1.40
*o 1920, (81-91), 11 var.	1.90	.60
* 1921, (97-110), 14 var.	1.35	.65
* 1921, (97-106), 10 var.	.37	.18
* 1921, (190-192), 3 var.	.52	.20
* 1922, (111, 112), 2 var.	..	.26
* Air Mail, (193-195), 3 var.	.16	.20
* 1922, (114-115), 2 var.	..	.08
* 1922, (123-134), 11 var.	..	1.00
*Marienwerder 1920, (32-35),4 var.	4.25	2.50
* 1920, (36-39), 4 var.	.95	.40
* 1920, (29), 1 var.	.25	.10
*Memel 1921, (43-49), 7 var.	..	.35
* 1920-21, (40-42), 3 var.	1.75	.75
* 1920-21, (41, 42), 2 var.	1.60	.70
* 1921, (56, 58, 61, 63-67, 70, 71), 11 var.	.64	.28
* 1922, (72-84), 13 var.	..	.70
* 1922, (72-85), 14 var.	..	1.00
* 1922, (86, 87), 2 var.	..	.10
* 1922, (88-98), 11 var.	..	1.10
* 1922, Air Mail, (108-118), 11 var.	.82	.40
* 1922, (120-130), 10 var.	..	1.10
*Persia 1915, (560-577), 17 var.	33.58	7.95
(743-759), 17 var.	26.96	7.95
(917-933), 17 var.	34.11	7.95
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*Poland 1919, (129-135), 7 var.	.27	.10
* 1920-22, (149-152b), 6 var.	.20	.06
* 1921, (154-155a), 3 var.	.23	.10
* 1921, (163-165), 3 var.	.45	.14
*o 1922, (170-183), 14 var.	.37	.13
*Poland 1918, (236-237), 2 var.	.08	.03
o 1922, (313-318), 5 var.	.19	.06
* 1919, (413-431), 19 var.	.60	.21
*Roumania 1922, (270-274), 5 var.	..	.45
* Postage Due Charity, (451, 452), 2 var.	.05	.02
*o 1916, (453-454), 2 var.	.11	.04
* 1918, (455-456), 2 var.	.12	.05
o Austrian Occupation, (701-708), 8 var.	.67	.25
German Occupation 1917-18, (805-808), 4 var.	.52	.25
o 1918, (809-813), 5 var.	.25	.11
o 1917, (818-819), 2 var.	.07	.03
o 1917-18, (820-822), 3 var.	.36	.15
*o 1918, Postage Due, (831-835), 5 var.	.64	.25
*Russia 1917-18, (114-131), 16 var.	7.65	2.80
* 1917-18, (114-138), 23 var.	11.47	8.50
* 1918-19, (148-150), 3 var.	.29	.08
* 1921, (177-187), 11 var.	2.33	1.25
* 1922, (191-195), 5 var.	1.85	.85
* 1922, (197-200), 4 var.	1.80	.95
* 1922, (202, 203, 206), 3 var.	.50	.25
* 1922, (202, 203, 205, 206), 4 var.	.85	.35
o 1922, (228, 229, 231, 232, 234), 5 var.	..	.40
* Charity, (315-317), 3 var.	.90	.40
* (315-318), 4 var.	1.20	.65
* (319-324), 6 var.	1.20	.50
* Charity Rostow sur Don issue, 4 var., rare	..	1.75
o Off. in China 1904, (21), 1 var.	5.00	1.75
o 1916, (45), 1 var.	.75	.30
* 1904-1908, (20-23), 4 var.	33.50	17.50
* 1917, (50-67), 18 var.	51.02	29.00
* 1917, (68), 1 var.	..	35.00
*Saar 1920, (41-53), 12 var.	.99	.32
*South Russia 1918, (1-8), 8 var.	2.34	.90
* 1919, (10), 1 var.	2.00	3.75
* 1918-20, (35-40), 6 var.	2.60	.90
* 1919, (45-46), 2 var.	.30	.13
* 1919, (51), 1 var.	.08	.03
* 1920, (52), 1 var.	1.25	1.25
* 1920, (53-57), 4 var.	.65	.30
* 1920, (58-59), 2 var.	1.00	.45
* 1919, (61-71), 11 var.	3.58	1.00
*Upper Silesia 1920, (1-6), 6 var.	.43	.13
* 1920, (15-31), 17 var.	1.17	.40
* 1920-21, (228-239), 12 var.	1.82	.85
* 1920-21, (228b, 232a, 237a, 238a), 4 var.	..	.50
*Ukrainia 1919, (143-148), 6 var.	2.15	.95
* 1919, (151), 1 var., scarce	2.00	2.00
* 1920, (156-169), 14 var.	.28	.10
*Thrace 1920, (116-120), 4 var.	1.12	.28
*Western Ukrainia 1919, (75, 76, 78, 80, 81), 5 var., rare	..	12.50
* 1918, (85-93), 5 var.	.57	.18
oWurtemberg 1918, (232, 233, 254, 256), 4 var.	.40	.13
* 1916, (222-228), 7 var.	.46	.20
* 1920, (245-250), 6 var.	.40	.12
* 1916, (339-348), 10 var.	.80	.40
* 1921, (256-264), 9 var.	.31	.15
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THE PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT.

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the U-18 electro. As Rochester uses a quantity of this value they would not be scarce if it was not for the new issue.

St. Paul, Minn.—Speaking of the dollar value, reminds me that St. Paul precanceled dollar stamps have heretofore always come inverted. Today I secured four copies of the normal cancellation, and sad to say they are all initialed.

Spring Grove, Minn.—Mr. H. S. Wheeler reports the 3 cent Victory issue from here, in both normal, and reading down positions. The red ink of the cancellation makes a striking appearance. Needless to say, they are very rare and I may add that they are entirely free from speculative taint.

Warren, R. I.—Another new town which uses handstamped precancels similar to U-3. Anything from Rhode Island outside of Pawtucket and Providence is very hard to pick up.

Stamp collectors who have never taken an interest in precanceled stamps will be surprised at the beautiful appearance of a systematic array of these popular stamps. When collected with care for condition and tastefully mounted in a good blank album they are not only beautiful to the philatelist, and interesting to the non-philatelist, but the mode of arrangement reflects certain characteristics of the owner. The collecting of cancellations on the early issues of our country has gained much headway and there are hundreds of collectors devoted to this side line. But the field has been pretty well combed and one has to pay stiff prices for the unusual items. Precanceled stamps fairly bristle with striking items and there is so much lee way in regard to specialization in them that one can make a fine showing along certain lines with but a limited expenditure. Now is the time to get into the field, and form a collection of this most prominent U. S. sideline. As an investment, it is sound if one's good judgment is allowed free play.

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By ERNEST R. ACKERMAN.
(Cable dispatch to the WEEKLY.)

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Awards to the U. S. were as follows:

Rarities, Grand Gold, Arthur Hind.
Canada, Gold, Alfred Lichtenstein.
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Gold, Alfred F. Lichtenstein.
U. S. 5c, 10c, 1847, Special Gold Medal, Hon. E. R. Ackerman.
Confederate States. Special Gold, E. S. Knapp.
New Orleans 5c, Silver, E. S. Knapp.
New Zealand, Silver, Arthur Newton Pack.
Greece, Silver, J. A. Klemann.
Uruguay, Silver, Chas. L. Pack.
Victoria Book, Gold, Chas. L. Pack.
Scott's Monthly Journal, Bronze.

Arthur Hind's 1c British Guiana was the cynosure of all eyes. The exhibits of Senator Frelinghuysen, Dr. Carroll Chase and also that of the United States Government received much favorable attention.

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THE EVERLASTING CABOTS, 1897-1923.

By Harry E. Huber.

In no other British Colony have stamps intended primarily as commemoratives remained in use so long as those of the Cabot series, issued by Newfoundland on June 24, 1897, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the island by John Cabot.

Fourteen values comprised the series, each in a different design, and inscribed "Newfoundland," "Postage," and the dates "1497-1897." Issued in the year when the whole British Empire was celebrating the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign, much comment was occasioned by the fact that only one value, and that the lowest, 1c, featured "Our Queen, Sixtieth Year of Her Reign," while Canada's Diamond Jubilee series, issued in the same month, pictured her on all 16 values (½c to $5). On the 2c appears Sebastian Cabot (no portrait exists of John Cabot), lettered simply "Cabot, Him That Found the New Isle," and on the 60c, Henry VII "Who Granted a Charter to Cabot to Discover New Lands." "Cabot's ship, the Matthew, leaving the Avon" is shown on the 10c, and his landfall "Cape Bonavista," on the 3c. Four values depict the "Colony's Resources:" 5c, "Mining;" 6c, "Logging;" 8c, "Fishing;" and 15c, "Seals," and "Newfoundland Sport" is advertised on the 4c (Caribou Hunting); 12c, (Ptarmigan), and 24c, (Salmon Fishing). "The Seal of the Colony, Fishermen Bringing Gifts to Britannia" finds a place on the 30c, and on the 35c, "Coast Scenery," in the form of "An Iceberg off St. John's."

The following quantities of these stamps were printed, after which the dies, rolls and plates were destroyed (June 23, 1897); for sake of comparison, the figures for Canada's Diamond Jubilee series are given also.

Canada Diamond Jubilee series, issued June 19, 1897:

	No. printed
½c,	150,000
1c,	8,000,000
2c,	2,500,000
3c,	20,000,000
5c,	750,000
6c,	75,000
8c,	200,000
10c,	150,000
15c,	100,000
20c,	100,000
50c,	100,000
$1,	25,000
$2,	25,000
$3,	25,000
$4,	25,000
$5,	25,000

Newfoundland Cabot series, issued June 24, 1897:

	No. printed.	In stock Sept. 10, 1897
1c,	400,000	15,000
2c,	400,000	70,000
3c,	1,000,000	650,000
4c,	400,000	260,000
5c,	400,000	250,000
6c,	400,000	300,000
8c,	200,000	120,000
10c,	200,000	110,000
12c,	200,000	140,000
15c,	200,000	150,000
24c,	100,000	60,000
30c,	100,000	55,000
35c,	100,000	55,000
60c,	100,000	55,000

The 1c was the first value to exhaust, in late September, 1897, necessitating the surcharge, "One Cent" on the 3c Queen Victoria, gray lilac, of the 1890 series. The 2c Cabot followed in November, 1899, soon after issue of the following notice:

"Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of January, 1900, all obsolete postage stamps will be destroyed, and that after that date the only stamps that will be on sale by the Postal Department will be the ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, of the Royal issue, and the 4c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c, 35c and 60c of the Cabot issue.

J. O. Fraser,
Postmaster General.
G.P.O., St. John's, Newfoundland.
7th November, 1899."

When the Cabot series was issued June 24, 1897, stamps of all previous series were recalled to St. John's, and these, with remainders of the 3c (2658) and 5c (11342) Cabot stamps were first defaced, and then burned on January 3rd and 4th, 1900.

The 1c carmine (Queen Victoria), and the 2c orange (King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales), of the Royal series were issued in December, 1897, and in June and July of the following year, were changed to green and vermilion, respectively. The 3c orange (Queen Alexandra, then Princess of Wales) followed in July, 1898, and in the next month, August, the ½c olive green (Prince Edward of Wales) appeared. The 5c blue (Duke of York, now King George V) was issued in June, 1899, and two years later, in October, 1901, the series was completed by the addition of the 4c violet (Duchess of York, now Queen Mary). The 2c rose carmine, in the Map design, appeared in September, 1908.

Previous to 1897, the highest value stamps issued by the Colony were 1s (sterling), and 24c (decimal currency). While the Cabot series with a face value of $2.15, did not go to the high values of Canada's Diamond Jubilee series (face value $16.20½), it did include such values as 30c, 35c and 60c for which there must have been little or no postal demand, in the light of later years. From the table above it will be noted that for Newfoundland's quarter million inhabitants the higher values were printed in quantities equaling, if not exceeding, those for Canada's five million population. In the printing of such large quantities of the higher values, the authorities seem to have expected a greater demand from the collecting clientele than was actually made, for on February 1, 1910, H. J. B. Woods, the Postmaster General, commenting on the suggestion that commemorative stamps be issued in connection with the Guy Tercentenary celebrations, wrote "There can be no objection to such an issue, if confined to stamps of the smaller denominations, as they are always in demand for postage, even if there should be but a limited demand from stamp collectors, which of late seems to be falling off."

The Guy series of 11 values was issued in lithographed form on August 15, 1910, with 15c as its highest value. Those above 5c quickly exhausted, and in January and February, 1911, the 6c to 15c appeared in engraved form. They too, as well as the Coronation series (1c to 15c) issued June 19, 1911, were requisitioned in such small quantities (perhaps more in keeping with actual postal demands) that by the end of 1911 only the five lower values remained.

For almost 22 years (1897-1919), except for brief periods in 1910 and 1911, the 6c to 60c of the Cabot series, were the only high value stamps available. The 4c Cabot exhausted in 1916, and the 10c in April, 1918.

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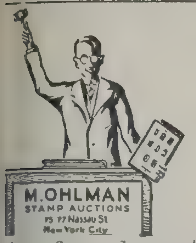

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In September, 1920, there was a shortage of 1c, 2c and 3c postage stamps of the Caribou series, and as there was no remainder stock of these values to draw upon, it was necessary to resort to surcharging. 50,000 each of the 15c and 35c Cabot stamps were surcharged in black THREE CENTS, and 50,000 of the 30c Cabot were reduced to TWO CENTS.

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In December, 1921, and January, 1922, attempts were made to fly from Botwood, Newfoundland, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and for this air mail, which was limited to 5000 pieces, a special stamp was prepared, about the middle of November, by overprinting 5000 of the 35c Cabot, "Air Mail to Halifax, N. S., 1921." Later in the month, the balance of the remainder stock of this value (9000), was similarly overprinted. So disappeared another value.

The 12c and 15c Caribou stamps exhausted on November 9, 1920, and February 13, 1921, respectively. Their places were taken by these values in the Cabot series. On May 27, 1922, there were in stock 2450 12c and 4900 15c Cabots.

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By Lowell J. Ragatz.

Mr. Herant Mozian, brother of Vahan Mozian the New York dealer, is a resident of Neuilly-sur-Seine, just beyond the Neuilly gate to Paris. The Mozian brothers were formerly inhabitants of Armenia, and Vahan Mozian was at one time a French teacher there. Following an outbreak of Turkish atrocities in his native country, he went to America and entered the postage stamp business under the trade name, Ararat Stamp Company. I well remember having bought sets of him at that time. Later, after his business had expanded, he commenced dealing under his own name and more recently still organized Vahan Mozian, Incorporated, with himself as head. His large, well-lighted office in the heart of the theatrical district and his comprehensive stock are familiar to most New York and visiting collectors.

His brother Herant entered the French army and served as an officer for many years. Since his retirement a short time ago he has been in the diamond business.

A sister of Felix Cohen the Alexandria dealer lives in Paris. Her husband was formerly consul-general in Argentina. Mr. Cohen was in Paris on a visit a year ago. At the same time he disposed of a choice lot of near-East rarities. Rumor has it that he intends to open a stamp shop in Spain.

While in Louvain recently, I visited the Belgian Congo Museum housed in one of the new university buildings. A complete set of Congo stamps and postal stationery is on display. A large chart shows the two air service routes now in operation, the one running from Boma to Elizabethville and the other from Boma to Stanleyville.

The Commercial Fair and International Historical Congress, both held in Brussels, resulted in my staying in the capital city for a week. During that time I had the opportunity to visit the principal stamp shop. First and foremost for American collectors is, of course, the house of Gelli and Tani, Incorporated. Their office is located on the Rue du Marché aux Herbes. The specialty of this company is auctions of rare stamps and the retailing of classics. Their superbly illustrated catalogues and price-lists have no equals in America. They have used the Weekly as an advertising medium for several years, and have built up a large American clientele. It was my privilege to look over a sale lot which has since been disposed of. Old Europeans in perfect condition comprised the bulk of the goods offered. The company has extensive British connections. Their stock consists rather largely of 19th century.

The Excelsior Stamp Office on the Boulevard Anspach has an average stock. Lloyd Philatelique on the Rue Royale, one of the main streets of the city leading towards the banking section and the government buildings, occupy a new ground floor shop. They have good holdings of modern issues. R. Martens and Alfred Grand Jean on the Rue du Midi and the Avenue du Midi respectively, have roomy ground-floor offices with popular stocks. Scores of stationery shops carry packets and sou and two sou approvals supplied by the stamp houses.

The most popular set in Belgium seems to be the "casque" series. All stamp houses feature them used, unused, on philatelically used covers with ordinary and special cancellations. The Eupen and Malmedy sets in similar shape run close behind. Large lots of Russian Levant on made to order Registered covers, huge lots of German occupation stamps cancelled in sheets, cancelled to order Turkish Capitulation sets, similar Fiume issues and Obock and Macao made to order splits on neat bits of cover were some of the weeds noticed. Most fearful and wonderful of all was a piece of wrapping paper 2 feet by 3 covered with 217 varieties of Austria all neatly cancelled and accompanied by a Registration label.

I had intended to stop in Luxemburg, but passport difficulties prevented. As the train stopped for a considerable time, however, I managed to get a complete set of stamps available via messenger. I was surprised to find that the 10 franc pictorial, recently issued in green in sheets of one had been placed on sale in black, in regular sheet form. A second trip on the messenger's part brought the information that "the American" could have 5 of the 10 franc green, but at 12 francs each. But when the boy went for a third time he came back with the 20 copies of the 10 franc green I had sent money for. So there seemed to be a few more available. I had no trouble in securing 500 each of the 5c on 1c and 5c on 4c provisionals at face.

I found no stamp shop in Strassburg. Packets and sets of German origin could, however, be secured in most of the cigar shops. There was nothing above the boy collector grade available.

The Sample Fair at Basle took much of my time there, but I did not neglect stamps. I located two dealers, H. Schlageter and "Volker," the latter being a trade name. Both have the ordinary dealer's goods with a few good items from every country. Early Europe bring big prices, but such American imperforates as are offered can be secured at half Scott's. The European issues are generally priced by Zumstein's catalogue.

The Jenzer Company of Bern have the novelty slot machines monopoly for Swiss post-offices. One finds their machines vending post-cards, letter-sheets, pencil sharpeners and the like throughout Switzerland. One slot is always reserved for an assortment of stamp packets. These are made up to catch the 20 centimes of the boy collector, and a lot seldom catalogues as much.

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By J. Murray Bartels.

The second Eagle Sale held by J. C. Morgenthau & Co., May 15, 16 and 17, began with about 100 lots of early issues followed by the highly specialized 1869 series which alone consisted of 945 lots. Of these a large proportion were Proofs and Essays, which, due to the absence of any catalogue prices or other quotations, sold lower than any other section of the sale. Mail bidders were either very little interested or else at a loss to know what to bid, with the result that about 90% went on the floor, divided between less than a dozen buyers, mostly dealers. For once it was bargain day, at least until the regularly issued stamps of 1869 were reached. Even here the mass of material seemed to have some effect upon the prices. Rare cancellations and in some instances blocks unused or used went high.

A few of the outstanding prices were as follows:

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The third session consisted largely of Departments and Newspaper Stamps. Prices on the former were very high, especially for blocks which sold largely on the floor. These in numerous cases approached full catalogue or even went above it. It is well known that many of them are exceedingly rare in blocks while others are entirely unknown. We quote the following, all in blocks of four and o. g.:

Agriculture, 1c, $16, 10c, $23, 12c, $39; Executive, 3c (creased and off center), $40.50; Interior, set of 10, $49 (cat. $48.68); Justice 2c, $15.25, 3c, $14.50, 10c, $17, 12c, $12, 30c, $121; Navy, 7c, $70, 10c, $14.75, 12c, $12.50, 15c, $13, 24c, $43, 30c, $30.50, 90c, $100; Post Office, set of 10 (cat. $48.68), $45; State, 12c, $31; Treasury, 24c, $51; War, 1c (cat. $20), $20, 2c, $30.50; Agriculture, 1c, soft paper (issued ungummed), $140.

SPECIMEN sets sold as follows: Agriculture, $16.50; Interior, $35.50; Justice, $25.50; Navy, $31; Post Office, $36; Treasury, $31; State, 1-90c, $18; War, $31.50. These prices were high for the more common sets but low for the Interior, Post Office, Treasury and War. Five errors "SEPCIMEN" brought between $20 and $42.50 each. Confederate States 10c, "Outer Line", two copies $36.50 each.

The total of this session reached $15,088.25, making in all for the seven Morgenthau sessions $53,435.20. The next Eagle sale will consist of Revenues and will be held by Percy G. Doane, May 26 and 28.

Mr. Harold D. Watson, representing the Eagle Estate, informs me that the net amount received from the sale will be fully double the original cost of the stamps, although there was considerable shrinkage in Proofs and Essays, largely purchased at private sale from the Lord Crawford Collection.

In my report on page 261, the second item listed should read: "1893, 2c rare reddish shade, block of 6, $16.50," and "1893 4c blue error, $138" instead of $130.

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EDITORIAL.

We have pleasure in announcing that Mr. Edward S. Knapp of New York City, whose studies of Confederate stamps in particular have been one of the features of the WEEKLY has been signally honored by the International Stamp Exhibition, London, May 14th to 26th, 1923. A cablegram has been received from Mr. John N. Luff who informs Mr. Knapp that Mr. Knapp's Confederate States won the gold medal and that his "Specialized 5c New Orleans" was awarded the medal for "the best specialized study of a single stamp denomination in one design, with major and minor varieties." In this single stamp competition, the judges were "requested to disregard altogether the catalogue or market value of the stamp, giving regard to the originality of the study, completeness of the research; and to classification and arrangement." Under these conditions, the winning of the prize is a flattering recognition of philatelic ability as well as a tribute to intelligent persistence. We congratulate Mr. Knapp upon receiving this great honor which gives him a place among the immortals of philately.

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For some time past we have been having our attention called to the activities of one Panelli Angelo, Italy, who brazenly offers for sale forgeries or imitations of obsolete stamps. Further, samples of the work produced by Angelo have been submitted and while the facsimiles are not perfect by any means, they are dangerous enough to make their distributor a marked man. It is evident that Angelo does not try to avoid the daylight in offering his wares, which, he is careful to say, are imitations of stamps no longer used; and his effrontery shows that he feels himself secure in plying his business. If some legal method cannot be invoked to put an end to the mistaken enterprise of the man, it is time that changes be made whereby he could be prevented from continuing his work. We have confidence that the stamp trade, which in Europe is strong through organization, can devise some plan to render ineffective the assaults of Angelo on philately. He must be put out of business as the example that he sets is bad; and it is the duty of organized philately to spike his guns.

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Here is something new in stamp architecture that will cause the dull eye of the ennuied collector to glisten and the pulse of the sated collector to throb at accelerated speed. South Dakota has a law taxing cigarettes that became effective on May 1, 1923, and the payment of this tax is to be indicated by state tax stamps. According to *Boyce's Weekly*, "the stamps will show a coyote, sitting on his haunches and with nose pointed skyward, howling. Before the coyote is the head of a buffalo." Hail to this delectable bit of Americana. Iowa's cigarette stamps become trite indeed when compared with South Dakota's articles of faith. This state attains the superlative absolute in philatelic portraiture. For instance, the laugh of the laughing hyena becomes a girlish giggle when contrasted with the full-throated howl of the coyote. America now comes into its own and howls down the animals that have been so freely contributed to the philatelic zoo by the foreigners who are striving for sensation. In the vocalism of the wilds, the coyote is the virtuoso that causes all the other animal operatic stars to forget their jealousies and petty differences when he bursts into glorious song. Then, for good measure, the "head of a buffalo" is thrown in. We are willing to say that the originator of the design of the South Dakota stamps is our favorite stage manager.

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The state revenue stamps, which were somewhat numerous during the Civil War period, represented a tax imposed by the different states legislatures that was additional to the national tax imposed at Washington. Some of the designs of the state revenues were original and make an impression on the collector who sees them for the first time. Alabama issued stamps in red and in blue with the arms of the state in the center and the Lousiana lottery tax stamps, showing either square and compass or a pelican feeding its young are distinctive; and the same may be said of the California poll tax $2 revenue with its inscription of "Poll Tax" at top. Latterly, there have been so many issues of special tax stamps by the different states that the collector cannot keep pace with them but we think that the South Dakota stamps will compel attention by reason of their stirring portraiture.

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If the person who sent in the passionate protest against the exploitation of what he alleges to be "worthless" stamps of some of the new European countries by a dealer on the other side who details at length the varieties that are to be found in the issues with the idea, he says, of "unloading" them will rewrite his criticism under his own name and base his contention on evidence and not surmise, we may accommodate him with the space that his complaint would require. Many of us remember, in the days when Ferrary was going at top speed, of the tales told by one of our dealers, now deceased, of how a publisher would write up the stamps of a country with all the possible and perhaps impossible varieties, who would then send a collection based upon the article, at fancy prices, to that voracious collector. So much for that; but we do not believe that the dealer named by our correspondent would do anything inimical to the best interests of collectors. We do not intend to allow our columns to be made the vehicle for venting spleen or spite and we object to pulling chestnuts out of the fire for someone else.

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From Mr. L. J. Sullivan of the Associated Press, Chicago, we have received the following letter: "The enclosed I picked up today at the Motion Picture Palace of Progress at the Coliseum, which I thought it worth while to send to you. At the post-office booth, near the northwest corner of the building, I

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Having absorbed every scrap of information from the current issue that my time will allow, I am going to steal a moment from week end activities and ask you a couple of questions.

In your editorial on page 250, May 12th issue, you make some remarks regarding the condition of stamps sent out by the philatelic agency in Washington.

Has it occurred to you that perhaps the agency was doing the very best it could do under the circumstances?

It is notoriously and obviously a fact which even the kindergarten classes of the philatelic world admit and talk about, that sheet after sheet of every issue can be handled and examined without a selection of "perfectly centered" stamps being possible, and often it is difficult to select a block of four that is passable. I have before me a sheet of the current 2, 3 and 5 cent; and if I measured, as some fussy people do, with a dividers, it would be impossible to select a single stamp from either sheet that had the same margin all around it.

I am told this is the requirement of "perfect centering." True, the design is not cut into on any stamp, but on no one stamp is there a possibility of such an agreement of dimension of margin.

Taking these sheets as a sample of millions of sheets made in a year, why should any collector, rich or poor, expect that Uncle Sam's hired man in the little philatelic shop should carefully look over sheet after sheet and select from each one or two or four or eight "perfectly centered" stamps, and of course send the balance of the sheet that contained "disgraceful copies" back to the printer, or somewhere else to be sold to the non-collecting public. (Or throw them into the scrap basket?) I don't suppose your correspondent ever thought, or cared, what became of the balances of the sheets provided he got his little set all "perfectly centered." It never occurred to him that it is entirely possible that in order to fill a thousand orders for "perfectly centered" stamps the agency might have to remove one stamp from a thousand sheets each being the only "perfect" copy. And of course it is nothing to him who gets the other 99 in each pane or how badly matched the margins on the remainders are.

If the orders received by that agency could be compared it is a safe bet that 99½% of them specify the equivalent of "perfectly centered copies."

Suppose we use your own phrase, and say "acceptable condition" is the required condition. What is that?

The Department is furnishing mint stamps, with full gum, *as a favor to collectors*. Why should any individual intimate that the clerk should select him along from hundreds and send him first of all the item that is perfectly centered, and send the rest of us the balance of the sheet, "as they come?" Who is this guy? We had supposed that all these people were in the Wisconsin section of the senate, or maybe in a few other contingents from the trans-Mississippi States.

"This here now" agency is supposed to be a public service affair. If your almost too fussy friend and correspondent wants particular service, why should he not pay some dealer in stamps the proper premium for such selection, to be made according to his own special micrometric measurements, as regards the margins, special flavored gum and all the other little fussy details that can be noticed only by those who have enough funds to pay double face for a new issue?

Acceptable condition may mean anything. Mint stamps, with the gum propperly protected, and fairly centered, (just average margins I mean) ought to satisfy anyone. Why encourage collectors in the belief that their little individual order should be filled by this special official with "Absolutely perfectly centered" (stock phrase of trade) copies to the exclusion of every one else, or tell them that their judgment of acceptable condition from this source is perfectly reasonable in the face of the conditions we know the clerk has to meet?

Your quotation from the correspondent's letter started this, and I think you will agree that a criticism like that is wrong.

"The clerk should have known enough."

Believe me the clerk at that agency knows a lot more than the guy that blew his feelings into the air that way.

If this collector was in England, he would be the one who would take his little stamp thru the offices till he got to the P. M. G. and then he would recite the time honored phrases regarding his being a "rate payer, a respected citizen of his *village*, an ardent supporter of the then acting Government (mebbe this guy is a Democrat), and a relative thrice removed (or more) of the member from Sloppyslough by the Severn (or sump'n) and if he didn't immediately get a "perfectly centered" sample of the penny stamp he carried, he would have the aforesaid member bring it to the notice of the House, etc., etc.

Why not let the gentleman take it up with Mister Harding and his Cabinet and get the P. M. G. a good wigging?

Or else, suggest to Warren that the portfolio should be transferred to him, and then we'd all get our copies of the new issue "perfectly centered." Maybe—

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* 1920, 3d brown (22)	.35
* 1920, ½d to 1s, 6 var.	.55
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***Poland,** Charity, 1919, (313, 4, 5, 7)	.06
***Poland,** Warsaw, 1918, (11, 12)	.03
***Rarotonga** 1919, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½d	.28
* 1919, 3d engraved	.75
* 1919, 4d to 1sh, Cat. 2.60	1.30
***Sarawak** 1922, 3, 5, 8, 30c	.28
***Rhodesia** 1913-7, 1d, 1½d	.08
* 1919, 1sh (140)	.55
***Samoa** 1920, ½d-1sh, 6 var.	.85
* 1919, 3d (134)	.10
* 1916-7, 2½d (127)	.08
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Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

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UNITED STATES.—Now that the new series of 1922-23 United States postage stamps has been completed it may be of interest to list the several denominations together with the dates and places of issue.

1c Franklin, issued January 17, 1923, in Washington and Philadelphia, the latter town having been the home of Franklin for many years, although not his birthplace.

2c Washington, issued on January 15, 1923, in Washington only.

3c Lincoln, issued on February 12, 1923, in Washington and at his birthplace, Hodgenville, Ky. The Third Assistant Postmaster General at this date was on his way South and on the 12th mailed some covers from Atlanta, Georgia.

4c Martha Washington, issued in Washington only on January 15, 1923.

5c Roosevelt, issued on October 27, 1922, at Washington, at his birthplace in New York and at his home, Oyster Bay, N. Y.

6c Garfield, issued in Washington, only on November 20, 1922.

7c McKinley, issued on May 1, 1923, at Washington and at his birthplace, Niles, Ohio.

8c Grant, issued on May 1, 1923, at Washington only.

9c Jefferson, issued on January 15, 1923, at Washington only.

10c Monroe, issued on January 15, 1923, at Washington only.

11c Hayes, issued on October 24, 1922, at Washington and also at his birthplace, Fremont, Ohio.

12c Cleveland, issued on March 20, 1923, at Washington, at Caldwell, N. J., his birthplace and Boston, Mass., where a philatelic exhibition was in progress.

14c American Indian, issued on May 1, 1923, at Washington and also at Muskogee, Okla., the location of the largest Indian Settlement in America.

15c Statue of Liberty, issued on November 11, 1922, in Washington.

20c Golden Gate, issued on May 1, 1923, in Washington and also at San Francisco, Calif.

25c Niagara Falls, issued on November 11, 1922, at Washington.

30c Buffalo, issued on March 20, 1923, at Washington.

50c Arlington Amphitheatre, issued November 11, 1922, at Washington only.

$1.00 Lincoln Memorial, issued on February 12, 1923, at Washington also at Springfield, Ill., the home and resting place of Abraham Lincoln.

$2.00 Capitol, issued on March 20, 1923, at Washington.

$5.00 America, issued on March 20, 1923, at Washington.

The 2c coil stamp was also officially issued for the first time at Washington, on January 15, 1923, but the Bureau sent out a supply to other offices, such as Lancaster, New York, St. Louis, etc., where they were placed in use at a previous date. The 1c and 2c imperforated were issued in Washington, on March 20th. All of the above varieties were placed on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency in Washington on the first day.

Mr. Charles Metz reports that he has seen the new design 1c stamp from the rotary press, perforated 10x10 precancelled New York. I have listed plates made by the Bureau for this variety, but have not as yet seen it.

At this late date, Mr. R. H. Mason has located a new variety of the 2c on 3c Provisional envelope used by a small bank in Colorado.

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The information service of the post-office department sends out a special communication, under date of May 19th, calling attention to the fact that letters should be properly addressed and that both street and number should be given where possible. Postmaster General New mentions that probably every Postmaster General since Franklin has called the Public's attention to the same fact, but that he feels that if these precautions are properly followed the Department will save thousands of dollars now made necessary in maintaining a Dead Letter Office, the still more costly Directory Service.

ARGENTINE.—The Economist Stamp Co. have advised us that the 4c red violet has been issued on R A watermarked paper.

CHINA.—Several correspondents call attention to the fact that the new 4 cents grey and 15 cents blue, issued January 2nd last, are from re-engraved dies, the differences being as follows:—

Junk Type.—Most of the "white caps" in front of the junk have been removed and the water made darker. The shading lines have been removed from the arabesques and pearls above the top inscription. The inner shadings at the top and sides of the picture have been cut away.

Temple Type.—The heads of rice in the side panels have a background of crossed lines instead of horizontal lines. The Temple of Heaven is strongly shaded and has a door. There are rows of pearls below the Chinese characters in the upper corners. The arabesques above the top inscription have been altered and are without shading lines. —*Stamp Collecting.*

EGYPT.—Our chronicle of the new 5m portrait stamp last week seems to have caused some little excitement, prom by the conclusions, doubtless, that Crown provisionals are in process withdrawal. We understand, howe that the latter will continue in curre at any rate for the time being.

Additional interest is lent to the o lescent provisionals by reason of fact that there are two types of Crown overprint and Arabic supersc tions, the Crown being larger in second type and the right-hand Ar characters larger in the first type. the second type, too, the Crescent is l more than a semi-circle of even th ness.—*Stamp Collecting.*

GERMANY.—We have received a c of the 20 mks red lilac in the M type. The Economist Stamp Co. ki sent us the stamp for chronicle.

FIUME.—The *Bulletin Mensuel* chr cles a new 5c green and bistre wit view of a sailing ship in the foregro The perforation is 11½.

MARTINIQUE.—The Economist St Co. reports that 75c blue and rose been issued with the surcharge " over the figures of the former valu the upper right corner. The overp is in black.

TUNIS.—The Economist Stamp have shown us the following new p visionals: 5c green surcharged "10" red, 15c violet, "20" in black and 25c blue "50" in red. All are of types of the 1906 design.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Franklin S. Smith enters what apparently a worthy criticism of first page feature of May 12. Referr to the use of the word "priceless" connection with the story of the sta exhibit, he considers it "a rather la term for a face value of perhaps seve hundred dollars in addition to the $1, for the airplane invert." We stand c rected and acknowledge the strength Mr. Smith's criticism.

—W. J. Zink has changed his addr from 4607 Denison Ave., to 3856 W 40th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

—In the *Sales Department News* pu lished by J. E. Guest, the editor a nounces that he is a candidate for appointment to the office of A. P. Sales Superintendent for the next fis year. During the year 1921-22 the was a total sale of nearly $30,000, an crease of nearly $10,000. The value the stamps now in circulation is $180,0

—*Stamp Collecting* of May 12, is magazine of 60 pages, celebrating 500th number. One of the most inte esting features of the number is a fi tribute of the proprietor F. Hugh Va lancey to Derek Ingram, who has edit four hundred of the issues.

—Elmer F. Smith, of Carthage, I reports a fraudulent transaction in co nection with one "George W. Bierce" Cleveland, O. It happens that the is a reputable dealer in antiques, etc., 8903 Euclid Ave., and the swindler question opened a small store about fi miles away from the real Mr. Bierc He solicited approval selections, order

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JOHN N. LUFF, New York. President of the Collectors Club, New York, an ex-President of the American Philatelist Society. He has collected since the 'eighties, was for many years editor of the *American Journal of Philately* (2nd series), has been the chief editor, over a long period, of the Scott Catalogue; author of the standard work on United States postage stamps. Was largely responsible for the organisation of the New York International Philatelic Exhibition 1913, where he was a member of the jury, and was member of the jury, London, 1906.

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The new 14c is a beautiful stamp, but though the head on it is supposed to be the likeness of the famous Sioux Chief, Hollow-Horn-Bear, really it looks no more like him than it does any other Red-man.

It is well that they inscribed on the stamp "American Indian," instead of his name, for it is a good likeness of the Sioux type, which is the finest found among the various aboriginal tribes of American Indians.

I knew H.H.B. for about twenty years prior to his death, which occurred in Washington, D. C., some years ago, and was caused by the Flu. Was employed in a Trader's store at Rosebud Agency at the time his body was brought back to the Reservation by military guards and was buried at the St. Francis Mission with Military Honors.

If he ever looked like the subject on our 14c stamp it must have been during his last illness. It surely does not resemble him as he looked in sturdy health.

Hollow-Horn-Bear was an excellent type of Sioux manhood, though his word could not be depended on, as many found out who let him have credit. Yet he was a great orator and a shrewd statesman. The Washington politicians did not put much over on him except by force; hence the reason he was so often chosen to represent his people, over which he had a profound influence, in their dealings with the Great White Father at Washington.

As an orator Hollow-Horn-Bear ranked with American Horse, Red Cloud, Setting Bull and Spotted Tail; but not with Gaul, Chief of the Cheyenne Sioux. As a monumental prevaricator he was in a class by himself.

I do not understand why the 14c stamp was not placed on sale the first day at Rosebud, So. Dak., in the country where H.H.B. spent most of his life.

After all is said and done, Hollow-Horn-Bear was a great man, and a respected leader of his people. Perhaps he was naturally possessed of a higher moral character than we who knew him give him credit for, but was sharp enough to pick up some of the trickery of his white brothers and appropriate it to his own use.

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Success has never been absent from the Ferrari sales up to now. The sixth, being no exception, again attracted the serious buyers, who bid recklessly against one another. We say recklessly with intention, for in our opinion certain lots were undoubtedly sold too dear, having regard to their condition. But the Ferrari sales have hypnotised philatelists; so much the better for the followers of philately. The catalogue was finely produced, and M. Gilbert, who classified and arranged the lots, had carried out this onerous task with rare competence. It sought to group the vignettes in lots that would command attention, and amongst several stamps in a lot would be found a rare item which evoked keen bidding. In the course of the prices which are enumerated below we cite the instances that illustrate our remarks. Amongst the largest purchasers we noted M. Theo. Champion (who bought Fr. 350,000 worth of rarities), M. Lemaire (Fr. 50,000), M. Poulet (about the same figure), M. Burrus (who paid too dearly!), Messrs. Griebert, Allan, Nissen, Houtzamer, Smith, Penny, Palmers, Friedl, Clark, Lichtenstein, Spohr, etc.

The total for the sale amounted to 1,925,225 francs (about £27,500), exclusive of the Government tax of 17½%, making for the six sales the amazing grand total of 10,300,000 francs (£147,150). And the end is not yet! —*Philatelic Magazine.*

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Irish Provisionals.—Quite a number of new varieties of the Irish provisionals have been "discovered" recently. Some of the corrections have been made by hand and the total number of collectible varieties is now enormous. It is not surprising, therefore, that some of the would-be specialists are beginning to give them up in disgust and confine their attentions to a collection of the normal types or else to turn to some colony where the varieties are less numerous. On comparing the Irish provisionals with a country like Papua, it is noticed that the numbers issued were about a hundred times less, in many cases, value for value, so that they have turned out a really good thing. Of the Irish stamps it has now transpired that "inverts" exist of practically all values to 1sh, but many of these, it is believed, were issued in irregular fashion.

The 2d is the commonest. Something like 4 sheets of 240 occurred, and of this probably about 600 still exist, including both dies, but the majority have not come on the market yet. At the present time there, one is lucky to purchase a copy much under £2, but when the boom has passed, it is doubtful if these high prices will hold, as inverted overprints of some of the War stamps, which were just as popular when issued, and which exist in even smaller numbers, have recently been selling for prices considerably lower than the above figure, as, for example, the ½d War Tax of Jamaica with inverted overprint, of which 240 are stated to have been issued, are now on offer at 15sh each.

This, therefore, is just a warning to those collectors of the Irish errors, who have to consider the financial side, not to be led away in the excitement of the moment, or in consequence of the high prices demanded by speculators, into paying far above what they will realize if, in years to come, they wish to sell.

The total numbers overprinted by the Dollard Printing House, Ltd., have now been published, and these make interesting reading to those financially interested. The 2½d and 4d with black overprint are about the best, but even of these nearly a quarter of a million were issued, whilst the three lower values run into a vast number of millions. Even of the 9d red surcharge on the old colour the number is about half a million, whilst of the highest denomination, the 10sh, the figure is given as 20,000. Of these it may be safely assumed that the majority were used for telegraphic purposes and will probably be coming on the market later with the black circular cancellations. These stamps with the registered postmark are rare.

The figures as a whole are very much greater than practically any of the equally popular Crown Colonies, so that one cannot expect any notable increases in price for most of them, especially as there are large stocks of both mint and used values in the hands of speculators.

Malta.—One of the rarest of recent Colonials to which attention was drawn in these columns some time ago, is the 10sh Malta on old CA paper. Very stiff prices, even running into two figures, have recently been asked for this stamp, but these will probably not hold. It must be borne in mind that such a stamp as Lagos 10sh SCA, of which only about half the number exist, is now readily obtainable at under £10. At the same time the Malta stamp is well worth picking up, whenever offered at a really reasonable figure.

Palestine.—Interest seems to have waned as regards the Palestine stamps. Some of the neglected overprints may turn out well. It is worth noting in passing that the 5 millieme on 1 piastre provisional is notoriously over-catalogued, particularly in mint condition. It is obtainable at about quarter its quoted figure of 15sh. Used copies in fine condition, although catalogued less, are probably worth as much as mint. They were used mostly on postcards and many got destroyed.

Togo.—The 1sh Togo on emerald paper is an elusive stamp whose value has been a very uncertain quantity, such widely different prices being asked in various quarters. It is well worth picking up, however, wherever cheap, as a set of 1sh to 10sh Togo on the last experimental papers and including the 1sh emerald mint, reached £3 15sh at a recent London Auction when the face value of the set was well under £1.

Turks and Caicos.—Some of the Turks and Caicos Islands stamps in old design on script paper had a very short life and are going to be good, and worth many times "face." The 2d, 2½d and 1sh appear at present to be the best of the set. Of the values on coloured paper, of course, none of these exist on any but the old watermarked type.

Union of South Africa.—Collectors of South Africans may have noticed the high prices asked for certain varieties such as the 1d Union with no watermark. It should be remembered, however, that this is only a variety caused by a slight misplacement of the sheet in printing, and that only one row in the middle will occur without watermark.

Similar varieties of other British Colonials caused by misplacement may be found, and others showing portions of the paper makers' monogram, but these seldom realise figures much beyond the normal stamp. — *Philatelic Magazine.*

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It is difficult to speak of the many wonderful stamps on view in sufficiently extravagant terms and the visitor is held spellbound by the wealth of philatelic treasures arranged for proper adulation. Rarities from almost every country in the world are shown in profusion and so large and extensive were the number of entries that I understand all exhibitors were allotted only 60% on the space applied for.

America is strongly represented. Mr. A. Hind has no fewer than five exhibits and shows an almost unbelievable lot of rare items from the Ferrari, Duveen, Gibson and other collections. His famous 1c British Guiana is the Mecca of all visitors though to my mind many of his other treasures are far more attractive. Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein is also represented by five exhibits, including his marvellous Mauritius and Switzerland; Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack has three exhibits, including his wonderfully worked up early Victorias, Mr. Edward S. Knapp shows some of his well-known Confederates in two classes; The Hon. E. R. Ackerman has entered his remarkable specialised collection of the 1847 issue, Dr. Carroll Chase shows a few of his pet 1c, 1851-57, and Mr. John A. Klemann shows a splendid collection of Greece.

An exhibit of particular interest to American visitors is that of Sir Nicholas Waterhouse. He shows some 200 copies of the 5c New York and a wonderfully strong general collection of U. S., which includes some remarkable blocks and covers.

But I shall refer to the various exhibits in more detail when the official awards are announced.

The Exhibition is being held at the Royal Horticultural Hall and it was opened on Monday by the Postmaster-General, Sir. William Joynson-Hicks, who said that he was glad to be able to pay a small compliment to stamp collectors by inaugurating new postal concessions on this auspicious day. He was more interested in the sale of stamps than in their collection. In fact, he could claim to be the world's largest purveyor of stamps. Every year he sold 1,332,000,000 of ½d stamps, 1,459,000,000 of 1d, and 1,845,000,000 of the 1½d denomination. Altogether he disposed of 6,000,000,000 stamps of all values annually, representing a cash revenue of £40,500,000. There were thirty-eight different kinds of British stamps in circulation, and the G. P. O. kept a reserve stock of 50,000,000 stamps. He also had at the Post Office a complete sheet of every British stamp since 1840, as well as specimens of all stamps issued by the Universal Postal Union, so he could claim to have quite a respectable collection. He was glad to welcome Mr. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster-General of the United States, who had brought over a very beautiful exhibit from his Government. For postal purposes America was as one of ourselves, and from the number of American philatelists present he was satisfied that stamp collecting would further help to unite the two great nations, on whose close friendship depended the future peace of the world.

The United States is officially represented at the Exhibition by Mr. Irving Glover who, as stated above, accompanied the official exhibit of a frame of proofs, among them being the inverted airplane stamp.

Among American collectors and dealers visiting the Exhibition I have so far run across Senator Ackerman, Mr. A. H. Caspary, Mr. A. Hind, Mr. P. M. Mann, Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein, Mr. John N. Luff, Mr. John Klemann, Mr. L. J. Flerlage, and Mr. Elliot Perry.

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The exhibits are well arranged with wide spaces between the aisles so that when it is crowded, which is a very frequent event, it is still possible to move with more or less ease. The bright light from the glass roof, on those few occasions when London deigns to give us a little sunshine, is broken by an artistic arrangement of blue and yellow bunting, credit for which I believe is due to Mr. H. F. Johnson.

Around the main hall are dealers' stalls, at which old friends like Gibbons, Field, Sefi, Marsh, Nissen, Godden, Rapkin, Roberts, Ewen, Wilson, and Bright are represented as well as new ones like Vallancey, Fox, Marshall, Regan, Gill, Josling, Houtzamer and Harris.

All the stalls are different, but I think the prize for originality must be awarded to my old friend David Field—the "King of War Stamps"—The background is a well painted scene, showing battleships, etc., and above is a view of the trenches with airplanes writing suitable inscriptions in smoke.

Lady exhibitors are not much to the fore numerically for there appear to be only four altogether and among the exhibits of the fair sex the wonderful display of Capes shown by Mrs. Edith Field stands pre-eminent. "Tarzan of the Capes" as one of the London papers dubbed her, has a collection to be proud of and one item in it, a remarkable unused copy of the 4d dark blue woodblock, commanded a good deal of attention.

In my next letter I will announce the awards and later give a detailed description of the chief exhibits.

THE OTHER SIDE.

By E. S. PAGE.

I have read with tears in my eyes and sorrow in my heart the plaintive appeal of Bill Bloss of New Iowa. But there is another side to the sad story. We poor collectors have our troubles too. I go into a stamp shop and ask for my wants and am told, "Perhaps we have it, but I don't know where to find it." Then I see it advertised in MEKEEL'S, and in high glee I write for it, only to receive the bitter words, "Sold out." And perhaps with it comes a credit slip.

In desperation I glance over the ads. I learn (1) that several dealers throw post cards into the waste basket, (2) that others cannot be bothered with any but "high class" trade, (3) that I must buy at least a hundred dollars' worth at a time from a certain New York dealer with an English name, (4) that I mustn't write to Elkhorn unless I want damaged goods, or am willing to pay top-notch prices, (5) that to certain dealers I must send references or deposits, but they never offer reference they ask me to send the money vance.

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1874-9, 5 ore rose & blue, No. 27	.35
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1904, 4 on 8, 15 on 24 ore, Nos. 55-56 ..	.08
1904-05, 50, 100 ore, Nos. 66, 67	.30
1907-12, 5 to 100 ore, Nos. 70-77	.12
1912, 35 on 20 ore rose & gray, No. 79	.20
1913-15, 80 ore blue green, No. 96	.15
1918, 27 on 68 ore, 5, 10kr, Nos. 110-112	1.50
1918, 27 on 1 ore to 1kr, Nos. 113-122 ..	2.50
1918-19, 7 to 50 ore, except 35 ore, Nos. 123-9	.18
1919, Faroe, 2 on 5 ore green, used on piece, No. 131	5.50
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1920, "Cathedral", 10-40 ore, Nos. 141-3	.08
1920-21, Various designs, Nos. 144-48 ..	.14
1921-22, 5 ore to 1kr, except 25 ore, Nos. 149-60	.16
1907, 1 ore to 10kr, Nos. 201-210	.40
1874, 3 ore violet, No. 307	.08

Most all other values on hand as well.

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1866-67, 20 pen blue, No. 9	.25
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1917-18, 5 and 10 marks, Nos. 92-3	.28
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1921, 30 on 10 to 1½m on 50p, Nos. 115-18	.15
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16 aur brown, No. 28a	.70
1900, 4 aur rose & gray, No. 30	.08
*1901-02, 25 aur brown & blue, No. 32..	.30
1902-04, 3 to 40 aur, Nos. 34-42	.60
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1kr blue & brown, No. 44	.50
*1902-03, 5 to 25 aur, Nos. 45-48	.50
16 aur brown, No. 55	.25
1907-08, 1 eyr to 50 aur, Nos. 71-82	.80
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2kr brown & green, No. 84	.85
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50 aur claret, No. 95	.18
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*5kr brown & indigo, No. 123	1.40
*1921, 10 to 40 aur, Nos. 126-8	.22
*1921-22, surcharges, Nos. 130-136	.45
1876-95, Official, 5, 10, 20 aur, Nos. 155, 6, 8	.25
1902, 3 to 50 aur, Nos. 163-9	.60
*1902-03, 3-10 aur, Nos. 170-173, mixed used & new	.30
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Norway—

1856-7, 8s dull lake, No. 5	.45
1867-8, 2s orange, No. 12	.22
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1877-8, 12 ore light green, No. 26	.18
20 ore orange brown, No. 27 ...	.06
35 ore blue green, No. 29	.08
1 to 2kr, Nos. 32-34	.80
1890, 1 ore black brown, No. 44	.45
1893-1900, 1 to 60 ore, Nos. 59-68	.16
1907, 2kr rose, No. 76	.40
1909-10, 2kr rose, No. 81	.08
1910-11, 1 to 60 ore, Nos. 82-92	.12
1911-18, 1 to 5kr, Nos. 93-6	.50
1917-20, 12 to 40 ore, Nos. 100-103	.08
1921-22, 10 to 40 ore, Nos. 105-9	.10
*1922, New 20 ore	.06

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1858, 5 ore yellow green, No. 6	.12
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1886-91, 2 ore to 1kr, Nos. 40-49	.25
1889, 10 on 12, 10 on 24 ore, Nos. 50-51	.35
1917, 1.98kr on 5kr claret, No. 90	.35
1917-18, 40, 65, 90 ore, Nos. 92, 4, 6	.22
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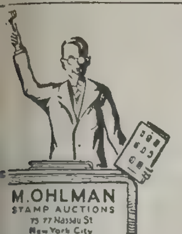

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By J. Murray Bartels.

The fourth installment of the sale of this large specialized collection of U. S., was conducted by Percy G. Doane on May 26th and 28th, and consisted exclusively of Revenue Stamps. The first day was devoted to government issues, while the second session consisted of Private Proprietary stamps. In both cases the results were exceedingly gratifying from the viewpoint of the estate as prices ranged very high. Of course the items offered were in nearly all cases of an exceptional nature. The early general issues were composed very largely of pairs, strips and blocks and were undoubtedly the finest lot of these ever offered at auction.

The first session totalled $7,890. Of this amount something like $6,900 was purchased by five floor bidders, leaving less than $1,000 for all other buyers.

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The total of the two sessions must have reached approximately $12,800, bringing the aggregate to date up to about $73,000. These sales prove more than anything the very staple value of U. S. stamps and show the increasing tendency of collectors to pay high prices for really choice material. We can recall in our experience no sale of any importance where choice items of U. S. stamps did not bring higher prices on the average than they did at sales which preceded them. This state of affairs will undoubtedly continue. The number of substantial collectors is ever on the increase and the newcomers are eager to seize opportunities to achieve gems for their collections whenever the opportunity presents itself. Naturally it is only when a collection of this size is broken up, that collectors can hope to acquire many of the rarities which rarely come into the market and are practically never obtainable except on such occasions as this.

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OF TOPICAL INTEREST.

By Kent B. Stiles.

Some new figures regarding the sale of stamps at the Philatelic Stamp Agency in Washington were issued recently by the Post Office Department. To quote from a despatch broadcast by The Associated Press:

"Postage stamp collectors poured $41,000 into the Treasury of the United States through the Post Office Department's Philatelic Agency during the first three months of this year for unused postage stamps to add to their collections, principally stamps of the new issue.

"The money received not only is virtually clear profit for the Government, but would pay several times over the entire cost of preparing the new issue of stamps, which was about $8,500. No estimate can be made of stamps sold to collectors for their collections through the regular post offices, but the amount is thought to be considerable.

"Since the Government decided to encourage the collecting of postage stamps in December, 1921, approximately $100,000 has been taken in through its sales."

Thus is justified the vision of Warren Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General, in establishing the Agency. It is related that he had a hard job convincing Mr. Hay, then Postmaster General, that such an agency would be remunerative. Perhaps Mrs. Glover, who is a collector, first had to convince the Third Assistant. Who can say?

MERELY ADVERTISING LABELS

From Percy A. Hill, a *Journal* subscriber in the Philippines, comes some information regarding the Bandoeng, Dutch Indies, Fair "stamps" which several British philatelic journals apparently have recognized as genuine postal adhesives.

Current Dutch Indies stamps were late in 1922, overprinted *3de N. I. Jaarbeurs Bandoeng 1922,* in red or green or black, two types of surcharges being provided. In some quarters abroad these are described as Dutch Indies provisionals, but Mr. Hill, who translates the first part of the overprint to mean "3d Annual Fair," states that the surcharge is significant of nothing more startling than an official endeavor to advertise the Bandoeng Fair, apparently even the secretary of the Fair association had no intention of purporting the stamps to be new varieties, the overprinted stamps being regarded in Bandoeng as souvenirs solely. They were on sale until April 23, 1923.

Mr. Hill in his letter states that the communications officials of the Philippines have submitted to the Governor General, Leonard A. Wood, a proposal to raise the first-class postage in the islands to three cents, as compared with two cents at present, but that as yet (March 6) nothing has been decided. Should the plan go through, Mr. Hill comments, it "would necessitate a new set of stamps for the Philippines." Our correspondent adds—pardon us!—

"Out here we enjoy the breezy *Scott's* much better than the Australian, British and New Zealand stamps journals."

MEMEL'S STATUS

In view of the numerous and various stamp issues emanating from Europe it is natural that philatelists are interested in the exact status of each of the new governments which have arisen out of world-war conditions. Newspaper despatches from abroad are not always complete and are often confusing. It is perhaps timely, accordingly, to quote the following, from official sources in Washington, as to the present position of Memel:

"By the treaty of Versailles the Memel territory, consisting of the three counties—Memel, Heydecrog and Pagegen—was separated from Germany and put under the protection of the Allies until its final disposition should be made by them. The territory is located on the southeastern coast of the Baltic Sea, occupies an area of 1,057 square miles, and has a population of 150,000."

RATE INCREASES.

The following, also quoted from official text distributed from Washington, will account for recent and coming new-value adhesives in the five countries mentioned:

"The unit rates for mail matter in Germany, Austria, Italy, Portugal and Greece recently have been increased on a currency basis to the approximate amounts specified in the convention of the Universal Postal Union. These rates vary from a 150 per cent to a 300 cent increase over the previous char

SPEAKING OF "FAIR" STAMPS—

The American Bureau of the Rus Agricultural Exposition, in New Yor responsible for the following, of int to collectors:

"The Russian Government has asked to issue stamps to commem the forthcoming fair and it is quite sible that these will make their first pearance at the opening of the great August 15th, and be sold up to and cluding the last month of the fair until the end of October, 1923.

"The Berlin headquarters of the sian Agricultural Fair has already b the issuance of stamps for publicity advertising purposes. These stamps similar to our Red Cross and Tu losis campaign stamps and most art in design. They are being affixed t mail sent out and are eagerly b sought after by stamp collectors."

The latter part of the final sent is important, if true. For the Rus Agricultural Exposition the foreg paragraphs are good publicity if journals outside of the philatelic p can be induced to give the text any sp The exposition is to be held at Mos and is designed to establish "a trade tact with the 90,000,000 Russian farr who want and must have modern agri tural implements." If every Rus farmer buys a stamp the Soviet Gov ment ought to be able to lure in a r or two.

A BOLSHEVIK SUBSIDY.

Speaking of the Soviet and philat some interesting information appear a recent issue of *Stamp Collecting.* quote from our London contemporar

"Soviet Russia has declared post stamps a State monopoly, and a cen office has been established in Mos under the name 'Pomgol'—*i. e.,* 'aid the hungry' or 'amelioration of fan sufferers,' for whom special cha stamps have been issued: At the h of this undertaking is the Bolshe member, F. Tschutschin.

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is questionable whether, and how of, the results of this State poly go to the benefit of the starv- . The Russian chaos is widespread . . . One can say that Russia, as maker, is grinding down philate- But, as in all things, so in philate- Soviet Russia is the land of bound- ossibilities . . . . The central at Moscow publishes its own paper, *Moscow Philatelist* (in Russian, also copies in German)."

BY PRIVATE CARRIER.

ditions in Germany as reflected by newspaper despatches carry us in back to the days before Uncle Sam lly began issuing stamps. Postal have been repeatedly increased in the n Republic, as witness the recent mark" denomination which have issued of late. A despatch cabled e Associated Press correspondent rlin arouses conjecture by philate- as to whether "private carrier" rs are being employed in Germany. ews story reads in part:

dging the payment of postage is f the great pastimes in Germany, n the trails of business firms and who have inaugurated their own he Federal postal authorities are l mail delivery services. The first pounced upon by the Post-Office tment sleuths was none other than Mayor Boess of Berlin.

vas found that Berlin's municipal istration had organized its own of letter carriers, in order to do away with the buying of postage stamps. Informal complaints that this violated the postal regulations failed to move the city officials, and the case was taken to court.

"With the Lord Mayor on one side and the Postmaster General on the other, this fight has resolved itself into a battle much the same as the contests between the feudal barons and the heads of minor States . . . .

"Pending further action against the Berlin officials, the Postmaster General is directing his attention to a large number of commercial establishments which are suspected of carrying out the same practices. It is declared the Government is losing billions of marks annually through evasion of stamp windows by various concerns."

It is another instance of the downtrodden worm turning. The German postal authorities have been raising rates to prohibitive heights. The world's collectors may purchase these "high mark" values—Germany's stamp authorities expect it and probably will not be disappointed—but selling them to local business interests is apparently something else again.

TWO-COLOR PRESS.

According to the New York *Times*, the Darmstadt (Germany) firm which supplies the German Government's printing office at Berlin with stamp-making presses has perfected "a new type of two-color rotary press for printing postage stamps. The *Times* reprints from the Darmstadt *Tagblatt* the following information:

"The new machine prints, counts and perforates with precision 12,000 two-colored stamps in a minute, or 6,000,000 stamps every eight-hour day. The perforations are said to be so exact that the finest gauge cannot detect the slightest variation between one row of perforations and those of each new sheet. The adjustments are such that any misuse of the machine for falsification is impossible.

The press is so constructed that the stamps can be printed in any one or two colors from rolls of gummed paper, which either can be rerolled or separated into sheets of 100 stamps, as desired. The paper is fed into a cleaning machine consisting of two brush rollers, thence over a stretching roller to the precision rollers. From them the paper goes to the printing rollers and the perforating mechanism, and finally to the rewinder or sheet cutter.

If this new machine is what the *Times* says the *Tagblatt* says it is—a marvel—it will probably be used by the German postal authorities—with two-color stamps offered in return for philatelists' money.

PHILATELY IN IRELAND.

A story received by the New York *Tribune* by mail from London quotes Fred J. Melville, noted British writer on stamp topics, as saying in the London *Telegraph:*

"The advent of the Irish Free State as a stamp-issuing country has created a widespread interest in philately throughout Ireland, and the succession of new stamps since February 17, 1922, and still in progress of issue, may contribute in no small measure to bringing union and harmony into Ireland.

"The late Sir John Henniker Heaton once said that 'remembering the wars and quarrels of history, we could wish that stamp-collecting instead of war had more often been the sport of kings.' We could wish today that in the excitement of stamp hunting, which has been increasingly prevalent in Ireland, political differences might give way to an interest in philatelic differences of the stamps.

"Enormous sums have been gathered into the Free State's Exchequer by the sales of stamps for the philatelic demand. To begin with, a separate tally was kept of such sales where they could be identified. Single transactions with the agents of English and American dealers ran into several hundreds of pounds, and there are few post-offices in the country where they have not learned something of the peculiar requirements of the stamp-collecting enthusiast. . . .

"The newest stamp of the definitive series for the Free State is the 3p. (Scott's No. 50), just to hand. This is the first of two denominations in the Celtic Cross design, the work of Miss Lily Williams, whose sketch was awarded one of the premiums offered by the Postmaster General last year. The design is more than a little reminiscent of the Sinn Fein propaganda label which appeared in 1908 and which was the work of the same artist. . . . The new stamp is surface-printed in sheets of 240 on paper watermarked with the multiple monogram 'S. E.' (Saorstat Eireann, Irish Free State). A 10p. stamp in the same design is expected shortly."

DANISH AIRPOST

About April 15 the Danish Aerial Co. renewed its Copenhagen-Hamburg air service, by which mails move on to London by way of Cologne—a twenty-one hour journey from Copenhagen to London, with the mail transported by rail between Hamburg and Cologne. This is the service suspended Oct. 15 last for the Winter months.

Will special airmail stamps be issued by Denmark with the resumption of these flights?—*Scott's Monthly Journal.*

THE SPORTS OF KINGS.

The King of England collects postage stamps. At a recent auction sale he was outbidden for a rare stamp that he wanted by a well-known collector. When the collector found that he had been bidding against royalty, he promptly offered the stamp to His Majesty. But the King, being a good sport, refused to accept it. He offered, however, to swap one of his own stamps for it.

The English are lucky in having such a king. Of all the diversions known to man, none is more harmless than that of collecting postage stamps. It does not involve the grave dangers of chasing butterflies or playing pool. Many a butterfly chaser has stumbled over a rock; many a pool player has fallen off the table.

It must be gratifying to the English to know that their monarch is not needlessly risking his life and that postage stamps interest him. It leaves them free to work out the great problems of democracy that confront them.

As long as they have a king they are saved the spectacle of politicians scrambling for the highest office in the land. And as long as their king is interested in postage stamps they know that he will not attempt to take the reins of government into his own hands.

It will be a grand day for democracy when all kings and hereditary rulers become absorbed in collecting postage stamps. They might form a club—Monte Carlo or Patagonia would be a good place—and spend all their time there swapping blues and green and mauves, etc.

It has often been said that if Cleopatra's nose had been a little longer the world's history would have been changed.

If Woodrow Wilson had gone to Paris to collect postage stamps, instead of butting into the European game of diplomacy, the world today would be much better off.—*Washington Herald.*

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EDITORIAL.

The London International Stamp Exhibition was formally opened on May 14th, at the Royal Horticultural Hall by the postmaster general of Great Britain, the Right Honorable Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Bart. From a friend who attended the ceremony, we have received the following particulars: "It is not easy, I find, to redeem the promise that I made you to send you a few words about the opening of the grand stamp exhibition as the philatelic visitor to London is given no time for self-communion. The air seems to be filled with bustle and pleasant expectancy. The address of the postmaster general was certainly flattering to philately and he paid several neat tributes to it; and reverting to 'shop talk' he gave some staggering figures of the sales each year of British stamps, which I am afraid that I cannot quote. I was interested in seeing and hearing your Third Assistant Postmaster General, the Hon. I. Glover, who said that he felt that it had been a privilege to bring over the exhibit of the United States Government for the occasion. He, too, agreed that stamp collecting was an interesting and deserving pursuit; and he spoke of his wife as an enthusiastic collector. In wishing for the success of the exhibition, he kindly proposed a vote of thanks to the Postmaster General of Great Britain for opening the exhibition. I should say that the interest shown in the first day's proceedings gives every reason to think that the big show will be the greatest of its kind ever held; the hall was filled when the exercises began."

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While the London Exhibition has been an unalloyed pleasure for those who were fortunate enough to be able to attend it, yet we cannot but help ponder over the possibilities that it has had as an agent for spreading the philatelic gospel in an attractive guise. We shall be interested in seeing the clippings from the London and other newspapers that have given so much consideration to philately; and we know that their treatment of the exhibition will be generous and intelligent. The Americans who went to London will soon be telling their stories at home and the aftermath of the philatelic congress of nations will be evident for time to come. The brilliant setting that stamp collecting has had at London will impress the outsider and in some instances, will lead him to make inquiry into the claims of philately with satisfactory results.

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One of our readers overwhelms us by sending us the top of a wooden box to place in our original cover collection. On the board are a Ceylon five rupee white back and a string of other values of Ceylon, but all the stamps are somewhat the worse for wear. In fact, our subscriber says that about one in a dozen of the five rupees, for instance, comes through unscathed, as these stamps are stuck on the top of wooden boxes of tea from Ceylon; and the boxes are subjected to scraping and straining in the ship's hold.

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Now that June is here we wish to impress upon collectors the desirability of planning to attend the Washington conventions of stamp folks in August. Both the American Philatelic Society and the American Stamp Dealers' Association will have their annual meetings in August at the nation's capital, the seat of the postal nation's capital, the seat of the postal administration and of the stamp production of this country. The governmental stamp collection is in the nature of a permanent philatelic exhibit and the local philatelists will see that visitors will have all attention. As a matter of pride, we want to see a record attendance at Washington this year in order that tangible evidence may be given of the hold that philately has on representative men and women in this country.

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We think that the publishers of the *Youths' Companion* of Boston and the New York *Times* deserve consideration in recognizing that the philatelic field is well worth cultivating. In our opinion, far-sighted business men, such as they who give so freely of their space to reading matter on stamps, are the ones who are worthy of our *devoirs;* and we hope that their enterprise will be substantially rewarded.

DEATH OF DR SCHIRMER.

Dr. Alfred Schirmer died recently in Chicago, where for many years he enjoyed prominence as a collector who devoted himself to his specialty of the stamps of the German States in used condition. Dr. Schirmer at different times exhibited his superb collection, in part, and it is not so long ago tha showed a well-specialized collectior the stamps of Bavaria, his native co try, at a meeting of the C. P. S. Schirmer was a member of the Chic Philatelic Society, in whose meeting took much interest, but his duties fessionally did not allow him to constant attendant at meetings. Schirmer who was somewhat advance years had been a member of the An can Philatelic Society for years.

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Considered as a whole, the response to the invitation to help along this department by contributions has been satisfactory, thus far. It has not been great but most of those who have responded have done so in a helpful and enthusiastic manner that is very satisfactory in connection with a proposition that is not only new but almost unheralded.

Several communications received, however, were too meager in detail or too far from the subject to be placed in the foregoing category. For instance, a reader, says he has a very light colored copy of a recent one cent U. S. and wishes me to inform him through this department as to its value. There could be no answer to such a question for obvious reasons.

Henry Merlo of Buskirk, N. Y., writes that he has a three cent 1861 showing a long furrow from top to bottom, running through the center of the stamp. Also a one cent 1873, with a line under the bust running well up into the stamp. No one could hazard a guess as to these varieties without either seeing the stamps or having a more detailed description. Information for this department should be accurate and in detail, the more painstaking the detail the better. I realize that it is a difficult proposition to accurately describe a minor variety so that all the readers of a magazine like this will understand and be able to check with copies in their own collections, and yet almost anyone, by spending a little time with his composition and in tudying the stamp should be able to write a sufficiently good description of the odd and unusual.

An interesting letter comes from W. S. Boggs, No. 2 Hillside Avenue, Summit, N. J. Mr. Boggs says: "In reference to W. B.'s query in the April 25th issue of MEKEEL'S, I may say that the line and dot he refers to were traced on the plate by the person who transferred the design as a guide to the correct laying out of the plate.

"Mention of this was made in the *Philatelic Gazette* some years ago, in a detailed description of the die and method of transferring the one cent and two cent of 1870. One may expect to find this variety in all the National, Continental and American printings. I have this variety on the 3 cent Navy, 1 cent Treasury, both Continental, and the 3 cent Treasury, American."

What Mr. Boggs says has been my understanding and yet I for one have never seen the article referred to. Personally, I would much like to read this article or any other on the same subject and would appreciate it if some reader of the Specialization Department would inform us the date and number of the issue of the *Philatelic Gazette* referred to, or where a reprint may be obtained. Many of these articles which are long since out of print should be in every specialist's library but the fellows who have started in the game in recent years have neither the previous knowledge to go upon or the reference with which to gain this knowledge. One of the objects of this Department is to bring such articles to light and aid the newcomers in getting the information.

Mr. Boggs also says: "A little aid in distinguishing the Continental from National printings may be of value. This is especially true of the two cent and three cent which are confusing. About 50 per cent of the stamps of both printings show a guide dot. In the National printing this dot usually appears in the oval surrounding the medallion, while in the Continental printings this dot is in the background of the shield, and is occasionally completely obliterated by the lines in the background. These dots, while not constant, are of some help in distinguishing the printings, more especially the two cent with its minute secret mark."

I cannot agree entirely with this although there is something in the point Mr. Boggs brings up. I say this not for the sake of argument but merely by means of throwing additional light on the subject, lest some reader should take the statements made too literally.

It is true that in the National printings the dot nearly always occurs in the white oval space surrounding the medallion, which is what Mr. Boggs says. It is also true that in the Continental printings the dot, when present, is generally in the background to the left and outside of the medallion. Yet the dot is to be found in the white space surrounding the oval medallion on the Continental printings, as well as on the National, so the fact of its location there would be no proof one way or the other, so far as I can see, of the printing. I am speaking particularly of the three cent but this will apply likewise to the two cent. Of course, Mr. Boggs does not claim that the dots are to be used as proof but that they are of some help in distinguishing between the two printings. Still I cannot see where they help much.

The dots, by the way, can form a most interesting section of the specialized collection, especially when pairs, strips and blocks can be exhibited which show dots in different locations in adjacent stamps, or dots on some stamps and not on others in the same sheet. Such pieces are scarce and valuable.

In my collection of the three cent Continental, for instance, there are several pages showing various locations of the dots. The dot in the background at the left of the medallion will be found in various places from close to the medallion to the extreme left hand margin of the design. Most of them are a little below the level of Washington's lips. But rarely the dot is found in practically the same location but lower on the stamp.

Other unusual and rare locations of the dot are over the "H" of Three, under the "R" of Three, on the bottom line of the design, in Washington's collar, at the bottom outside the design, at the top outside design, on Washington's shoulder (low), under "T" of Cents, in the background at the right in various locations, extreme upper left corner of design, etc. Who can tell why this dot should jump around in such a manner.

Then there are the doubles, some close together and others far apart. These likewise are uncommon. One piece in my collection which I am fond of is a block of five on ribbed paper, the deep green shade, with an odd blue cancellation. Three of the five stamps show the dot in the background at the left of medallion and two show no dot, nor can I find any indication that the dot in the latter case has been obliterated by the design. My theory is that the dot was not placed on the original plate in such a manner that it would fall on every one of the 200 stamp designs.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—In this column last week mention was made of the new 1c rotary print, design of 1922, perforated 10 and precancelled "New York, N. Y." This is one of the varieties precancelled at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing on the same rotary press that prints, gums and perforates the well known rotary sheets of 1c found at the Post-Office, perforated 10 with margins on all four sides, in other words, no straight edges. This new design has not been issued in this condition except with the cancellation noted above. We may, however, expect them at an early date. The work of precancelling at the Bureau is giving very satisfactory results and they are now proceeding to precancel 1c stamps for the Chicago Post Office. This will be followed by similar work for the other larger offices. If this works out as expected, possibly other denominations will be surcharged in the same way at a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the department. For a while the Bureau experimented with cutting a separate die with "NEW YORK" across the face of the 2c stamp, the name being cut so deep that it would take up so much ink that the town name would appear almost black. This was not as satisfactory as the method now being used so was abandoned. This is not the first time the Bureau has precancelled stamps, for some years back they experimentally did the work for several offices.

The new 2c was issued in an imperforate condition back in March but we have just learned of the variety with Schermack III perforations, Mr. Benjamin Cadbury advising that he has received one on cover postmarked "Chicago, May 5, 1923." The 1c in a similar condition is no doubt available.

The 3c envelope with the locally applied Daytona 2c surcharge, listed by Scott as type VII, has always been a very rare variety for only about one hundred were saved to philately. These were all die A on white with the exception of a very few die H, later found with purple overprint, the original lot being surcharged in black. About a year ago a quantity were offered from Florida, including all dies on white and one variety on blue. These were pronounced fakes and returned to the owner. What then happened to them I cannot say. Here of late an additional lot is supposed to have been found packed away in the belongings of one since deceased. Why the deceased party held them all this time when he knew his son was an active collector, I cannot say. I have, however, recently had the opportunity of inspecting some of this lot and can positively say, having handled practically all of the first lot bought from Daytona, that they are not the same as the originals in several particulars, and to my mind are not originals. This opinion is shared by several other envelope collectors who have been following the surcharges from the first. Among the lot I note all dies on white and there may be some on colors.

Mr. J. V. Nielsen, Jr., kindly sends for inspection several values of a new State Revenue issued by South Carolina and designated as a "Business License Tax." They are surface printed by the American Bank Note Company whose imprint is to be found at the bottom of each stamp. In the center within a circle we have the value with what appears to be palm trees on each side, below the value we find "Cents" with "State of South Carolina" across the top. The stamp is oblong, perforated 12 and printed on unwatermarked paper. They are issued in sheets of sixty-four, due no doubt to the fact that the values run into sixty-fourths of a cent. Mr. Nielsen states that he has seen the 42/64c olive, 1c carmine, 1 1/5c purple, 2c carmine and 10c carmine. Other values may exist.

We wish to thank Messrs. Edw. M. Prosser and Frank E. Wood for notes of interest.

AUSTRALIA.—Bright & Son have sent for chronicle the 1d and 2d postage due stamps watermarked crown and single line "A" (3rd type) perf. 14.

CYPRUS.—Bright & Son advise us of the appearance of the 2¾ and 4 piastres on script watermarked paper.

EGYPT.—The *Bulletin Mensuel* chronicles a 5m brown, perf. 13½, showing the portrait of the ruler.

FIJI.—We are indebted to Bright & Son for copies of the 1d, 2d, 5d and 6d values on script watermarked paper.

GOLD COAST.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the ½d, 1d, 2d and 3d postage due stamps on script watermarked paper.

GWALIOR.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle the 1a brown stamp of India surcharged in two lines of native characters in black for Service use.

LEVANT (*Italian P. O.*).—Mr. E. W. Paddock, in reporting several values of provisionals which have already been chronicled in these columns, as well as the additional ones noted below, remarks that his correspondent writes that these will probably be the last of the surcharged issues, as all the foreign P.O. are to close in a few weeks' time. O printed "Constantinopoli" and new va (three lines) on current stamps of It 1 pi 20 para on 25ctes; 7 pi 20 para 60ctes; 15 pi on 85ctes and 18pi 30 pa on 1 lire.—*Stamp Collecting.*

MONACO.—The *Bulletin Mensuel* nounces the appearance of 30c red a view of one of the famous buildi of the country in the centre of stamp. The perforation is 11.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Mr. Frank F. W advises that the 36c Caribou design just become obsolete and will not be issued.

NICARAGUA.—The Economist St Co. have shown us the ½c green in design of the 1914 issue.

NYASSA.—Two new high values h been issued in a new design, depictin native sailing vessel putting out to from a palm-fringed shore, with a na warrior in the frame at left and a cac like plant between his left foot and lower left-hand portion of the main ject. The inscriptions are: "COMP HIA DO NYASSA" in uncoloured c tals at top, "ESCUDOS" in uncolou capitals at bottom, and "CORREI in small coloured capitals in the up centre, with numeral of value in lower right-hand corner. Messrs. W field King & Co. send us two val Engraved and printed in recess Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., London. wmk. Perf. 14. 2 escudos br (frame) and black, and 5 escudos (frame) and brown.—*Stamp Collect*

POLAND.—Mr. George Allan Mal informs us that he has seen a new mks dull orange (eagle design), p 12, and that he has two shades of stamp, one of orange-buff and the o orange-yellow. The new postage rat America is 1000mks, unregistered 2000mks for registered matter.

RUSSIA.—We have received from Buell A. French a pair of Rus stamps, No. 193, with a double surcha on each stamp. The usual overprin at the base just above the figures value at the upper frame line. other surcharge is just above the ce of the stamp and slants slightly tow the upper right corner.

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have received from Bright & Son, and, London, England, a copy of th edition of their Descriptive Catalog of the Stamps of the Empire, price 3sh 6d postfree. blishers call attention to the fact departure is introduced into this in the listing of varieties of watermarks, viz.:—inverted, reversed, sideways, etc. These varieties are considered as worthy of recording as the same varieties of surcharges. Three dies of the "Ceylon" type with portrait of the King are listed as "an important discovery." The matter of papers is also given special attention, and the collector who likes to study shades will find ample opportunity in the yellow, lemon, orange, orange-buff, pale yellow, etc., listed. Hejaz, Irish Free State, Malaya Borneo Exposition, Malta, Palestine and Egypt are fully written up.

AN AUCTION CRITIQUE.

By A. Harold Kirkpatrick.

Sales have been very satisfactory during the nine months I have been advertising, but during the last three or four months it has been almost impossible to get decent stock to sell at prices which collectors are willing to pay. Several of the large auction houses are taking advantage of the increased demand by padding their lots with things, which they could never sell under normal circumstances.

For example, I recently got some "fine" lots of British Colonials, which contained many high values with pen (fiscal) cancellations; as Ceylon King George 10 rupee (Cat. $4.00); all included at full catalog and numerous revenues, which were formerly in the catalog, as "used for postage," priced at $1.00 and $2.00 each. The lots contained from 20 to 40% stuff of this character which is practically a dead loss to the purchaser. The attitude of the auction house, when I complained, was, that if I returned any of the lots, regardless of whether they were according to their descriptions or not, they did not care to have me bid on their sales.

I suppose transactions of this character are outside your province, but they make it very uncertain for the retail dealer and I should think, in time, would damage the stamp trade in general,—the business rests so largely on confidence between buyer and seller.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Cards are out announcing the golden wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Chambers, which will take place Monday evening, June 11, at the Waldorf Apartment, Waldorf-Astoria, New York City. Mr. Chambers is well known to the philatelic fraternity by his connection with the Chambers Stamp Co., 111 Nassau St. He is also No. 16 in his membership in the A. P. S.

—We are informed by Donald Piercy, secretary of the San Francisco Stamp Society, 1125 Fillmore St., San Francisco, Cal., that his society has gone on record in favor of printing the word "Repaired" upon the back of all repaired stamps, in order to check the growing evil of these stamps being placed upon the market as perfection copies. Mr. Piercy also states that Charles E. Cowell, at one time Sales Manager of the Society of the Oranges, does not answer letters addressed him. Write Mr. Piercy if interested in either of these matters.

—Charles L. Widman informs us that German airmail stamps (Scott's type AP3) have been issued in the following denominations:—10 marks violet and lilac, 25 marks brown and yellow and 100 marks olive green and flesh, all on watermarked paper.

—A new advertising cancellation comes from Ypsilanti, Mich. It reads:—"100th Anniversary Ypsilanti July 1-4, 1923." We are also indebted to Frank A. Goldsmith for two new cancellations. One is from Detroit and reads "Michigan Health Exposition June 7 to 16, Detroit," while the other is from Chattanooga, Tenn., and reads "Nat. Encampment Spanish War Vets. Chattanooga, Sept. 16-20".

—H. R. Bishop warns the philatelic public of J. W. Harris, St. Michael, Barbados. A book of stamps belonging to Mr. Bishop was secured only through communication with Barbados officials and when received back many stamps had been substituted and many prices altered.

WILLIAM TELL.

By Charles G. Wilson.

Switzerland has immortalized her legendary hero William Tell by putting his head on her stamps issued of recent years. His son Walter, together with his father's cross-bow and the apple transfixed by the arrow that Tell had shot, is portrayed on stamps of the issues of 1907-08-09.

William Tell was one of the legendary heroes of Switzerland in the struggle for independence of the Cantons of Schwyz, Uri and Unterwalden against the German Emperor, Albrecht the First. The popular form of the story is that Tell refused to make obeisance to an Austrian hat which the Bailiff Gessler had put on a pole in Uri commanding that all Swiss should salute it as proof of their loyalty. Tell, walking with his son Walter, was seized and about to be cast in jail, his life forfeit for treason, when Gessler interceded and told Tell that he had heard of his prowess as an archer and ordered him to show his skill by shooting an apple from his son's head at eighty paces. This Tell did, the arrow speeding true to its mark. Gessler had promised Tell his freedom for the success of his feat but when he learned that the second arrow of the archer was meant for himself in the event that Tell killed his son, he ordered him to be thrown in a dungeon to be eaten by reptiles. On his way to prison Tell shot the Bailiff, made good his escape, and returned to liberate his country.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS.

Some of our subscribers need to know our rule regarding discontinuances. We discontinue all subscriptions in arrears promptly the second issue of each month. This means that your subscription should be renewed prior to expiration. The expiration number can be ascertained by consulting your wrapper. No free copies of the Weekly are sent out and this rule is as fixed as the laws of the M. and P. Our older subscribers understand our rule and the newer subscribers should get acquainted with it.

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ILLUSTRATING POSTAGE STAMPS.

By H. L. Lindquist.

The recent enactment into law of the bill permitting the illustration of foreign stamps, if properly defaced, and portions of the borders of United States stamps, if sufficiently enlarged, has been reported formally and more or less accurately in the philatelic press of the country, but behind it all there is a story of intense interest that is worthy of preservation in the annals of philately.

The United States Government has always prohibited the illustration of the stamps of our own country, as is well known, although the interpretation of this law has been fairly liberal and many technical violations have been permitted to pass in philatelic publications without protest. This same liberal spirit has also permitted the importation of foreign works and catalogs containing such illustrations.

Philatelic organizations have long sought unsuccessfully to secure legislation that would remove this restriction and permit the illustration of stamps, but these efforts have been confined entirely to the stamps of our own country. The legality of reproducing the stamps of foreign governments has never been questioned. Publishers of philatelic works did not realize that they were violating the law, even technically.

THE ILLUSTRATION OF FOREIGN STAMPS RULED ILLEGAL.

In January, 1919, however, a bomb was exploded. An old law prohibiting the reproduction of "the obligations of any foreign government" was dug up and a ruling was made that stamps were a "government obligation."

Orders from Washington, without doubt inspired by some unfriendly collector or dealer still unidentified, were sent to government agents in New York directing them immediately seize and destroy every printed likeness of a stamp and every plate or cut used to produce such a likeness. Further, that the District Attorney should proceed to prosecute on the charge of counterfeiting all those having such reproductions, plates, or cuts in their possession.

A number of places were "raided" under this order, including the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., who are the largest publishers of philatelic albums and catalogs in this country, but fortunately for philately enough pressure was brought to bear to secure a stay of execution pending the introduction of suitable legislation to nullify the ruling under which this drastic action was taken.

Few collectors even now can grasp the gravity of the situation. The very life of philately in America was threatened. Without illustrated catalogs, albums and publications, collecting could not well flourish. In fact, it is doubtful if any new collectors would join the ranks and the very foundations of our hobby would crumble. How much do you think your stamps would be worth under such conditions? Think it over.

STEPS TAKEN TO SECURE FAVORABLE LEGISLATION.

Prompt and efficient action was imperative. Legislation must be introduced that would specifically legalize the illustrating of foreign stamps, at least, and as much of United States stamps as the authorities would permit. And this action should be taken quietly for a knowledge of the true condition might well alarm the average collector and create a panic in the stamp market.

In the philatelic Hall of Fame, a special niche should be set aside for C. E. Hatfield, the president of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., for his energetic and effective work at this critical stage. There will always be those who will point out that his efforts were actuated purely by selfish motives in protecting his own interests, and while it is logical to assume that this is largely the case, we must also be broad-visioned enough to realize that we each and all of us benefited directly from this same effort.

Mr. Hatfield went directly to those influential enough to temporarily delay any drastic action and then set about to interest those who were in a position to make this condition permanent.

In the Hon. Ernest R. Ackerman, Member of Congress from New Jersey, he found an enthusiastic ally. Mr. Ackerman has long been one of our foremost collectors, a philatelist in every sense of the word, and his long service in Congress had given him the knowledge and prestige to handle such a situation.

His influence added to Mr. Hatfield's enlisted the efforts of Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, also of New Jersey, who had but recently returned to the ranks of active philatelists after an absence of many years. With this important addition to their ranks success was assured. The Senator immediately took the helm and things began to happen.

In his first interview with Mr. Moran, chief of the Secret Service, the outlook was not very encouraging. After listening politely to his story Mr. Moran replied: "Well, this department cannot permit the illustration of stamps in any form whatsoever."

The importance of the hobby was urged upon him, the value to children, the dealers who were entitled to consideration, and the fact that any legislation advocated would be phrased to meet with his views as well as those of the other government departments directly involved.

He finally conceded that although he did not believe that anything could be done he personally would not oppose any legislation that properly safeguarded the interests of the government.

And right here we want to go on record as stating that it was due largely to the fairness and reasonableness of Mr. Moran that the passing of the bill was possible. The increasing cleverness of counterfeiters makes it imperative that he be forever on his guard to prevent anything that will let down the bars, and philatelists should realize his splendid recognition of our needs when he permitted this bill to pass.

BILL IS INTRODUCED.

After months of cultivation the path had finally been prepared for the introduction of the bill, and this Senator Frelinghuysen did on November 21, 1921.

When the bill came before the Senate Committee, Senator Cummings took a very liberal view and could see no objection to printing the stamps in colors, but of course such a thing would not be permitted by the Treasury Department. The majority of the Senators looked upon the whole thing as rather foolish, and as no opposition developed the bill passed February 18, 1922.

Up to this time the whole matter had been handled quietly and no word of the movement had reached the philatelic press. The men behind it were bent solely on saving philately, and felt that their efforts would receive the endorsement and commendation they deserved.

This was a mistaken notion. Certain members and officials of the A. P. S., receiving word of the bill, immediately took steps to fight it because it did not provide for the illustration of the U. S. stamps. Arguments showing the necessity of a bill that would first safeguard philately and at the same time open the way for further action that would permit such illustration were of no avail.

The officials of the A. P. S. felt they had been unjustifiably ignored, and proceeded to send out the following circular letter:

"AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.
Office of the President
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A serious crisis has arisen in the affairs of the American Philatelic Society, and your earnest and prompt attention is respectfully called to the following matter.

The Board of Directors of our Society has voted that your President bring to the attention of each member of the Society a bill introduced, by the request of a certain commercial interest, into Congress last November, but which only recently (and then accidentally) came to the knowledge of the officers of the Society. A copy of the bill introduced in the House of Representatives is herewith enclosed. A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey.

As you know, our Society through a special committee, called the Lookout Committee, and appointed solely for the purpose, has been trying for several years to obtain legislation to permit, under proper supervision and regulation, the illustration of *United States* stamps. The illustration of foreign stamps is now apparently permitted under sufferance, although the law as it now stands prohibits the counterfeiting, photographing or illustrating of all stamps, both U. S. and foreign. The bill introduced, as you will note by the final phrase, will, if passed, most definitely exclude the very privilege of illustrating United States stamps for which we so long have worked.

The Lookout Committee and the Board of Directors have made an earnest but so far an unsuccessful attempt to have the bill amended so that it might meet the wishes of our Society, by adding the words "now valid and legal for postage or revenue," at the end of the bill. We feel that you will agree that the unamended bill is definitely unsatisfactory to us, but that we should be satisfied for the present at least, if the above amendment is made.

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to counteract it. The main body of collectors, not familiar with the inside story, naturally would assume that officials of our national society would know what course to follow and many more would, no doubt, have followed the suggestions contained if they had not been warned of the danger that existed. The Collectors Club immediately went on record as opposing the letter that was sent out, and used its influence to straighten out collectors who had been misguided by it.

Senator Frelinghuysen and Congressman Ackerman were very much upset over this apparent repudiation of their efforts and were inclined to drop the whole thing, but they were finally convinced that the whole body of collectors should not suffer through the actions of a few individuals, and fortunately continued in their efforts to put through the bill.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE OF A. P. S. TAKES A HAND.

At this stage of the proceedings the Lookout Committee of the American Philatelic Society took an active and aggressive interest and deserve much credit for the constructive work that they accomplished.

Headed by Judge Robert S. Emerson, Chairman of the Committee, a delegation consisting of Messrs. Heyerman, Hatfield and Klemann journeyed to Washington and laid their case before Chief Moran. He agreed to the necessary changes that would permit the portions of the borders to be shown if enlarged to four times the size and this was incorporated in the bill as finally passed. Just why the "border" in particular was specified instead of a "portion" is not entirely clear, but no doubt the committee secured every concession within their power.

When the bill in its amended form came up for passing an objection arose from an unsuspected quarter. The Attorney General's office sought to add a further amendment providing that permission first be obtained from that office before any illustrations would be permitted.

When President Heyerman was notified of this proposed amendment he strenuously objected, even though other members of the committee were inclined to let it go, and as a result even this was eliminated and the bill was passed without further objection.

HISTORY OF THE BILL IN BRIEF.

As soon as the bill became a law the following summary of its history was furnished the philatelic press by Congressman Ackerman:

"The 67th Congress with its four sessions, without a parallel in its history, has adjourned sine die.

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The stamp bill is known as Law No. 479. As there are 531 Senators and Representatives in Congress the number of bills enacted into law averages a little more than one an individual.

Senate Bill 2703 was introduced by Senator Frelinghuysen on November 21, 1921, and was passed by the Senate February 17, 1922. After having been passed by the Senate, Senate Bill 2703 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in the House of Representatives on February 18, 1922, over a year ago. Hearings were had upon the bill on March 9, 1922, and there the matter rested until February 6, 1923, when it was reported with amendments allowing portions of the border of United States stamps to be illustrated, such illustrations to be at least four times as large as the portion of the original.

A few days later after appearing on the House Calendar it was advanced to the Calendar for Unanimous Consent and on February 19, 1923, was taken up and passed by the House.

On the next day it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were objected to and conferees appointed on the part of the Senate. Senators Dillingham and Cummings, Republicans, and Senator Shields, Democrat, comprised the conferees.

In the House on February 22, Mr. Volstead, the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill, Senate 2703, insisted on the House amendments and agreed to the conference asked for by the Senate. The Speaker appointed Mr. Volstead and Mr. Boies, Republicans, and Mr. Summers of Texas, as Conferees.

On February 23 the conferees having met, Senator Cummings presented the conference report to the Senate but did not ask for consideraton of the report at that time.

On February 24th, Mr. Volstead presented the conference report in the House for printing under the rules, and on March 1st, Mr. Volstead called up the conference report on the said bill. The conference report was thereupon agreed to and the bill went over to the Senate whereupon, the same day, Senator Cummings presented the conference report to the Senate and it was agreed to.

On Friday, March 2nd, a message from the Senate announced that the Senate had agreed to the report of the Committee of Conferees on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and later in the day the Speaker pro tem signed the same. The bill then went to the Senate when Senator Sutherland reported that he had presented to the President enrolled bills, among them being Senate 2703.

The Record of March 4th, on page 5454, announced in a message by Mr. Latta, one of the President's Secretaries, that he had signed the bill, thus making it a law."

WHAT IT PROVIDES.

The bill is very specific in its definition of what will be permitted—Foreign stamps must be defaced and only BORDERS of U. S. stamps can be printed and these must be enlarged at least four times.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., who are most affected by this ruling, have a total of 50,000 cuts and plates which must be so defaced. Various designs that would show essential features on U. S. stamps other than borders have been submitted for an opinion, but they were in every case definitely rejected and the intention is to strictly enforce the law as it now stands, and violations will be rigidly prosecuted.

It would seem particularly desirable that every philatelic publication would live up to the letter of the law so closely that it can be shown that no harm can result from an even more liberal measure. It does seem a trifle severe to prohibit the illustration of foreign stamps which are permitted in the countries of origin, but it must be remembered that the law is always subject to repeal, and flagrant violations such as have recently appeared, are almost certain to react to our disadvantage.—*Collectors Club Philatelist.*

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16th March—My wife, poor wretch, and I this day after long enjoying the prettiness of stamp collecting do decide with much pother and talk of this and that to embark as dealers in this commodity and thereby to seek increase of our monies in pleasant occupation and forthwith I do indite writings to Messrs. Hussman, Harris, McLain, Hook and sundry others all at a far distance, bespeaking their goods that my good wife and I may select therefrom with a mind to our profit and a great pleasure to our looked for clients, of which last be there many, please God. Also to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, best of philatelik papers and journals write I, bespeaking their charge for space wherein to extol and cry our pretty wares, hoping it be not too much or too mighty a drain upon us. So home to my luncheon, where find naught to please me—a dish of salmon fish, which I like not nor aught else of daintiness. To my couch, where my wife and I do talk of our venture and do make vast and huge proffit and do bespeak for ourselves great success in our new venture—God wot, a pair of silly fools, making great ending for something not yet begun, but my wife is ever so, being a wight full of visions fayre and very pretty and quaint in her conceits of mind. To my office, at my scrivening, all afternoon and to play at ball in the fields thereafter, and so home to lie in the warm waters of my bath, musing on this and that and again of our great to be profits and as the water with which I lave myself grows colder, so do I and I think of my losses in my future, but praise God, this but shortly. So to bed, and reading in back numbers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, very good and my wife too listens as I read choice bits aloud. And so with a prayer and a dream of riches as Croesus, to sleep.

The 17th March—Up betimes on this St. Patric's day and abroad to my office, where busy with this and that and making of sundry bills out to our debtors and writing letters for the post. And in the afternoon to town with my wife, where did encounter young Mr. Cobb on the street and did purchase from him a collection of adhesivs, giving him 2 pounds for it, altho the wight would have taken less but verily I do believe in giving him a fair price. The collection of cheap and lesser values but I did buy with a view to my approval sheets to be. To dinner at the Grille where did enjoy a leg of lamb and broth of clam, very tasty. My wife partook of a veal cutlett. So home and up till late pricing Master Cobb's book and very pleased at my purchase. Reading in MEKEELS' and so with a prayer to bed.

18th March—Lord's Day—Lie abed late chatting with my wife. So to taking out some of the Cobb stamps for my collection. My wife thru sloven handling do tear a 10 shilling Transval stamp, new and mint condition and I do rail and sigh and cast about my eyes and she do fail of interest for the time, and I noting her megrim do stop the work in a huff and so no more at the work this day. Women do ever take criticism and displeasure harder than men, but God Knows she should not expect me to fall a-capering and a-carolling at the loss of 10 shillings and make commendation to her for her negligence. To the town and make merry over a tenderloyne steak of beefe, with garlick. Very good and after filling up myself to repletion, do in some measure forget the 10 shillings and do soften my tone to her, at which she pleased and happy. So are women, like a weathercock, listing first this way and then that to each passing breeze. To the Playhouse, where did see a picture "Minnie" made by Master Marshall Neilan, and well done by Mistress Leatrice Joy and Master Moore, Owen, there being three of them, all brothers. Very laughable, and at one place my wife do cause me much merriment, she falling and rolling in her chair like any madwoman—very quaint and comic to see. So home to bed and reading MEKEEL before I sleep—at last my wife, poor wretch, making a caterwaul to put out the taper and so I do, altho, I not yet ready to sleep. And so to lie waking and tossing about and thinking of our future business and the profit and pleasure to be derived from it and finally to sleep.

19th March—All day at my work at the office, and to play at ball in the fields after. A very dull day and I like unto it and of no great moment in my life. Reading in my bed until sleep.

20th March—This day as like the one that went before as two peascods. No post from Scott, Hussman, Harris or the others. I do begin to be impatient, altho my sense do tell me there is scarce time, save they did cease all else and attend to my matters, which God knows I would they would do but I do think my business must needs wait its turn, no matter how important to me. So is it in this mad world, each strives to advance his own interest, to the stoppage of all else, and each magnifys his own needs to gyant sizes. Nevertheless, I do wish they would haste my business and that with due diligence and dispach.

21st March—Indisposed this day. I do not feel well of late. I think it is the tobacco plant that I affect overmuch, constantly drawing on my pipe or cigaret, all day long and late at night. I do know this do ill me but fool that I am it is always tomorrow when I will curtaill it. No post from my correspondents. T
day nothing.

22nd March—Up betimes and feel
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picture. He do accept but the silly m
do not gain my full purport and do
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NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL INCREASES.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

Despite the fact that Newfoundland's postal expenditure has always been greatly in excess of the revenue, comparatively low postal charges have been enjoyed. Due to the fact that the heavy steam subsidies are charged entirely against the Department, the yearly loss on the working of the post and telegraph system now amounts to over one and a quarter million dollars.

"For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1920, we paid for steam subsidies $713,581.57, in which amount was included $62,898.25 paid the Reid Newfoundland Co., Ltd., for the conveyance of mail on its main line and branches, leaving $650,683.32 paid for a coastal steam service. 90% of this amount should not be charged to the Post & Telegraph Department, as we received no service, in many cases, for the bills we were asked to pay. Steam subsidies for all purposes should be paid from the General Exchequer, and the Postal Department should pay for the conveyance of mails on a reasonable and equitable scale commensurate with the value of the service rendered. When our financial statement shows a deficit, it is not fair that we should have to stand the expense of providing coastal steamers, since the service is altogether apart from the business of the Department."

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In 1887 the local letter rate was 3 cents for a half ounce letter; 5 cents to Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom; 8 cents to the West Indies, 10 cents to India, and 12 cents to Australia. In 1891, the local letter weight was increased to 1 ounce (for 3 cents), and in the following year, this was made the minimum to other countries. In 1893, the letter rate to Canada was lowered to 3 cents. In 1898, half ounce letters to Canada were accepted at 2 cents, and in the same year, this was made applicable to letters to all parts of the British Empire.

In 1908, the letter rate within the Colony was reduced to 2 cents, and a reciprocal 2c letter rate was entered into with the U. S. A. on May 1, 1909.

On May 17, 1918, the inland letter rate was raised to 3 cents, and letters to the British Empire and U. S. A. were similarly affected. Previously, town letters passed at 1c, and inland letters and those to the Labrador, at 2 cents. The increase was in the nature of a 1c war tax, and was made applicable to foreign letters, as well, contrary to the regulations of the Universal Postal Union. In subsequent correspondence the Colonial Secretary advised that correcting legislation had been passed by the House, but the 5c rate was never restored.

At the Postal Union convention at Madrid, in 1920, increased postage rates were authorised; maximum rates were approved, and it was left to the individual countries to set their own rates, which might be the new maximum rate of 10c, the old rate of 5c, or anything in between. Needless to say, few retained the old rate, and many went to the extreme. Canada was one of the latter, and on October 1, 1921, the foreign letter rate was raised to 10c, to the British Empire 4c, and within the Dominion and to the U. S. A., 3c. During the war years, Great Britain had made many changes in the inland and Colonial letter rates; raising from 1d to 1½d (1918), then to 2d (1920), and dropping back to 1½d on May 29, 1922. But it was not until June 13, 1921, that her foreign letter rate was raised to 3d, and post cards to 1½d. Most of the Colonies followed her example and adopted 2d Empire and 3d foreign letter rates, and 1½d on post cards.

In presenting his report for the year ending June 30, 1920, the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs of Newfoundland (W. W. Halfyard) wrote (in April, 1921)—

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In the following December (1921), the Minister announced that at the next session of the House he would introduce a bill asking for certain increases in postage rates, among which would be a 4c rate on letters to the Empire, and the U. S. A.; and on newspapers and periodicals, which had hitherto passed through the mails free of charge, a rate of a half cent a pound when mailed from the office of publication, and 1c for four ounces when mailed by others. By this extra taxation he expected to augment the postal revenue by approximately $10,000.

In the House of Assembly, on April 28, 1922, the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs moved the House into Committee to consider resolutions respecting increased postage rates, which were embodied in a bill entitled "An act to amend caption 35 of the Consolidated Statutes of the Postal and Telegraph services." After considerable discussion the bill passed, and in the St. John's papers of June 18th, 1922, the new rates were advised as coming into effect on the 1st July:—

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On and after the 1st July next, the postage rate for letters addressed to Great Britain, Canada, and all other places in the British Empire, also to the United States of America, will be 4 cents per ounce or fraction. The rate for letters addressed to European and other foreign countries will be as at present, 6 cents for first ounce, and 3 cents for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce. Letters addressed to places within Newfoundland will be forwarded at the present rate, i.e., 3 cents for first ounce, and 2 cents for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

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The amendment to the Stamp Duties Act passed this year, cancels the necessity after 1st July next, for affixing a 5 cent stamp on telegrams sent to local addresses over the Nfld. Postal Telegraph Lines, but 25 cents will continue to be charged for sending a 10 word message to local destinations. It is still necessary to charge and affix 10 cents in stamps to foreign or cable messages, and 5 cents in stamps must still be affixed to all local messages sent over any Company's lines.

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In October, 1921, of the 293,300 4c Caribou stamps received on April 7th, 1921 only 20,000 remained. In the following month the stock of the three lower values became so low that it was feared fresh supplies would not be received in time to cope with the situation. Steps were being taken to surcharge the 24c and 60c Cabot remainders, for use as lower values, but this action was rendered unnecessary by the receipt on December 15th, via New York, of a quarter million each of the 1c, 2c and 3c stamps. This lot was just sufficient to care for the Christmas mailings, and in January, 1922, not only was stock of these values low, but the 5c as well. The Post Office clerks were instructed to conserve stocks all possible, and to use higher values where possible, instead of multiples of the lower denominations. When a further lot of 1c and 2c stamps reached St. John's, on January 21st, by the S. S. Digby, the 4c had gone completely, and of the 3c very few remained. In December, the Department had cabled to Whitehead, Morris & Co., Ltd., to dispatch as soon as possible, a 6 months supply of the 4c stamp, so that they would be on hand when the proposed postal increases became effective. The stamps did not arrive until June 7th.

In January, 1922, the 6c Cabot exhausted, followed by the 8c, in June, which left the island without stamps of these denominations. The 6c and 8c Caribou stamps had lasted only until December, 1919, and March, 1920, respectively. The 12c and 15c Caribou stamps exhausted on November 9, 1920, and February 13, 1921, respectively, since which time these values in the Cabot series have had to serve.

When the 10c Caribou (of which 283,400 were received in the original shipment on December 31, 1918) exhausted May 6, 1922, the 4c had not yet been replaced. On May 28th the reserve stock in the G. P. O. vaults of the 2c was 167,000; 3c, 228,000; 4c, none; 5c, 117,000. Finally on June 7th a shipment of 4c and 10c stamps was received, in shades differing slightly from the earlier printings.

In February, 1923, the only stamps available at the G. P. O. were 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 24c and 36c of the Caribou series, and 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c and 60c of the Cabot series. It is extremely doubtful if any further printings will be made of the higher value Caribou stamps, as a new pictorial series is in preparation and is expected to make its appearance during the present year.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

On November 25, 1921, due to the efforts of an unusually active Third Assistant Postmaster General, Warren Irving Glover, the Postmaster General, then Will H. Hay, issued an order, effective December 1st, establishing the Philatelic Stamp Agency at Washington. Since then, those in charge have done everything reasonable within their power to serve the philatelic public in a prompt and efficient manner and most of us will agree that they have accomplished their purpose. At first they occupied a small office in the Post Office Building adjoining Union Station, with the Agent and a lady assistant in charge. Since then they have taken larger quarters across the hall and the force of two has grown to a force of five with an extra clerk recently loaned from another section.

In the meantime orders have grown from one or two a day to one hundred and fifty and even more a day. Since May first the business has averaged around $1,300 daily, the mail orders around 150 a day, with a good number of daily callers who spend quite a little time and money in picking out what they want. Since its establishment several circulars have been sent out to the five or six thousand names upon their mailing list calling attention to the varieties available. What is the result—many thousands are now able to buy everything in the hands of the department at face and get picked copies at that, besides plate blocks, positions and the like are supplied where possible.

Since the new issue has been completed dozens are writing for the complete set and therefore instead of answering a letter in a day or two as heretofore, at times it takes a week or more. Some writers are of the opinion that they are the only one doing business with the Agency and if they do not receive a reply by return mail sit down and write the Third Assistant Postmaster General and complain that they are not being treated fairly. Because the dealer or collector across the street has the new stamp just issued and you haven't, you get the idea that he was favored and you were slighted, where as a matter of fact he may have written a week ahead of you. All orders received are numbered and the first is served before the second receives attention. At times stock may have to be ordered from the Bureau, which delays matters. When you consider that many orders have dozens of items you must appreciate that it takes time to select the varieties. While there recently, I saw a couple of orders just in which ran over 50 items and one called for sixty-five items in addition to five sets of envelopes and the entire order only ran around $60. Remember the department likes to receive these and fills them promptly, but is it fair to complain just because your order may be a week late in arriving. One man who has been buying consistently since the establishment of the Agency and who as a rule not only requests plate numbers but designates the very numbers wanted has always had his orders filled, as was seen from his file, in two to three days, and this included dozens of orders. Recently due to the large number of orders and the inadequate clerical force his order was delayed about a week and as a result he writes a long letter to the Third Assistant Postmaster General. One man ordered a complete set of the current issue with top plate number, on the single stamp too, not blocks, and because one value was off center complained. The Agency tries its best to send picked specimens but when a non-philatelic clerk has been picking out stamps all day he begins to see double by evening and some off centers may slip through but even then if it happens to be a high denomination they will gladly replace it. Do not, however, return to them stamps that you have bought elsewhere and expect them to replace them. They keep account of all orders and know what has been sent you, for there is always a check and re-check on every order.

Another thing which should be remembered, if you order stamps and want to ask for philatelic information write two separate letters, otherwise your stamps are likely to be held up until some other person can answer the inquiry. Then too, remember, that they can only supply exactly the items on their published list, they do not reprint, reissue, or make to order stamps for the Agency. They, however, do have the Bureau of Engraving & Printing pick out especially fine stock for the Agency of any issued variety that they might have on hand. What is more, they try to bring in from outlying offices any varieties or shades that are not obtainable in Washington. For instance, the smaller offices pay the newspaper postal charges by cancelling sufficient postage stamps to equal the amount of postage collected from the publishers and these are returned to Washington. They pass through the Division of stamps and if they are unusual the Postmaster is ordered to return this stock to the Agency. As the postmaster generally gets rid of his old and undesirable stock in this way, quite often odd things are noted. It is because of this good work that several varieties have recently become available, such as the $2 orange and black, the 50c and 75c Parcel Post, the old 10c registration stamps and several others that I do not recall at the instance. When they are doing all this for us do you think it fair to complain? Do you not think a letter of appreciation is more in order? You know the Agency was only established after many letters from collectors and against the opposition of some officials, and if you want it discontinued all you have to do is to let the officials higher up become disgusted with the whole thing. In several weeks they will no doubt be able to answer letters within a day or two but now with the new series just completed orders are coming in faster than they can take care of them.

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—Joseph Gallant, Hempstead, N. Y., has been appointed U. S. Manager of the World Correspondence Club "Weko." This is an international stamp collectors society with thousands of members scattered throughout the world.

—A. A. Wasserscheid, who has been very active in sending us advertising cancellations, favors us with one from Pensacola, Fla., reading:—"Re-Union Ex-Service Men, Pensacola, June 14-16, 1923."

—The 5th Annual Convention of the United Stamp Societies was held at the Y. M. C. A., Lynn, Mass., May 30, 1923. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President M. B. Clarke of Lynn. He introduced Geo. H. Brown, President of the Lynn Philatelic Society, who welcomed the Convention to Lynn. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: President, T. H. Ames, Montclair, N. J.; Vice-President, Wm. Lycett, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Secretary, E. L. Clark, Lynn, Mass.; Treasurer, S. G. Dixby, Boston, Mass.; Sales Manager, J. W. Chew, Phila., Pa.; Auction Manager, W. B. Landvattor, Passaic, N. J. The delegates were taken to dinner at noon as guests of the Lynn Philatelic Society. There were delegates present from New Jersey, New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF BELGIUM.

By Bertram W. H. Poole.

PART III.—POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Chapter I.

The First Issue.

For some time the Belgian adminstration had been aware that there were considerable irregularities attaching to the collection of the postage due on letters wholly unpaid or insufficiently prepaid at the time of posting. But nowhere has the vacillation of the Belgian postal department been more conspicuously shown than in its treatment of the unpaid-letter stamp question. The irregularities attendant on the collection of postage due became so intolerable in 1869 that it was decided to issue special labels, so that proper check could be kept on employees charged with the collection of insufficient postage and also on postal accounts dealing with this side of postal revenue. Two very plain stamps were produced and were ready to be issued on January 1, 1870, the design consisting of a double-lined frame containing "BELGIQUE" at the top and "POSTES" at the bottom with ornamentation filling the sides. In the centre were bold numerals indicating the value with "CENTIMES—A—PERCEVOIR" in three lines below. The design is attributed to Mr. Wiener, though it must be confessed it is totally unlike anything else produced by this skilled artist. At first it was decided that the stamps should be produced by lithography, then the official mind was changed and orders were given for a supply to be printed by the typographic process. Supplies of both denominations were printed, the 10c being in black and the 20c in deep blue and they were all ready for despatch to the principal post-offices. Before any were distributed, however, an order was given to destroy all these stamps; not on the grounds that the authorities had repented of their intention to put such an execrable design in circulation, but because they had again changed their minds and decided not to issue any unpaid letter stamps at all!

Yet almost immediately that decision must have been rescinded for the authorities had another change of heart and on July 20, 1870, the following Ministerial decree was issued:—

"By Order of the Minister of Public Works.

Art. 1.—The issue is hereby sanctioned of special control stamps of the values 10 and 20 centimes, which are to be designated *'chiffres-taxe'*: they are to be affixed to such letters as are entirely or partly unprepaid, always provided that they are only to be used for letters which are posted in and delivered by the same office.

Art. 2.—All instructions given with regard to the preparation, storage, issue and bookkeeping of ordinary postage stamps apply equally to these postage dues.

Art. 3.—This decree will come into force on August 1st next.

Brussels, July 20, 1870.

(Signed) V. Jacobs."

Exactly a month later, on August 20th, a circular was issued to postmasters, etc., from which the following is an extract:—

"Since August 1st of this year, the amount payable on unpaid or insufficiently prepaid letters, distributed by the same post-office in which such letters are posted, is denoted by special stamps, called *'chiffres-taxe'* (i.e. Postage dues); these stamps are to be affixed by the postal officials according to the amount payable. These postage dues are issued in two values, 10 centimes and 20 centimes; they may not be used by the public to frank letters. Postmen are forbidden to collect money on the class of letters indicated above, unless postage due stamps amounting to the sum demanded are affixed to the letters."

The design is the same for both denominations and is particularly neat and attractive. In the centre are large numerals on a ground of solid color with a double-lined frame which is a trifle more oval than circular in shape. This frame is inscribed "A PERCEVOIR" at top and "CENTIMES" below, the inscriptions being separated by small ornaments, while the whole is surmounted by a Royal Crown. In the upper spandrels are small circles, the one at left containing an open hand, symbolical of justice, and the one at right the Belgian lion. Below is a ribbon scroll taining the motto "L'UNION FAIT FORCE." The whole is enclosed in an upright rectangular frame mented with small crosses.

The stamps were designed by M Hendrickx, and the dies were engr by Mr. A. Doms, this being indi by the small initials "H H" and "A shown in the lower portion of the sign at left and right respectively.

The stamps were produced typog ically but whether the plates were o subjects or not, like the contempo postage stamps, we have been unab discover. They were printed on wove unwatermarked paper and perf. 15.

No 5 centimes value was include this set and when the amount of postage was 5c, 15c, 25c, etc., the 5 times was indicated by using half centimes stamp. This bi-section officially authorised and a circular is by Director-General Tassiaux on uary 6, 1871, made it very clear th these cases the 10 centimes stamps always to be divided horizontally. spite of these official instructions, ever, the stamps were also bi-se vertically and diagonally. In some fices, too, when 10 centimes stamps short the 20c value was bi-sected used as a temporory expedient. W these bi-sected varieties of the 20c well known they were never offic authorised like the 10c.

According to Mr. Bouvez alth these two stamps remained in use late in 1895, and very large quant were used, altogether only 11,029 of 10 centimes and 93,765 of the 20 times were used on articles that w make them ultimately available to lectors. If this information is co it would appear that the catalogue v given the 10c as compared with the is out of all proportion to its true v as indicated by the above quoted fig The same writer refers to some pr sional postage dues as follows:—

"On the 1 April, 1895, several Bel post-offices being without unpaid le stamps of 10 and 20 centimes, bec a fresh stock of these values had been able to reach them in time, it necessary to replace them provision The offices which were in this posit not having received any instructions, not being able to delay the distribu of the "catch" letters, used pos stamps of 5 centimes green, 10 centi bistre, and 20 centimes olive, shor

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(To be continued.)

STAMP NEWS FROM CANADA.

By EDWARD E. GOODCHILD.

the kind permission of Mr. W. J. r, financial superintendent of the ge stamp division at Ottawa and the able and courteous guidance . E. L. Taylor of the same depart- I recently spent an enjoyable after- going through the department.

of the most interesting items I was that of the Ashcroft Thickness , manufactured by the Ashcroft Co., of New York. This gauge res a thousandth part of an inch eadily shows a difference on a gummed and ungummed.

sheet of current 2c stamps which sured showed a difference of thick- n each corner of the sheet.

H. Johnson, the able editor of the *Herald*, has several lengthy let- n the press urging the authorities pt a set of values depicting Cana- scenery.

members of the St. Lawrence Collectors Club held their first dinner on Wednesday, May 30, the important announcement was regarding the official recognition mp collecting, by the establishing stamp agency (see press clipping here).

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In addition to the booklet the "Postage Stamps of Canada" issued by the writer, two other publications have appeared within the past few weeks by Canadian stamp collectors. "The Pre-cancels of Canada" by Mr. Thompson of Winnipeg and the "Postal Markings and Cancellations of Canadian Stamps" by Fred Jarrett of Toronto. Both authors are to be highly commended for the valuable and instructive contributions to Philately.

All the advanced collectors are excited regarding the re-entry on the 12d black as described by Mr. R. Roberts in his May house organ.

Information is being eagerly sought for particulars of the Crown surcharge on the 2c green and 3c red of the small Queen Victoria issues. Same consists of a small crown on the top, in the centre of the stamp undoubtedly printed on by machinery so regular in the same position does the Crown show on the only three specimens at present known.

A cover dated in 1893 has every evidence that same was on the stamp when posted, as the cancellation partly covers the Crown. It is suggested that the Crown was affixed as a mark of esteem to the Duke of York on his visit to Canada and used on the Royal train.

Any information will be greatly appreciated.

From the ranks of 10c per hundred to this amount and more each, have the low values of the small Queen issues risen, the demand being so great for the many varied and rare cancellations which adorn this issue.

THE STAMP AGENCY IN CANADA.

Montreal Philatelists Have a Banquet and An Exhibition of Stamps.

Official recognition of the hobby of stamp-collecting in Canada has been given by the Dominion Postal authorities, who have started a stamp agency at Ottawa, the purpose of which will be to supply collectors direct with special, picked, or other copies which collectors specimens which they may require. E. L. Taylor, of the Postage Stamp Department, Ottawa, will personally supervise the agency, and it is announced that he will make a special study of the hobby of stamp collecting to supply collectors with specimens which they may require. By this action, Canada becomes the second country in the world to recognize this particular hobby, its agency being similar to the only other philatelic agency in the world, namely, that controlled by the Government of the United States. This announcement was made by Edward E. Goodchild at the first annual banquet of the St. Lawrence Stamp Collectors, held at the Edinburgh Cafe May 30. The anouncement was also made that on July 1, a one-dollar stamp will be issued, which will be the first of the King issue of this value.

Approximately forty philatelists of Montreal attended the May 30 banquet, which was presided over by the president of the association, Karl Woodward. At the conclusion of the dinner, Mr. Woodward spoke briefly, outlining the growth of the society from its organization two years ago, at which time there was a membership of five, up until the present time, when the membership reaches the fifty mark. He expressed appreciation of the assistance and co-operation of the officers, mentioning particularly the secretary-treasurer, Norris Oughtred, and solicited their support for the ensuing year.

Brief addresses were given by members of the association, including J. Snasdell, C. H. Goulden, Col. Wurtele, Douglas A. Shaw, and Rev. Mr. Nicolls, who has been a stamp collector since 1868.

An interesting entertainment was provided for the occasion by Messrs. Ridge, Bert Kennedy, Harry Jones and Thomas Calvert.

Three splendid collections of stamps were on exhibition after the banquet. These were the property of Mr. Woodward, Mr. Oughtred and Mr. Shaw, respectively. Mr. Shaw's collection comprised more than three hundred threepenny Beavers, including a strip of four valued at approximately $50.

Among the rare specimens in Mr. Oughtred's collection is a two-dollar revenue stamp of the third issue, inverted head, of which only one sheet of twenty was issued. This one stamp is valued at between thirty and forty dollars. Mr. Woodward's collection includes an unused threepenny Beaver, a one-cent Queen on laid paper, and a one-dollar Alcock-Brown trans-Atlantic Air Post Stamp of 1919. Some very fine Jamaican, Samoan, and Cape of Good Hope stamps are also among the collection.

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EDITORIAL.

The close of the International Stamp Exhibition on May 26th emphasized the success of the two weeks' philatelic festival. King George and his philatelic secretary, Mr. E. D. Bacon, visited the hall and spent several hours in a critical examination of the stamps and was pleased to comment favorably on many of the exhibits. The members of the jury on awards were presented to his majesty who said that he appreciated the difficulty in singling out for preferment from so worthy a presentation, the prize-winning displays. Our correspondent says that there is so much to say of the exhibition that he does not know where to begin but he speaks of the success of the American exhibitors and confirms particulars that have already been printed in the WEEKLY. He adds that he has every reason to think that the American visitors will have pleasant recollections of their trip and he says that a bond of philatelic union has been established between the two countries that will create a better understanding between collectors here and there. We believe that our friend is all too conservative in his observations and that fittingly he could have indulged in a few superlatives.

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Among the newspaper clippings that have been sent us by our correspondent in London is one that is of particular interest and we give here the London *Times'* account of a philatelic reception in Buckingham Palace: "The King's Stamps. The King's interest in stamp collecting is well known. A few afternoons ago he received the fellows and members of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, at Buckingham Palace. The Royal collection of postage stamps of Great Britain and Colonies, contained in about two hundred special albums, was laid out on long tables in the Picture Gallery, and the visitors spent an hour examining the many rare and interesting specimens displayed. His Majesty received each guest individually, afterwards mingling with them and discussing a variety of matters of philatelic lore. Since then the King has visited the International Stamp Exhibition at the Horticultural Hall, the first since 1913, and said to contain the greatest collection of 'philatelic gems' ever brought together under one roof. Another Royal visitor has been the Crown Prince of Sweden." Philatelists certainly may pride themselves on the fact that King George's interest in stamp collecting is actual and not merely academic and that he does not ignore any proper opportunity to recognize philately.

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Our blithe contemporary, *Stamp Collecting,* London, has ably attended to the picturization of the great exhibition for its readers; and in the issue for May 26th that has just been handed to us, we find many details of the "golden fortnight" of philately. For instance, we read of the King's visit to the exhibition and learn that "the King came provided with a small magnifying glass, and instantly detected the defect of a group of old Spanish stamps. 'What a great pity it is,' he said, 'that the postmarks are so heavy.' The stamps he referred to were worth thousands of pounds. According to one privileged auditor, the King even gave a few hints on the most effective methods of 'fixing' and displaying stamps of delicate colours, and was much attracted by the collection formed by Pat Collins, a schoolboy of sixteen, to whom the Junior Championship Cup has been awarded. This collection specializes in Trinidad stamps and His Majesty expressed astonishment that a boy of that age could have formed it. When he was about the same age, he remarked, he was himself a collector but he had nothing then to compare with this collection." The King "expressed his pleasure at the Exhibition, which he described as 'wonderful.'"

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By chance, we happened to resurrect several notices of one of the first philatelic exhibitions held in this country, that at the old Eden Musee, New York, in February, 1889, under the auspices of the three societies that flourished in what is now New York City. According to statistics prepared by Mr. C. B. Corwin, stamps from 167 countries were exhibited and 275 sheets, corresponding in size to those of the Staten Island Society's permanent album, were required for the accommodation of the stamps on display. The value of the stamps shown was $30,000, and the exhibits were insured for that amount. It was said that "the organizing societies have certainly conferred a boon upon philately by their spirited action, and it is safe to predict a great increase of interest in philatelic circles as a direct result therefrom." This was a creditable showing for nearly thirty-five years ago, and it is evident that the sponsors of the exhibition were alive to the stimulating effect that a public display of stamps might have on outsiders. There were ardent exponents of the publicity idea then as now and as we look over the names of those instrumental in having made this old exhibit a success, we are convinced that their interest in the promotion of philately was unselfish and based upon a wish to share a pleasure with those who knew nothing of the attractions of the pursuit.

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We have had word from Mr. Archibald G. Gibb concerning the new pictorial set of Newfoundland to the effect that he has been informed by the Deputy M. of P. that the denominations from one to fifteen cents, inclusive, will arrive in time to be placed on sale on the first of July. It is possible, however, that none of these stamps will be sold until the complete set is available.

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A letter has been received from a correspondent who asks if there is any list published of printed post-office forms such as have been used by the post-office department and in the postal service from the early times. We are certain that no compilation of the kind has been issued as we cannot conceive that the subject is of sufficient importance to justify the effort of an historian. However, collectors are interested in these letters and notices as an accompaniment of their U. S. collections, they are well worth having. As to question when the printed letters first used we can say that we have them dated in the '30's.

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A member of the American Phila Society expresses the wish that the s ety at the coming convention make vision for a literary exchange departn through which members who cared to so could dispose of their "dupli stamp literature." We had forgotten about the literary exchange that once a department of the Amer Philatelic Society but which evide died of inanition. It may be all righ propose the re-establishment of the partment in question but we cannot lieve that there is any popular dem for this medium of exchange.

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m very much interested in the arti- printed May 26th) concerning the ive value of benzine and carbon hloride for watermark detecting. idea is not new but has not been ably received by the philatelic pub- The main objection in the past was upon the idea that carbon tetrach- was a deadly poison. Perhaps a ssion by a chemist may be of in-

commercial "benzine" purchased ost stamp collectors is *not true* he but merely a high grade gaso- This is a petroleum distillate with ling point in the neighborhood of F. It is used as a cleanser, in- ide, and is a good solvent for oils. also used in dental technology and, derstand is sometimes given in- ly in small doses for whooping The fumes, inhaled in quantity, ce light-headedness, intoxication, nally, loss of consciousness. Upon ning, a violent nausea sets in.

bon tetrachloride is made by the cal action of chlorine gas upon disulphide when heated. The g point is about 170° F. It also d as a cleanser, insecticide and is ually good solvent for oils. It has extensively used as an insecticide heat pests. As a local anesthetic occasionally been used—with suc- out leaves much worse after effects ether or chloroform. It acts as a extinguisher by smothering the s—the fire dies out from lack of n. The fumes, inhaled in quantity, ce first a mopey, fagged-out feel- en a violent headache, nausea and unconsciousness, with the same upon awakening. Carbon tetra- de is given internally in minute as a remedy for hookworm.

can readily see that these two nces are very much alike except benzine evaporates more quickly es not possess the abominable odor arbon tetrachloride has. However, boratory work we never use ben- s a solvent for oils on account of eat fire hazard involved and since an inveterate smoker I always use tetrachloride when inspecting a atch of stamps. By the way, it's d plan to have a free circulation whenever you're working with benzine or carbon tetrachloride. one, used *rationally*, is safe and ess.

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1p carm. & black, No. 41 .... .05
1912, 1½p to 1sh, Nos. 62-68 set .... .26
1sh, George, No. 68 .... .10
3p white back, No. 71 .... .05
1919, 3p blue & green, No. 80 (obs.) .. .04
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STAMP COLLECTING AND COLLECTORS, YEARS AGO AND TODAY.

By Edward S. Knapp.

I collected stamps as a boy in the '90s, but as is often the case with boys, I lost interest after filling the inexpensive spaces in my album, and the old album was put away and forgotten. That was in about 1895.

In 1913 I was in Paris with my wife and two young children, a boy of eight and a girl of six. If you have ever been to Paris and roamed around a bit, you must have noticed that everywhere you see postage stamps displayed for sale in the shop windows. There is hardly a street that you may walk on that you do not see packets of stamps advertised and displayed. The concierge in the hotel you stop at, collects, ditto his wife, and his children, if he has any. If you get any mail from America, the concierge or some member of his family or the bellboy who brings you your mail, is sure to ask you for the stamps that are on the letters. This is also true of all places I have been in Italy and Switzerland. You never fail to get asked for the stamps on your foreign mail. They are one and all collectors.

Nothing that I have yet discovered "gets by" children aged eight and six, and mine were no exception to that rule, and the first thing I knew they were collecting stamps, and the packets displayed in the shop windows were required, whenever I wanted to make myself popular with the family. My wife, even, "got the fever."

By the time we were ready to come home we had quite a flock of packets, but no album. The children preferred what they called "wild stamps," so-called because they had the picture of an animal on them, and we were especially "strong" in Borneo, Nyassa, etc.

Then we came home and I dug up the old album, which had my original collection in it, and we bought two new Scott's albums and divided the "spoils." I was elected to mount the collections, or rather I elected myself, as I found fault with the way the children put the things in. That settled it. Before that, I was only mildly interested, after that, I became an enthusiast. The children soon lost interest, but I have never stopped since that time.

I find on talking over collecting stamps with other collectors, that many have taken it up a second time, for reasons similar to the ones described in my case, and all agree that "the second attack is apt to be fatal." If you "get the bug" the second time you are apt to keep on collecting for the rest of your life. I advise "getting" it, if possible, as I believe there is nothing in which more pleasure and relaxation can be gotten than by collecting stamps. You can "bite off" as much or as little as you choose. A man who is interested in collecting shades of current 2c U. S. has a good time, and it costs him practically nothing, and the man who may spend $50,000 a year, can do it without making more than a "dent" in the present market. Try it and see.

I had a general collection at first, but found that too difficult to keep up, so sold my foreign. Then in 1916 I still further reduced, by selling my United States and specializing entirely in Confederate States. I have since then again taken up collecting U. S., but only in a mild way, and my interest is principally in Confederates.

It is only in the last decade that stamp collecting in this country has become more or less general. There were collectors to be sure, in the '80s and '90s, who had wonderful collections, but even when I started to collect, it was considered a fad and you never told anyone about it, for fear that you would be laughed at. You had a darned good time, but you had it by yourself or with one or two men, whom you had gotten to know through "stamps." As an example of this:

I played billiards probably on an average of twice a week during the winter of 1916-17 with Harry Lapham, of Boston, one of the big collectors of this country, and it wasn't until we met by accident at the Worthington sale at the Murray Hill Hotel, in August, 1917, that we either of us knew that the other one collected stamps. We had both kept it quiet, for fear that the other one would think us a "nut."

That Worthington sale was the first auction at which I saw a large number of collectors, Before that, Gerald Curtis and I used to sneak off to auction together and we were often the only collectors who attended. Laurie Mason sometimes came in, but we were often the only ones. Now, if you go to an auction you will find that there are many collectors attending, and some big ones too, whom you've never seen before. Auctions used to be for the dealers only; now the collectors buy probably more than the dealers at a big sale. It's an example of how the hobby has taken hold of people, and the stamp collector of today is proud to be one. There is nothing that a collector or hobbyist of any kind enjoys more than to talk about the thing he is interested in, to someone who is equally interested and knows what he's talking about. Every collector, almost without exception, has "tried it out" on his wife and found it to be impossible. There is no use cloaking the fact that the ladies as a rule do not like stamps, nor do they understand anything about them, nor do they want to. If you want to bore your wife to distraction, try to tell her. This may be a blessing in disguise, as I for one hate to think what might happen to the already small bankroll if the wife also collected.

To my way of thinking, Percy Doane has as much to do with the advancement of the "stamp fraternity" as anyone of the present day. Percy doesn't collect stamps himself; he collects collectors, and men of all kinds drop in at his office to talk things over. The specialist in the 3c Green (which he terms "The King of All Stamps") is there, also the man who collects the 10c '47 on covers, and they both are a little sorry for the other fellow. Percy "kids" them both along, and everyone is happy. Some facetious gentleman has named this daily congregating of the collectors "The Fox Club" and it is one of the best "clubs" I belong to.

The Story of the Four "Livingstons."

In my wanderings around Nassau Street, I have heard many interesting stories of old collections and old collectors and one that was told me by the Burger Brothers I think will be of interest.

Somwhere about 1887, the Burgers purchased a copy of the 5c Livingston Provisional for $25, this they sold to Klein for $395 and in 1892 it was again sold at an Albrecht auction for $780. The Scott publication of that time had an article about it, and this was the highest price which had been paid up to that time, for any postage stamp, at auction.

In 1888, the Burgers bought the collection of Mr. Norman Spang. Mr. Spang came from Pittsburg and collected in the early '80's. He collected stamps on covers principally and was especially partial to Confederate States. There were two copies of the Greenwood Depot provisional in the Spang collection, besides other items which are rarities now-

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* 1922, 8c, 10c, CA	.14
***Belgium** 1914, 5, 10c Red Cross	.16
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UNITED STATES.—Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General, who accompanied the exhibit of the American Government to the International Stamp Exposition held at the Royal Horticultural Hall in London during the latter part of May, returned on May 31, 1923.

We are pleased to state that the special exhibit was awarded a special prize.

Since the exhibit was not a specialized collection but was more in the nature of a work of art composed almost entirely of the newer series of stamps, it did not come within the field of exhibits entitled to one of the regular prizes. So impressed were the officials of the exhibition, however, with its appearance and beautiful workmanship that a special award was made. The medal is now being engraved and is expected to reach this country in short order. The proof of the 24c aeroplane with inverted center, a part of the exhibit, attracted unusual attention and was especially noted by King George.

While abroad Mr. Glover had an audience with the King and also presented to the British Postmaster General a beautiful leather bound booklet containing die proofs on regular paper, card mounted, of the new 1922-23 series of United States postage stamps.

For a number of years the Post Office Department has utilized envelopes with return imprints in the upper left corner, that have been redeemed for some reason or other. The imprint is covered by means of a heavy black rectangular overprint and across the embossed stamp there is printed in small black block letters, "Penalty for Private Use to Avoid Payment of Postage, $300." Copies of the 1c green, 2c carmine and 3c purple have been known for sometime in the several dies and sizes but I now record the 4c black so surcharged which has just been noted. This was used from Washington under date of May 31, 1923.

In a recent Chronicle mention was made of several Business License Tax stamps issued by the State of South Carolina. Mr. J. V. Nielson, Jr., sends for inspection several more values and informs us that higher denominations are about to be issued. Those known to date include the 24/64c, 36/64c, and 42/64c in olive, the 1 1/5c and 1½c in purple and the 1c, 2c, 10c and 20c in carmine.

While in Washington recently I learned that our dies for the embossed envelopes are engraved at the Philadelphia Mint by one who has engraved many of our coins. This came as news for I was under the impression that this work was done by the envelope contractors rather than through the department. Since Mr. Glover's return prompt action may be expected on the new 12c envelope for all of the data is now ready for his approval. It is barely possible that the department may now decide to make a 2c envelope linen lined instead of the 12c. Under such conditions it would not be necessary for a firm using this type with corner imprint, investing a good amount in postage. They could buy the 2c and add 10c in postage as desired. They will cost the public a few cents each for the envelope but not near as much as a similar envelope in the commercial market.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us for chronicle a copy of the 2c purple script watermarked, which he advises is printed in sheets of 240.

CEYLON.—Mr. R. Roberts submits a copy of the 1r on new yellow paper with the old multiple CA watermark.

EGYPT.—Contrary to what was stated in our "Stop Press" Chronicle for April 28th, we learn that the new portrait stamps are not the work of the Boulac Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but have been produced by Messrs. Harrison & Sons, Ltd., by a new process known as *collagravure.* The high values, which are expected in the new future, will be larger format.—*Stamp Collecting.*

GUATEMALA.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us a 25c stamp with a view of "Palacio Nacional de Antigua" in the centre and the figures of value in each of the upper corners. Between are the words "Veinticinco Centavos" and at the base in two lines "Republica Guatemala." The color is brown.

HONDURAS.—Bright & Son send us the following:

We have just received some recent Provisionals from the republic of Honduras, the current 1c stamp has been overprinted 10c both in figures and words and an additional inscription "Habilitado Vale" in green. 2c has been overprinted similarly 50c, and the 5c overprinted $1.

In the last named value there is a curious error which occurs on one stamp only in the sheet, namely the word Peso is spelt "Pseo."

LUXEMBURG.—Mr. Henry Hooreman sends us the three values of Charity stamps of the 1921 issue with the added overprint of "25" at the top and the words "27 mai 1923" at the base. The overprints on the 10c and 25c are in red and that of the 15c is black.

NIUE.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 2s6d, 10sh and 1 pound New Zealand Queen stamp duty stamps with the surcharge "Niue" in blue.

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POLAND.—Mr. A. H. Luck report appearance of a 2000m blue in the sign of Scott's A31.

RUSSIA.—Mr. A. H. Luck advises he has just received some new issue this country. The stamps are simil Scott's No. 50 (soldier's head), the and frame are removed, and on the l "1923," on the right the letters "P. C. P." The values are 3p rose an brown, 10p slate and are perf. 14.

Mr. H. F. Metz writes that he received a pair of Russia No. 1 perforate with the surcharge "P.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The firm of J. O. Moore, Rheims, N. Y., has just purchased Pratt Bank Bldg. at Hammondspor Y., and will move into new qua within a few weeks. A definite annou ment of change of address will be as soon as the date is definitely f We congratulate the firm. This l like prosperity with a big P.

—The Milwaukee Philatelic So was entertained at the home of L Burmeister, Jr., on the evening of 19, when the Burmeister collection stamps, coins and curios gathered all over the world were inspected. S thirty-one members of the society present. Lunch and cigars were se Each one present received a small velope of good stamps.

—According to Frank F. Wills the caribou stamp of Newfoundland has become obsolete.

—We are advised that G. P. B bridge has been put to considerable convenience through the use of abbreviation O. G. instead of O. C connection with the advertising of Newfoundland items, Nos. 47 and We give Mr. Bainbridge the benefi this explanation, but wish to call the tention of advertisers to the fact tha do not recognize any such abbrevia as O. C. and cannot blame our pri for mistaking it for the familiar ab viation O. G. We may add that abbreviation sent in was intended off-center.

—Miss Jenny R. Lewis informs that a boy in the Commercial School of Brooklyn, N. J., Harry Galland by name, brought to his En class some three months ago a co tion of foreign stamps represen characters from the Odyssey and customs, occupations, pastimes, gods heroes of the ancient Greeks. Miss Le thinks it a singular coincidence within a period of three months the s unique idea should have occurred to in both Brooklyn and Washington.

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. Mr. Spang died in Paris recently. en Mr. Spang sold his collection urger Bros., he told them of a man named Sherrard, who lived vingston, Ala., who knew where was a pair of the 5c Livingstons cover, and in 1892, when Mr. ur Burger went South on a trip, ng for stamps, he went to Living- nd saw Sherrard, being introduced n by Mr. Spang. Through Sher- he was directed to a Mr. Chapman, had the cover with the pair of Liv- ns (addressed to himself when he n the Army of Virginia, and from ife). The cover was purchased 00 by Mr. Burger and on the same e also purchased another copy of ivingston on a cover, which he across in Birmingham, Ala., price lso. The pair of Livingstons went rrary for $800, and they were sold ear in the Ferrary sale in Paris to Caspary for 22,000 francs plus per cent war tax, which was the lent of about $2,300.

fourth copy (the Birmingham was sold through Albrecht to e in 1892.

RECOLLECTIONS.

far as I can ascertain, there was cally no plating or reconstruction ets of stamps by the collectors of 's, or '90's. Prominent among the ctors of that time may be men- : Hiram E. Deats, C. T. Harbeck, Clotz, E. R. Ackerman, F. r, C. B. Corwin, J. F. Seybold, , Foster, H. C. Needham, Harrison rd, J. W. Scott, C. H. Mekeel, J. ndreini, Lawrence, Thorne, Edgar , Ayer, Robert Brock, Chapman, , Brunner, Sheridan, Ferrary and Evans.

not claim that this list is at all prehensive one. They are merely of the men from whom most of rities have been handed or brought to the present generation, and they collectors of United States and derate States principally, which is happen to have heard about them. are also, with the notable excep- f Ferrary and Major Evans, men ved in the United States.

Deats collection which was sold ion in 1899, contained a very won- accumulation of the Confederate ional stamps, Baton Rouge, Beau- Goliad, the rare types of Macon, ille, New Orleans, Pittsylvania, burg and others, were remarkably ented. To give one an idea of the se size of this lot, Mr. Deats wrote me some years ago and incidentally mentioned that at one time he had no less than 400 copies of the 5c New Orleans. Think it over. Mr. Deats also had a very fine collection of revenues; and he was also interested in Philatelic literature.

During the '80's, Messrs. Deats, Corwin, Scott, Mekeel and Major Evans (who frequently visited this country) were all interested in (and collectors of) Confederates and much of the information we now possess concerning the Postmasters' issues of those stamps was gathered at that time, by one or another of these gentlemen.

In the early '80's (sometime before 1885), Mr. Harrison Sanford, who was a general collector, made an attempt to plate the Brattleboro. He succeeded in getting six copies.

Until 1882, there was no special boom in stamps in this country. From 1882 to 1896 was a time when prices were continually rising. From 1896 to 1910 seems to have been a period of depression, of which I have never heard a plausible explanation, but it is apparent from catalogue prices that there was such a depression, and the prices in the 1909 catalogue, for instance, are in many cases lower than the corresponding ones of 1896.

It is generally conceded that the buying impetus, that started Philately booming in 1910, came from Europe; certain it is, that stamps began to boom again and the new crop of collectors that sprang up took a leaf from Europe's book and began to study varieties.

Dr. Chase showed us that all U. S. stamps were interesting to the student, and the age of specialization was started. For specialization and knowledge of the stamps they were collecting were something that appealed to the collector. With specialization came the science of plating and reconstructing, and, where before a collector only cared to have three or four copies of one stamp, he now needed hundreds to fill his plates. Add to this the collecting of different cancellations, which infinitely broadened the field, and it is easy to see why stamps have advanced so much in price in the last few years.

The plating of stamps naturally made pairs, strips and blocks more sought after, and this taught the man who sought them, their rarity. Fifteen years ago, a strip was priced as so many singles; if you wanted a single, they cut one off the strip. I spoke to a dealer, who told me he distinctly remembered severing a pair of 10c '47's, so that he could sell a single to a customer.

Another thing happened in 1910, which may seem of little importance to some but which I believe gave collecting an added impetus and interest. It was the sale of the truly great collection of stamps on covers, which had been accumulated by the late Mr. John F. Seybold of Syracuse. Mr. Seybold had collected for over 25 years and he had a love for rare and unusual covers. I have heard of how on several occasions, he closed up his business and took a long journey, to buy some rare item he had heard of, and on one occasion at least he went all the way to New Orleans, which was no small jaunt. Mr. Seybold had an artist's eye for color and symmetry and most of his covers were things of beauty. There has not been a sale of covers since, that has approached the Seybold lot in the way of general excellence and average condition of material. It opened the eyes of many collectors and showed them what could be done. People, however, were not "educated up to" the value of these things and coming as it did, just at the end of a long period of depression, the prices realized were only a small fraction of what they would be were there a similar lot offered today.

How would you like, Mr. Reader, for instance, to be offered Lot No. 41, which is described in the catalogue as follows:

> "U. S. 1847 ISSUE
>
> 10c Black, horizontal strip of Six on letter, cancelled in red "Mobile, Sept. 24," and addressed to New York. The stamps are also cancelled in red and are in wonderfully fine condition; a very rare cover."

Which sold for $81.00! ! !

Lot 42 was a similar cover (another strip of six of the 10c '47) which was addressed to Europe. That fetched $110. I wonder what these two items would bring today!

As proof that, even as late as 1910, collectors did not "know" rare covers, I will cite a smaller item from the Seybold sale.

"Lot No. 454—Confederate States, 10c milky blue (210a), block of 8 with fine cancellation "Richmond, Va., May 7, 1863," rare in blocks and especially on covers."

This item sold for the princely price of three dollars and twenty cents ($3.20) and was purchased by the late Mr. Hermann and he *took it off cover, and threw the cover away.* I speak feelingly about this, as I bought the block when the Hermann collection was distributed a few years ago. There is no question about it being the same block cancellation, for one thing proves it. Used blocks of this common stamp are not rarities by any means, but a used block of 8 *on cover,* I have never seen.

The sale of the Worthington collection in 1917, added further impetus to the upward movement in prices, and although it would seem that the World War should have depressed prices, it did not. Collectors merely put their collections away, until the war was over, and the market was inactive but *always* firm. Since the war, United States collectors have taken advantage of the rate of exchange, and financial conditions in Europe have forced foreign collectors to sell here, where the highest prices can be obtained. The Ferrary rarities are finding their way into the albums of U. S. collectors and, at the rate we are now going, we will soon have a great proportion of these rarities. Philately and the study of varieties is *here* and *it's here to stay.* It is necessary to specialize in one country or one particular group of countries, or even in one issue or in one stamp.

Yes, gentlemen, the day of the specialist is here, and we will never again see the prices of 1908-1909. There may be a reaction in some of the specialties, as there is in every healthy market, but the demand and the number of collectors is ever increasing and the supply is decreasing.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

FIJI ISLANDS.

The Local Postage Dues.

The inclusion for the first time of the locally printed Postage Due stamps of Fiji in the new edition of *Gibbons' Catalogue,* though they were issued in January, 1917, naturally makes them of interest to collectors in this country. There may have been references to them in the British philatelic press, but we do not remember seeing anything conclusive, so our readers may be glad of a summary of studies of this issue by Mr. John N. Luff in *Scott's Monthly Journal,* and by Mr. A. J. Derrick in *The Australian Philatelist* and *Australian Philatelic Record,* as, between them, these gentlemen have been able to reconstruct a conclusive history of these stamps. Mr. Derrick had the advantage of a personal visit to Fiji and the opportunity of making enquiries in official circles on the spot, but he could get no definite proof of the make-up of the original sheets of stamps, as apparently no proofs had been kept, and as the sale of stamps over the counter was forbidden, unused blocks and strips were practically unknown. However, Mr. Luff had secured a strip which was of great value for evidential purposes, so that the facts may be considered as established.

In November, 1916, the Colonial Postmaster requisitioned for a supply of Postage Due stamps, the quantities asked for (based on sheets of 120) being 960 of ½d, 2,400 of 1d and 2d, 3,600 of 3d, and 600 of 4d. On receipt of the order, the Government printer decided to print the values on one combined sheet. He found that he had available a laid paper in sheets measuring approximately 13 inches by 8 inches, large enough for only 96 stamps of the size he wanted. He therefore decided to print enough of such sheets approximately to fill the order.

The rules and mitred rules used to set the frame lines of the stamps were from an ordinary font in use. They gave stamps measuring ⅞ inch full by ¾ inch, and the plain rectangle thus formed contained the words "POSTAGE DUE" at top, "FIJI" at foot, and the value in large figures in the centre.

The sheet was made up of eight vertical rows of twelve stamps, the vertical rows from left to right comprising stamps of 1d, 1d, 1d, ½d, 4d, 3d, 3d, 3d, respectively. It will be seen that the 2d stamp was not included. On the creamy laid paper already mentioned, he therefore printed 130 of these combined sheets, but the method adopted deserves notice. In order to avoid the work involved in setting up complete sheets of 96 stamps, with the numerous rules, etc., involved, only one vertical row was set up, and this row was printed on each of the 130 sheets. The same operation was repeated for each of the other vertical rows, the necessary alteration of figures being effected for the rows where this was required. The 130 "combined" sheets were delivered to the Receiver-General on December 8th, 1916, and through the Colonial Postmaster they came into use at Suva on January 1st, 1917. Levuka had one small lot from Suva P. O., and Lautoka had two small lots direct from the Receiver-General.

As there were no 2d stamps in the original setting, 31 sheets of 84 of this value were printed separately, and delivered on December 15th.

The quantities of some values did not, however, meet requirements, so further printings of the ½d 1d and 2d were made, consisting of 70 sheets of the ½d, 53 sheets of the 1d, and 52 sheets of the 2d, the sheets being of 84 stamps each. There does not appear to be any evidence as to whether the 2d is from a new setting, but Mr. Derrick states that there are considerable differences of type, especially in the two printings of the ½d, in the first printing of which the type is very heavy, and the bar is bordering on the horizontal; whereas in the second printing the figures are smaller and the "d" larger, and the bar lighter and nearly upright. The varieties in the sheet cannot, however, be listed, as, with exception of Mr. Luff's strip, there not seem to be any material availab

With the arrival of the Postage stamps printed in England, the issue was no longer required. former arrived on June 18th, 1918, were at once put on sale at Suva, an August 1st, the Postmaster returne the Receiver-General the balance of local issue. Mr. Derrick has been to establish the printings, as alr stated, and has also had access to certificate of the Board of Survey, w supervised the destruction of the mainders of the local issue on Septer 4th, 1918, so that he gives us the fol ing definite figures regarding this teresting issue, column (*a*) giving numbers printed, (*b*) numbers destrc and (*c*) numbers actually issued.

Value	(*a*)	(*b*)
½d	7,440	6,396
1d	9,132	5,496
2d	6,972	3,948
3d	4,680	3,564
4d	1,560	1,188

Mr. Derrick adds a note regarding perforation, concerning which he s "The stamps were not gummed. T were perforated by an ordinary guillc machine, gauging 11, the sheet b turned for the cross perfs. In som the sheets the margins were not pe rated, so that the outer stamps are perf. at side or end, and the co stamps both side and end."

In conclusion, we trust that the gentlemen who have elicited the facts regarding this interesting is which may practically be regarded War Provisional issue, will forgive *M. C.* for making use of the results their labours for the benefit of readers—*Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

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"The Mexican works the land, Mish works the Mexican, and I work 'em both," declared good old "Tex," cowpuncher and former deputy marshal, now fallen upon evil days because of untold wealth having been willed to him.

I met up with Tex leaning against the adobe walls of Mish's erstwhile unhappy home. He was smoking a cigarette, and smiling at the landscape.

"I've took it into my confidence," declared Tex, waving his cigarette at the adjacent and distant scenery. "We like each other. I'm going to stay—temp'ry."

"What devilment are you up to now, you heathen?" I jeered, as I opened converse from the flivver across the canal.

"Come along tomorrow and you'll see Exhibit A," shouted Tex. I put spurs to the flivver, and drove on.

Three days later I slowed down the old relic, and read a large sign, artistically printed:

"Buy a goldfish from Lake Mishagain. Catch your own."

I recognized the outer aspects of the sign-board. It had been donated unconsciously by its owner, its duties having been to advertise the charms of Welcomehurst, a suburban tract which died in the making. It was a good sign.

"Cost me six dollars to get that there sign painted," began Tex, as he clambered into the flivver. "Mish is sure to get home in about an hour, and I prefer not to be among those present. You see, he possibly might not like the sign."

I assured Tex Mish would enjoy it.

"Think so?" questioned Tex. "You see, it's one of six. The chap needed the money, and I needed the signs. He comes out every week. Then he swaps lies with me, for a space, and then he paints the sign."

Our business took us late into the afternoon. When I dropped Tex off at Mish's shack, we heard the redoubtable explaining to a tourist, with fluent and varied and bitter language, that there wasn't a blue-bellied goldfish in the blue-bellied pond. Besides, it wasn't a pond, anyway. With much more language to the same effect.

"Reckon I'd best not tarry," I whispered to Tex.

"Reckonin's good," he whispered back. I threw her into high and left Tex sitting by the roadside.

Next week I passed that way again. To be more exact, I did not pass, I tarried. Tex was singing "Molly Darling." Mish was trying to drown him out with "White Wings." They gave up about the time I honked the third yawp. Then they came to the door, and beamed across, as well as Mish's misplaced eyebrow would allow.

"Come over here, you!" Mish's voice could be heard almost to Paso del Norte, fifteen miles away. I came.

"Seen the latest?" Mish waved at the new sign.

"Rent a boat and catch a goldfish for exercise."

I howled with joy.

"That ain't the worst," declared Mish. "Co'mere."

He led me back of the house. There were three canvas-bottom boats, laid out like corpses, and beside them nineteen fish-globes.

"The blue-bellied nut bought all the gold-fish he could get to stock the pond, and then he had these here three boats made. Nice boats, too. I fell out-a one of 'em three times in thirteen minutes."

I leaned against the building and laughed until the tears came.

"Look out, ole timer. You'll get your clothes soiled," said Mish, as I essayed to pack a boat to the bank. It was like old times. I paddled until I was weary, with Mish for audience.

Then Mish essayed to try it. I played the part of on-looker. Twice he fell into the canal, and choked and gasped and said things for my ancient ears to applaud.

Tex did not appear. I called him.

"Nope. Thinkin' up another sign!" declared the irrepressible. But when Mish came forth from the water, Tex turned out to jeer.

The news of the signs had penetrated. There were three cars parked over near the field. A joyous kiddy was dancing up and down on the bank.

"Oh-ee! Muvver! Real fishes!"

A gentle-faced woman walked slowly across the sward, and knelt beside the child. Tex disappeared behind the house. He returned with a small dip-net and a fish globe. Then he trailed them over to the pond, and proceeded to catch three goldfish in his net. These he placed in the globe, which meantime he had filled with water, and gave it to the child. The little thing placed the globe upon the ground, and held up his little arms to be taken up. Tex bent his head. When he came back he was very quiet.

"Seems like I did that fool thing for a purpose," said Tex. "You never can tell. The kiddy thinks it's all in a life. His mother—well, I sure felt mighty small there fer awhile. But the kiddy—*he* thinks goldfish nacherly roost there."

Tex poked into the house. I drove away, the faint sound of a happy child's laughter in my ears.

Three days more. It was sign-time.

"Get a pole and fish for carp. Package of rare postage stamps with every fish."

Tex sure was playing his sense of humor strong against his friends.

The pretty girl who rapped at the door of the shack where I was stretched upon Mish's cot, twirling his sixshooter on my index finger in approved movie-gunman's manner, asked very seriously for a pole. She said she collected, and she wanted to win a prize.

Mish and I faded, leaving Tex to do the honors. He did. Five hours he did them. Then Mish came to.

We sneaked out the back door, to the drainage canal, and proceeded to break the law of Texas by netting five large carp. These we kept alive. When Tex and the girl went over into the grove, Mish and I sneaked along the ditch-bank, hooked two carp on the hooks the couple had left dangling, and dumped the other three into the lake.

"The goldfish'll enjoy a change of society," declared Mish, as we went back over the trail to the shack.

Twenty minutes later Tex turned up. He began prowling amongst some papers in his war-bag.

"What's up, down, or sideways?" asked Mish, with a ponderous wink at me.

"Kinda lookin' for them packages of stamps," said Tex. "Seems the fish has growed up and took to bitin' something dreadful."

He found them, did Tex, and disappeared. The day being so far gone, I proceeded to do likewise.

Three days of Texas cold. I holed up, and then set forth.

"Skating privileges for the winter."

The sign showed signs of wear. Some peeved buncoed tourist had shot nine holes through it. I did not stop.

Two days, and then, joy of joys! Tex had rigged up a dinky open-air shelter, moved his cot over, and was sleeping beneath the canopy and the sign. It read, in large white letters,—

"When in doubt, shoot first—but make it Mish."

Nine miles further I met up with Mish. He leaned from his horse and peering into the car, asked:

"What's the blue-bellied nut got now? I ain't seen 'im fer four days."

I explained. Mish choked and gasped.

"That settles it—and Tex—and the signs. They fail in dry weather—signs." I came past in the night, and did not even pause. I honked cheerfully at the dark house, with a farewell Blah! I heard the door slam. I did not know what they said,—that pair,—but they said it.

A fortnight passed. I slowed down. Mish came to the door.

"He's done gone,—him and the sign. And that ain't all. Come in."

I disembarked.

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Mish rolled a cigarette. Then he poisoned the air. The faint tinkle of the telephone called our attention.

"Well, what d'ye want?"

Mish's manners were thoroughly hard-boiled.

Then his tone changed.

"Ex-cuse me! I thought it was a man who owed me money!"

Mish was looking down the barrel of the receiver and smiling inanely.

"He what? Tex? Yuh don't mean it! Which one? The one who collects, er the other one? Don't keep me all het up this-a-way. Yes, he's here. Want to talk with him?"

I grabbed the receiver. A silvery voice I recognized imparted the news that Tex had gone to California again to pick apricots. He had gone with a lady. She collected. She collected Tex.

"Ask her"—Mish's voice boomed out discordantly,—"ask 'er if she's doin' any collectin' fer herself?"

The voice came laughingly over the 'phone. I held the receiver to Mish.

"Yes," the voice said. "Yes—stamps."

ARMENIA AND IIS POSTAGE STAMPS.

The ancient and sadly oppressed Armenian nation finally achieved its long-sought independence in May, 1918, receiving formal recognition as a separate Republic by the League of Nations in January, 1920. Twelve months later the country was overrun by the Bolsheviks and a Soviet established.

Armenia is a land of great antiquity, whose history is traceable back to 2350 B. C. The early rulers of Armenia were subject to those of Assyria, until the country was conquered by Alexander the Great and placed under the governorship of Arsace, King of the Parthans (second century B. C.), who, having subdued it, gave it to his son Vagharschag, who founded a dynasty which ruled until 478 A. D. In the seventh century the Armenians fell victims to the power of the Arabs, but in 885 A. D. a new dynasty was established by Prince Aschcd. During the eleventh century the country was again reduced by the Byzantines and its people oppressed with great barbarism. A large number fled to the Taurus, and subsequently, denuded of its population, Armenia became an easy prey for the Turks and Tartars. In course of time the land was divided between Turkey, Persia, and Russia, who in the early part of the nineteenth century, seized the Armenian provinces of Erivan, Elizabethpol, etc. Turkish, Russian, and Persian stamps without any distinguishing mark were used in their respective spheres of influence.

The first national postage stamps of Armenia were issued at Erivan under the auspices of an Allied Mission in February, 1920. They consisted of various Russian stamps in the Arms type of 1909-18 both perforate and imperforate, impressed with a hieroglyphic device signifying "H. P." (Haygazan Post). Of this overprint there are four main types, struck in violet or black, as under:—

Feb. 1920.

1. Small monogram in frame.
2. Small monogram without frame.

Mar. 1920.

3. Large monogram in frame.
4. Large monogram without frame.

There are also a number of sub-types. It has been suggested that, as in the case of the Ukraine, each of these types emanated from a different town, but so far as our information goes it is clear that the whole of the overprinting was carried out at Erivan, where several handstamps were provided in order to expedite the work.

The 60k on 1k provisional without hieroglyphic preceded this issue in November, 1919, and with the "Z" overprint added in January, 1920.

To keep pace with the declining value of the rouble new denominations of 1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 roubles were surcharged upon the former Russian types, together with a new hieroglyphic device between April and August, 1920. This surcharge is also found upon the Romanoff types of 1913 and upon the War Charity series of 1914.

Meanwhile a distinctive series of Armenian postage stamps in pictorial designs had been prepared at the French Government Printing Establishment in Paris. Three stamps of this series, recess printing with a vignette of an eagle grasping a broadsword, was issued about December, 1920, but owing to the Bolshevik invasion never found their way into general use.

Between May and December, 1921, ordinary Russian postage stamps in the Arms type, without overprint, were employed throughout Armenia.

Consequent on the further fall in the value of the rouble in December, 1921, the Soviet authorities caused the remainders of the high value Russian stamps of 1909-18 to be uniformly surcharged "5,000 Rbls.", and at the same time overprinted with the Soviet device of a hammer and sickle, enclosed in a star-shaped frame.

These provisionals finally gave place in February, 1922, to a full series of sixteen picturesque stamps, designed by a native Armenian artist, and somewhat crudely lithographed at Erivan. The subjects of the designs are mainly archæological, as the following descriptions show:—

1 rouble green. Soviet device in a frame composed of Arabesque Assyrian and Byzantine ornaments copied from ancient illuminated manuscripts.

2 roubles grey-green. Ancient bas-relief discovered in the neighbourhood of Erivan.

3 roubles rose. Soviet Arms surmounted by decorative border reproduced from ancient MS.

5 roubles brown. Vignette of the ruins of the city of Arni, capital of Armenia under the dynasty of Bagratides; destroyed by the Turks in 1079.

25 roubles grey-green. Bas-relief of mythological bird with woman's head, discovered in the ruins of Arni.

50 roubles vermilion. An Armenian soldier, with the Soviet badge upon his helmet.

100 roubles yellow-brown. Bas-relief of mythological animal from ruins of Arni.

250 roubles blue. Soviet Arms sup-

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view of Erivan with General Post
in foreground.

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and town on the site of Arni.

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woman and child in the streets of E

15,000 roubles slate blue. Vie
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winged dragon.

25,000 roubles pale blue. View of
and mountain of Ararat, the tradit
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According to a Continental journa
5,000 and 15,000 roubles stamps o
above series have been withdrawn
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they depict ecclesiastical edifices.

A supplementary series of six st
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The series is composed as follows:-

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2 kopecs on 500 roubles red.
3 kopecs on 500 roubles slate
(Chariot).
4 kopecs on 1,000 roubles red (Ar
an woman with water jar).
10 kopecs on 2,000 roubles slate.
15 kopecs on 2,000 roubles red (
crossing bridge).
20 kopecs on 5,000 roubles slate an
(Horseman before Mt. Arara

The above stamps are difficult t
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Trinidad.

Trinidad was the first to issue postage due stamps, or as they are called by some, surcharge postage stamps. They appeared on January 1st, 1885, being forecasted by a circular of November 17th, 1884, which the Postmaster-General, J. A. Bulmer, sent around to the chief commercial houses in the island.

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17th November, 1884.
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The series consisted of 9 values, ½d to 1s, in an unpretentions design—a very plain frame inscribed "Trinidad" at the top, and "Surcharge Postage" at the bottom, in labels conforming to a central circular opening, in which a large block numeral is inserted at a second printing. The stamps were printed in black, in sheets of 60 (6x10), on Crown CA watermarked paper. The plate number 1 appears four times, over the 2nd and 5th stamps of the top row, and under the corresponding stamps of the lower row. There is no marginal line.

Between 1905 and 1907, all values except the ½d, for which the need seems to have disappeared, were issued on multiple Crown CA watermarked paper.

On July 25, 1922, there were no 2d surcharge postage stamps in stock at the G. P. O., and it was reported from official quarters that "2d surcharge postage stamps are to be issued shortly." As the Postage and Revenue stamps of this Colony, since 1913, have been inscribed "Trinidad & Tobago" it was thought that when further supplies of surcharge postage stamps were required, they would be printed from a plate with changed inscription. However, the plate was not changed, and in February, 1923, the 2d surcharge postage stamp was issued, on multiple Crown and script CA watermarked paper.

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January 1, 1885. "Surcharge Postage" stamps, typographically printed by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London. "Trinidad" at the top, and "Surcharge Postage" at the bottom, conforming to central circle containing figure of value in large block type. Watermarked Crown CA Perf. comb. 14.

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2d black. (January, 1906.)
3d black. (August, 1906.)
4d black. (December, 1907.)
5d black. (December, 1907.)
6d black. (August, 1906.)
8d black. (December, 1907.)
1s black. (December, 1907.)

1923. Same, except watermarked multiple Crown and script CA.

2d black. (February, 1923.)

GRENADA.

Grenada was next to adopt the use of surcharge postage stamps, and in 1892, three values, 1d, 2d and 3d, appeared. In the same year, provisionals were made locally, by overprinting 6d and 8d postage stamps of the 1883 series, in three lines,—"1d. (or 2d.)—Surcharge—Postage." Both values were surcharged for use as 1d and 2d due stamps. The surcharges on the 8d stamps are especially desirable, the 1d on 8d being priced by Gibbons (1923) at 70s, and the 2d on 8d at £8.

The design of the definite surcharge postage stamps differs but slightly from that used by Trinidad, in that "Grenada" and "Surcharge Postage" are in straight labels at the top and bottom, instead of conforming to the circular opening. They were printed on both Crown CA (1892), and multiple Crown CA (1906-11) watermarked papers, in sheets of 60 stamps, with plate number 1, four times on the sheet, over the 2nd and 5th stamps of the top row, and under the corresponding stamps of the lower row. A continuous marginal line surrounds the pane. It is interesting to note that the numerals of value on these stamps are in the same large block type used for Trinidad's surcharge postage stamps.

In December, 1921, stamps in the same design, but with "Postage Due" substituted for "Surcharge Postage," at the bottom, were issued, on script watermarked paper, and on December 15, 1922, a 1½d value was added to the series. These stamps are likewise in sheets of 60, but bear no plate number, and the marginal line is broken.

For many years the surcharge postage stamps of Grenada were sold only in cancelled state, but in 1921 this restricton was removed.

1892. "Surcharge Postage" stamps. Typographically printed by De La Rue & Co., Ltd., London. "Grenada" at the top, and "Surcharge Postage" at the bottom; central circle contains figure of value, in large block type, Watermarked Crown CA. Perf. comb. 14.

1d black.
2d black.
3d black.

Postage stamps of 1883 series, Queen Victoria, "Grenada Postage" at top, and value in words at bottom, surcharged locally, in black, in three lines, "1d (or 2d)—Surcharge Postage." Each alternate horizontal row is inverted, thus producing tete beche pairs. Watermarked Crown CA. Perf. comb. 14.

1d on 6d red lilac.
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2d on 6d red lilac.
1d on 8d bistre.
2d on 8d bistre.

1906-11.—Same, (permanent design of 1892), except watermarked Multiple Crown CA.

1d black. (1911.)
2d black. (July, 1906.)
3d black. (September, 1906.)

1921-22. Same, except "Postage Due" substituted for "Surcharge Postage." Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA.

1d black. (December, 1921.)
1½d black. (December 15, 1922.)
2d black. (December, 1921.)
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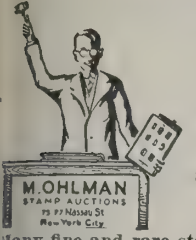

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2.—The short paid postage must be collected from the addressee before postage due stamps are affixed; otherwise, the Postmaster is liable to lose the amount of such postage.

3.—Postmasters will obtain postage due stamps on requisition to the Department, but the initial supply will be furnished without requisition, so that the new system may go into operation on the date above mentioned. When a new form is ordered postage due stamps will be included in the printed list, but it is proposed to use the stock on hand, which would otherwise have to be destroyed. The denominations of the new stamps will be 1c, 2c, and 5c."

The design, which is treated in a horizontal rectangle, has a large colorless numeral in an octagon, above which is "Canada," and below "Cent" (or "Cents"). At the sides are scrolls, and across the bottom, "Postage Due." The background is of intricate engine turning.

The stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Co., of Ottawa, from line engraved plates, in sheets of 100 stamps (10x10), and in the top margin, in the center, is the imprint "Ottawa" followed by the plate number. Plates 1 and 2 are known for all three values.

Sale to the public of these postage due stamps is prohibited, and the Postmaster General in his report for 1906, makes mention of this fact.

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July 1, 1906. "Postage Due" stamps. Numeral in octagon, "Canada" above, "Cent" (or "Cents") below, "Postage Due" across the bottom. Single line perf. 12. Printed by American Bank Note Co., Ottawa, from line engraved plates. Plates 1 and 2.

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2c dull violet.
  a. red violet.
5c dull violet.
  a. red violet.

SOUVENIRS OF THE CONGRESS.

We are indebted to A. Leon Adutt for a collection of matter issued in connection with the International Exhibition the Tenth Philatelic Congress recently held in London. We appreciate Mr. Adutt's courtesy and feel that many of our readers will be interested in some of the items, viz.:—

A set of airmail labels printed in brown, purple, orange and blue, the result of a contest inaugurated in connection with the Exhibition.

A menu of the banquet held at the Hotel Cecil, Friday, May 25, under the auspices of the Junior Philatelic Society. Fred J. Melville was toastmaster, and proposed toasts to the King, the Queen, Queen Alexandra, the Prince of Wales and other members of the royal family. Three other toasts were given to "Distinguished Philatelists," "The Junior Philatelic Society and the Chairman of the Congress," and "The next Congress." The dinner plan showed a number of the American delegates seated at the guest table, in addition to which there were twenty-one other tables required to accommodate the large number of guests.

The *Evening Times* of Monday, May 21, had a cartoon picturing "Today's Attractions." After humorously treating with cricket, chess, horse-racing, and automobile driving the stamp exhibition was shown with the remark "But anybody who feels equal to it ought to visit the Horticultural Hall and see the stamp exhibition. Personally I don't think I can manage it. I am afraid the excitement would be too much for me."

The *Daily Telegraph* announcing to the public that it was the first daily newspaper in the world to devote regular attention to philately stated that under the heading "Postage Stamps" Fred J. Melville had conducted a department in each Thursday's issue of that publication. This enterprising paper invited the delegates to the Congress to visit its establishment and see the paper in the process of being printed. The invitation was responded to with a great degree of unanimity and each person was presented with a copy of the paper in miniature, the size of the page being 7x9 inches and yet clearly legible to the naked eye.

The menu of the official banquet held in connection with the stamp exhibition was adorned with a picture of the special air-mail stamp. The banquet was held on the evening of May 17, at the Hotel Cecil, and of this function Mr. Melville was chairman. In addition to toasts to the royal family there were toasts to the visitors, the jury, the J. P. S. and the chairman. To the latter Mr. Luff responded. The U. S. visitors were grouped at the table directly in front of the presiding officer. Among the guests were Sir William Joynson Hicks, Bart., Postmaster-General; H. E. the Japanese Ambassador, Baron Hayashi; Their Excellencies the Ministers of Poland, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania; The Chinese Charge d'Affaires; Viscount Burnham, C. H.; Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore, M.P., Under Secretary of State for the Colonies; Sir William Berry, Bart.; Sir Bertram Mackennal, A.R.A.; Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins; Donald Banks, Esq., Private Secretary to the Postmaster-General; Stuart de la Rue, Esq.; Col. Robert Johnson, C.B.E., Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint; C. W. Stonestreet, C.B.E., Inspector of Stamping, etc., etc.

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During the Napoleonic Wars the English took Iceland, but they returned it to Denmark in 1815.

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PART III.—POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Chapter II.

The Second Issue.

On November 1, 1895, a new series of postage due stamps was issued for the purpose of carrying into execution the Ministerial order quoted below, under which the system of collecting insufficient postage by means of adhesive stamps was extended to letters passing anywhere in the kingdom, instead of being confined to those passing within the same postal district. The order was as follows:—

"Department of Railways, Posts, and Telegraphs.

The Minister of Railways, Posts, and Telegraphs, pursuant to Article 107 of the Royal Decree, dated 12 October, 1879, in which the Minister of Public Works is authorised to sanction all details necessary to the execution of the law of 30 March, 1879,

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Orders and Decrees the Following:—

Art. 1.—That Postage Due stamps of a new design be issued on November 1st next.

Art. 2.—That the Postage Due stamps be issued in five values, *i.e.*, 5, 10, 20 and 50 centimes and 1 franc; they will be inscribed 'A PAYER and TE BETALEN,' and will be printed in the colors of the corresponding values of the last issue of postage stamps.

Brussels, October 8, 1895.

(Signed) J. Vandenpeereboom."

The design is the same for all values and shows large numerals on disc of solid color within a transverse oblong rectangle. Above is an uncolored tablet containing "A PAYER" and across the bottom the equivalent in Flemish—"TE BETALEN"—is shown on a straight. label. On each side of the central disc are Belgian lions and foliage which one writer described as "being in a very snarly state," the background being composed of thin horizontal lines.

The design was drawn by Mr. P. Lemaire, of Ghent, and the dies were engraved by Mr. A. Doms. These gentlemen's initials are shown in microscopic letters in the small triangular indentations at each side of the upper label, "P L" being at the left and "A D" at the right. It will be noted that nothing is shown on these stamps to indicate their country of origin.

They were all printed on wove unwatermarked paper and, like the ordinary postage stamps then in use, were perforated 14.

Reference List.

1895. Designed by P. Lemaire and engraved by A. Doms. No wmk. Perf. 14.

5 centimes, green.
10 centimes, orange brown.
20 centimes, olive green.
50 centimes, pale brown.
1 franc, carmine-rose.

Chapter III.

The Third Issue.

A Ministerial decree dated March 15, 1900, commanded that for the future the postage due stamps of the values of 50 centimes and 1 franc should be printed in grey and orange respectively. The colors thus corresponded with those of the same denominations in the ordinary postage series in contemporary use. When the regular 10 centimes stamp was printed in carmine the same color was ordered for the 10 centimes postage due, a decree dated March 15, 1901 announcing and authorising the change. All three values were printed from the same plates as before and on similar paper with the usual 14 perforation, the only difference being that of color.

Reference List.

1900-1. Same types as before in new colors. No wmk. Perf. 14.

10 centimes, carmine.
50 centimes, grey.
1 france, orange-yellow.

Chapter IV.

The New 30c Value.

In March, 1909, a new denomination—30 centimes—was added to the existing set of postage due stamps and it was announced that a 40 centimes stamp would soon follow it, though this latter value never appeared. The design of the new denomination is, at first glance, like the others of the series but in an interesting note in the *Monthly Journal* for May, 1911, Mr. L. Hanciau points out that this is not the case. While the variations are small they are of sufficient importance to show that an entirely new die was engraved and while it was thought this 30c might be the forerunner of a series in the altered type no others appeared like it. Mr. Hanciau points out that the chief differences are as follows:—

Left side. The device in the upper corner is in the form of a triangle, and the scroll below it touches the outer frame instead of being a certain distance from it. The Lion, with the exception of its nose (which has the nostril V-shaped), has its head completely covered with shading, instead of having the lower part almost white.

Right side. There is a white space between the frame and the scroll, which is thinner than before, and the recurved portion of this scroll is not continuous. The nose of the Lion is nearer to frame, and the ear in this type is w marked. There is a little device tween the fourth and fifth leaves fr the top of the Oak Branch, which w not there originally. The foot of Lion seems to us to be more distinct a the claws are differently arranged.

The horizontal lines in the cent circle are more distinct; the lower la is 19¼mm. long, instead of 19¾mr outside the ends of this label th are eleven horizontal lines at one e and ten at the other, instead eleven at each end; the upper label l the initials smaller at left and larger right than in the other values; fina the stamp measures 21¾x17¼mm., stead of 22¼x17¾mm.

This stamp was printed on the sa wove unwatermarked paper as that us for the other denominations and the p foration gauges 14.

Reference List.

1909. Design as before but sligh modified. No wmk. Perf. 14.

30 centimes, pale blue.

Chapter V.

The Re-engraved Stamps of 1915.

In 1915, when the new series of or ary postage stamps was issued at Hav a series of five postage due stamps w also placed in circulation. These stam like those for regular postal purpos were produced in London, being surfa printed in sheets of 100 by Mess Waterlow Bros. and Layton. None the original dies being available n ones had to be constructed and such close copy was made of the original d sign of 1895, that some values are qu difficult to distinguish. The design 1895 was, indeed, so carefully copi that even the initials of the original d signer and engraver were retained at t ends of the "A PAYER" tablet. In foot-note in Scott's catalogue we read: "In the re-engraved stamps the tuf on the Lion's tail are separated from t ends of the bottom tablet by one wh line instead of two. The tail of t lion at the left has a smaller tuft th on the 1895-1909 issues and of differe shape." Unfortunately the differenc are not distinct on the majority of t 1915 stamps owing to the fact that th are usually heavily printed. But t mere fact that one cannot clearly di tinguish the white lines between t tufts of the tails and the line below

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A new advertising cancellation s from San Francisco:—"National ational Conference, June 28-July 7, and, San Francisco."

n the *Daily Press* of Riverside, May 31, is a feature "A local Ex- Tells of the Art in Collecting Post- Stamps." It is built around the r's experiences with George E. npson of Riverside, who is a numis- t as well as a philatelist. The KLY is mentioned as a purveyor of p news.

We have received from W. T. Wil- of Birmingham, England, his May- list of special offers and bargains. list specializes British Colonials and stamps of the British Empire, all iginal covers. Many novelties are quoted.

os. L. Weber, for the past forty- years a resident of Osborne, Kas., remove July 1 to his native place, ehem, Pa. Mr. Weber is no doubt known to many of our readers, not as an ardent philatelist but also as booster for Osborne.

larence H. Issler expresses the be- hat the Philatelic Agency should be to furnish stamps perfectly cen- and urges the WEEKLY to make equest upon the P. O. Department. e same time Mr. Issler states that as been satisfied with the service him, and we are content to rest natter on the belief that the De- ment is doing the best it can to the philatelic public.

Thought it might be of some slight st to know that the 2c Columbian pe was recently on sale at the window of the Hartford (Conn.) office. The clerk said that they had two or three boxes sent them from ington." With reference to the ssue of stamps, I have not seen it oned anywhere that the portrait of uffalo on the 30c is apparently the as that which appears on the silver cate note.—GEO. B. NEWTON, JR.

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*AUSTRIA 1915, K.U.K. surcharges, 1h to 25h, 9 varieties	.40
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A 10c BUCHANAN DISCOVERED.

Only Six Copies of this Rare Postmaster Known to Exist and All in the U. S.

One of the scarcest of the early United States Postmaster stamps, issued in Baltimore in 1845, was recently discovered in Italy and is now in the possession of Edward Stern of 87 Nassau Street. James M. Buchanan was the Baltimore Postmaster who, two years before the first Government postal issue, issued a few 5 and 10 cent stamps. Both of these issues now rank among the chief philatelic rarities. The 10-cent denomination is the more valuable.

The stamp which has returned to America after being hidden somewhere in Italy for more than seventy-five years is of that variety. It is valued at $7,500 by Mr. Stern, who is the head of the Economist Stamp Company. One year ago, at the famous Ferrari collection sale in Paris, a stamp of the same denomination, on the original envelope, was bought for $6,600 by an American dealer.

Before the present discovery only five of the 10-cent Baltimores were known to philatelists. Up to 1901 only three were known. Two were discovered within the past year. The fifth copy found was a unique specimen, being on bluish paper, all the others being on white paper. That was first sold by the Scott Stamp and Coin Company a few months ago and afterward resold, it is said, for $7,500 to Arthur Hind, the Utica textile manufacturer. It was shown in his United States stamp exhibit in the recent international postage stamp exhibition in London, and won the grand gold championship medal.

The stamp which has just come here from Italy is distinguished from all other known copies, says Mr. Stern, in that it shows all of the four outside border lines. It has been cut from the original envelope, but a large piece of the cover has been retained. It is canceled with a small ink mark. The last two letters of the word "Paid" appear on the left side. How the stamp went to Italy and where it has been during the three-quarters of a century Mr. Stern has not been informed, but has written asking to have as much of its history ascertained as is possible.

All six of the copies are in this country. Mr. Hind, whose United States collection is recognized as the best in the world, has two copies. In addition to the unique copy on blue paper, recently purchased, he owns the fine copy formerly in the Gibson collection at Philadelphia. One copy is owned by A. H. Caspary of New York. The former Ferrari copy is still in the hands of a dealer. The fifth copy was in the collection of the late Henry Duveen. The Duveen United States stamps were purchased by Mr. Hind shortly before the London international exhibition. It is understood that Mr. Hind disposed of it to another private collector.

There are only two other United States Postmaster issues which are scarcer than the 10-cent Baltimores, those being the Postmaster issues of Boscawen, N. H., and Lockport, N. Y., both unique and formerly in the Ferrari collection. They were purchased for Mr. Hind at the Paris auction last June, the price of the Boscawen stamp with the French auction tax being about $12,000 and for the Lockport stamp $8,500.

Mr. Stern has recently purchased the large United States collection of the late G. F. Ralph of Utica, which contained twenty-five of the early Hawaiian "numeral" stamps, a fine copy of the 10-cent St. Louis Postmaster issue, many of the rare Carriers, and several pairs of the New York 5-cent Postmaster issue of 1846. This collection was valued at more than $20,000 and was contained in seven large albums.—N. Y. *Times*.

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*1921, Red & White Cross, Nos. 213-222	.28
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*1918-20, Dues, unused, Nos. 601-14 (actual face)	1.35
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*1920, 5pf to 5 mark, Nos. 1-18	.80
*1921, 5pf to 10 mark, Nos. 49-58	.50
*1920, I Aerial, 60pf, 1 mark, Nos. 202, 203	.06
*1921-22, II Aerial, 40pf to 5 mark, Nos. 204-8	.15
ESTHONIA	
*1919, 5 to 35p, 1 and 5 mark, Nos. 29-35	.12
*1920, Aerial, 5 mark, triangle, No. 101	.08
*1921, Charity, 2½ and 5 mark, Nos. 205-206	.09
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*1920, 50k to 5r, Nos. 70-73	.20
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*1922, Aerial, 2 to 10 auk, Nos. 193-5	.08
*1922, Surcharges, Nos, 111-112	.10
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*1918, German Occ., Nos. 15-26	.70
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1919, 3f to 2.50 mark, Nos. 81-91	.25
*1919, 3f to 5 mark, Nos. 93-104	.30
*1919, 3h to 5k, Nos. 105-116	.45
*1919, 3h to 5kr, Nos. 117-128	.35
*1919, "Paderewski", Nos. 129-135	.12
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*1921 Surcharges, Nos. 434-438	.80
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*1920, 5pf to 2.50 mark, Nos. 41-60	.45
*1920, Surcharges, Nos. 65-67	.40
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EDITORIAL.

We are interested in the greetings that we have received from those who attended the recent London exhibition and we thank those who remembered us with cards and clippings. We are grateful to Mr. A. Léon Adutt for his postal with a specimen of the air mail, one-penny stamp. A clipping from the London *Times,* showing the Crown Prince of Sweden as an interested scrutineer of one of the sheets in the stamp display is a fine example of the intelligent grasp that the newspapers had on the proceedings.

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The following letter has been received from Mr. H. F. Whittaker of the National Research Council, Washington, D. C.: "In the editorial columns of the May 12th issue, I was surprised to note your comment relative to the service rendered at the Philatelic Stamp Agency here in Washington. Knowing Mr. Mount as I do, I am sure that such public criticism or comment is unjustified, for granting the fact that poorly centered stamps were sent to your correspondent, it must have been an oversight on the part of the Agency, which is certainly not a usual thing. Criticism is the weapon which makes most of us walk in the straight and narrow path; and doubtless some of it is good medicine at times for all of us. It seems to me, however, that your correspondent was not inclined to be critical in a charitable way, and in deference to the efforts of Mr. Mount to serve thousands of people who write him for 'nicely centered stamps' I am inclined to believe that the WEEKLY should have concealed this criticism down in the lower right-hand column corner of the last page, rather than to have put it in the editorial columns. It does not take long for one who is in personal contact with Mr. Mount and his agency to feel that they are endeavoring to give personal attention to all the little whims and peculiarities that philatelists are known to have. This is certainly indicated by the large piles of rejected stamps which are periodically sent back to the main office for redemption. . . . I certainly think that the sharpness of your correspondents criticism should be softened somewhat by an article written in the spirit of after-thought."

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We want to say that Mr. Mount of the Stamp Agency is fortunate in having the number of friends who have written us to expostulate about the editorial paragraph in the issue of May 12th. We suppose that chameleon-like, we took on the color of the letter of our correspondent who sent in some of the stamps. Now, however, we know that with the rush of business that sometimes sweeps the staff of the Agency off its feet, the wonder is that the routine is maintained so well. Our regard for the Stamp Agency is no secret and our compliments to Mr. Mount, its chief administrator,—and to his courteous champions. The Stamp Agency is a great constructive factor in philately and it is farthest from our wish to hamper its progress in the slightest degree.

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The following order was issued by the third assistant postmaster general, under date of June 7th, 1923: "This department is advised that postage stamps have been removed from letters and other mail, domestic and foreign, apparently by postal employees interested in philatelic work, etc. Postage stamps are affixed to mail as evidence that the proper postage has been paid and postal employees should be aware of the fact that when mail reaches its destination without evidence of the prepayment of postage, the deficiency is collected from the addressee, thus in many cases leading to complaints against the Postal Service. In addition, the removing of postage stamps from mail constitutes a violation of the law embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations. Postal employees are therefore cautioned against removing postage stamps from any class of mail, whether domestic or foreign." This departmental order is intended to correct one of the oldest abuses from which philatelists have suffered. Complaints based on the removal of foreign stamps have been made almost from the beginning of our pursuit. At some time or other, most of us have been disappointed in finding that a foreign letter had been denuded of its stamps; and the stamp papers have recorded many a case of the kind. Occasionally, we receive a letter from a reader calling attention to a more or less flagrant case with the request to know what action should be taken in order that the culprits be not unwhipped of justice. We can only advise the complainant to certify his case to the local postmaster and cause it to be brought to official notice. Collectors cannot be beguiled into thinking that the stealing of stamps from letters is other than downright petty larceny and they are hopeful that the warning that has just been published will improve conditions, although they by no means are as obnoxious now as they have been in the past.

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Many months ago, Mr. William Carney wrote asking several questions in reference to postal conditions in 1855 and 1856, the answers to which might solve certain problems presented by covers in his possession. Recently we came into the possession of the report of the postmaster general of the U. S. for 1856 which embodies information on two of the points brought out by Mr. Carney. As accounting for a railroad cancellation on a cover mailed in California, it is to be said that there were three railroad mail routes in that st on June 30th, 1856, route 12500 fr San Francisco to Sacramento City, a tance of 125 miles; route 12501 fr San Francisco to Stockton, 125 miles a route 12529, from Sacramento City Marysville, of 54 miles, making a to mileage of 304 miles. Regarding Canadian cover: in 1856, additional a cles of agreement were adopted to p vide for the exchange of registe letters between the post-office depa ments of the United States and Cana The full postage rate was necessary letters "alleged to be valuable," toget with a registration fee of five cents. letters originating here, the registrat charge was kept by us, while Canada tained its fee, likewise.

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"What difference does it make if so collectors have lost a few shekels Neurope stamps?" woofs an old d who goes on to say that if collectors w buy one set are caught by the back-wa they should swallow the salt water stead of shedding it; and if they w speculators they deserved to be bur declares that awful man. Truly, he i "marble to her tears, is washed w them, but relents not." There is no ne for any extreme statements and do not see that the lachrymal ducts collectors are working overtime beca of price adjustments in these stam Collectors are not reluctant to speak profitable experiences with stamps, a we do not see why they may not indul in a few commiserations when occasi allows.

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There is one organization in this cou try that is slowly recruiting strength order to climb to a position that ul mately will be the most important in material way that an association philatelists can aspire to; and the orga zation in mind is the American Sta Dealers' Association. The singular pe versity of a percentage of stamp dea ers is shown in their refusal to identi themselves with this dealers' protecti body; or their stand may be based on t belief that the stamp business is pecul to itself and is not to be put on a p with other vocations. It is short-sight to say that the stamp business does n need any kind of insurance and it is li ing in a fool's paradise to think that t storms of adversity will never disturb To develop the advantages of the A. D. A. to the utmost, it is necessary th almost every dealer of standing belong it in order that it may be a composite r flection of the best brains in the busine At the convention of the A. S. D. A. be held in Washington on August 13t the body surely will be able to repo progress.

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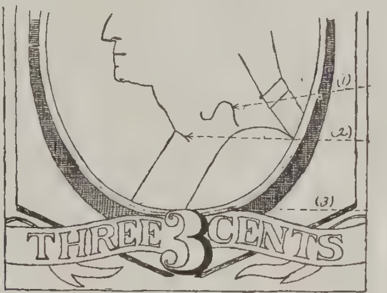

Major C. H. Bonesteel, West Point, N. Y., is responsible for the drawing which accompanies this chronicle, showing three most interesting plate varieties of the standard favorite, the three cent green.

No. 1 consists of a curved hair-like green line at the base of Washington's neck in the drawing, but which in reality appears somewhat lower on the "scarf" just over the shoulder. Major Bonesteel drew it in this position in order to illustrate the three varieties in one drawing without conflicting with each other. Have never seen this variety before and imagine it to be due to a hair getting on the plate. However, if other copies could be produced it would tend to prove this a true plate variety, possibly a scratch made by careless handling.

No. 2 consists of a very short but apparently deep line just below the base of the neck in front. This line is on the "scarf" and seems to extend out in the background of the vignette a little. I imagine this is a true scratched plate. Can any reader show another copy of this variety?

No. 3 is the finest shift I have yet seen on the three cent green. It shows an extra line in the white space surrounding the oval vignette. This line goes completely around the bottom part of the oval. The shift also shows in some of the letters and elsewhere on the stamp. Unfortunately, the copy which Major Bonesteel presents is torn so that I cannot study the stamp in its entirety. I would appreciate it if some reader owning this variety would send in a complete copy for examination and mention. This is on the 1873 issue in the light green shade. The other two are of the vintage of 1879.

H. C. Flierl, 432 Vermont Street, Buffalo, has shown me copies of the two-cent internal revenue orange on soft paper, and also copies containing the stitch watermark. I have always suspected that the stitch watermark could be found on the revenue stamps, although I have never handled enough of them to find it myself, and this opens up an interesting field for discussion.

Specialization in low values of early United States stamps has been going on for many years among a limited number of collectors. Years ago the fellows were mostly specializing in such stamps as the five cent '47, the one cent 1851, etc. I remember perhaps fifteen years ago or more, a friend showed me something like three hundred copies of the five cent '47 that he had accumulated.

"There is a great future for this stamp and I enjoy sorting out various unlisted varieties and the different kinds of cancellations," he said. Think of it. Those stamps, if he still has them, are probably worth a small fortune. And we all know what specializations in the one cent 1851 resulted in. Specialists of the earlier days picked up copies of this stamp for a few cents that today are worth hundreds of dollars.

Then came those who specialized in the three cent 1851 and 1857 in the days when those stamps could be bought by the thousand for a mere song, and those lots used to contain blocks occasionally, and pairs, strips, plate number pieces and the like. And next came specialization in the three cent 1861, a stamp that can no longer be picked up in very large lots.

The three cent green has for many years been a favorite among the specialists, but mostly because so much has been written about it. When the praises of a stamp have been sung sufficiently, everybody wants to collect it.

But I think I can say that the chances for pleasure, with the assurance of a profitable investment, are just as good as in the good old days when the five cent '47 was selling for under a dollar each. There are any number of stamps issued before 1890 which today are selling at under 50 cents each, and some of which can be bought very reasonably by the thousand, which present as wide and interesting a field for specialization as any of the standard varieties which have been mentioned, and which some day will sell at greatly advanced prices.

For instance, I believe that some of the lower values of department stamps will find favor among the specialists in time. Why not? These stamps were issued in 1873 and 1879 by the Continental and American Bank Note Companies, and they present all the various varieties of paper, plate, odd impressions, etc., that engage the enthusiastic collector of minor varieties of the three cent green. Although I have not seen it, the departments undoubtedly show the stitch watermark the same as other stamps of this period. And all the favorite cancellation varieties are to be found in the departmentals, together with some that do not crop up on the postal issues.

The departmentals are far scarcer than the postal issues and they are underpriced for the reason that only a limited number of collectors are gathering them in. As soon as a few specialists get into the field, up will go prices. But fortunately, these things come slowly and those who go into the game now will have plenty of time to garner the wheat before the price advances.

Lest it be thought that I am interested in boosting the departmentals, let me say that I do not collect them and have none in my possession with the exception of a few of the 50 cent agriculture, which I have recently picked up.

And what has been said of the departmentals, applies to the revenue issues. Here there are many stamps which can be secured in quantities at a song and which furnish a great field for the specialist. I know because I have a friend who specializes in them and he is getting together a really wonderful collection.

Then there are still a number of the postal issues which offer a splendid field for the specialist, but which have been greatly neglected, such as the three cent 1869 (although this is rapidly coming into favor), the one cent blue, two cent brown (Jackson), six cent carmine and pink, ten cent brown, five cent yellow brown and blue (Garfield) four cent blue green and carmine (Jackson), issues of 1870 to 1888 inclusive. The two cent brown (horseman) 1869 is a good stamp to collect.

Of course, there are specialists in the stamps mentioned, but not nearly as many appreciate the field as should, in my opinion. Most of the stamps mentioned are cheap but some are far scarcer than the price indicates.

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—In a recent issue mention was made of the fact that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had turned out an extra plate of the new 14c denomination, that is, five plates instead of four. As a rule, when an extra plate is made such as this it is for the purpose of replacing one out of a lot of four that has been broken or discarded for some reason. I now learn from the Bureau that this extra plate, number 14526, was made as a matter of precaution in order to have an extra one of this new denomination on hand to take the place of any break in the series. These plates are all in good condition and still in service.

Under date of June 7th, the Third Assistant Postmaster-General notifies postmasters through the *Postal Bulletin* that complaints have been received relative to the removal of postage stamps while mail is in transit. Their attention is called to the fact that this is a direct violation of the law. He therefore cautions them against such removals.

In this column some months back mention was made of the fact that while the 1c and 7c State Department stamps were listed on soft paper your Editor had never seen either. Copies of the 1c were in the recent Eagle sale so this variety at least exists. Something else odd was noted in the department issues at the same sale. Two plate number strips of the 1c Executive from top and bottom of the plate were present showing that this plate was at first incorrectly numbered 81 and that lines were then run through this number and the plates were marked 82.

The same sale showed what I have always contended that a damaged or inferior stamp is high at any price. Better pay double catalogue for a perfect specimen than a tenth for a poor one. For instance, the 30c, 1869, with inverted center with a crease and a corner perforation missing was purchased by Mr. Eagle, on October 21st of last year at $1,165, whereas in auction during May, it passed to a new owner at $410.00. The 15c described as repaired in the upper left corner sold at $151.00, while the 24c which was announced on the floor as repaired went for $137.00. These stamps in fine condition could have been purchased by Mr. Eagle for just a few dollars more and would have brought at least his cost, if not a very fair profit. It may be of interest to mention that this sale included a very fine counterfeit of the 1869 30c invert made from the proof, by Wolle, and this variety found a new owner at $5.25.

In our Chronicle for November 30th, 1918, we listed, on the advice of one of our correspondents, the small library size 2c red postal card on cream. I now learn that such a variety does not exist and that these small cards were sent out by the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., and that they were cut to this size to fit the files of the Company. Therefore, this variety should be deleted from any list upon which it is mentioned.

CHINA.—Mr. S. R. Sheldon, writing under date of May 15th, sends us the following:

"While in Peking recently I visited the Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing and saw the printing of Chinese postage stamps. The plant is modern and up-to-date. All processes are carried out here and the Bureau is even manufacturing their own inks, and some grades of paper.

During my visit I noticed that the new 1 cent and 3 cent values of the current issue were being printed. The 1 cent is the same color as the 1918 issue while the 3 cent value is in a somewhat brighter green. Both are from entirely new dies, similar to the old dies but with many differences, the most noticeable change being the removal of the fringe under the upper label and the omission of all shading from the arabesques at the top of the design. The die is very similar to that of the new 4 cent gray which you have already chronicled. These stamps will be on sale within a few weeks. Those being printed were in the sheets of form for making up booklets and will probably first appear in that form.

The new 50 cent value is now on sale, or rather was on sale, as I have a used copy but found them sold out at the Shanghai post-office when I called for them. This is also in nearly the same color as the 1918 issue but somewhat lighter. The die is the same as the new 15 cent blue and differs in many respects from the old 50 cent die, chiefly in the removal of unnecessary shading and the strengthening of the central design.

I am informed that new dies are being made for all the values even where no change in color is contemplated."

FRANCE.—Mr. W. T. Wilson and the Economist Stamp Co. have shown us copies of the Pasteur commemorative set. They are 10c green, 30c red and 50c blue, all of the same type with a profile view of the great scientist, perforated 13½x13.

ICELAND.—Mr. W. T. Wilson reports the appearance of the 10a of the 1920 type with the overprint "20 aur. Pjonusta" in black in two lines.

IRELAND.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent us copies of the 5d purple, in the "Sword of Light" design, and the 10d brown, in the Celtic Cross type. Both stamps are watermarked and perforated as those previously noted.

JAPAN.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co., copies of two values of an issue to commemorate the visit of the Japanese Crown Prince to Formosa. They are handsomely engraved and picture Mount Nutaka, wise known as Mount Morrison. values are 1½s orange and 3s viole

KENYA.—Our Special Correspo Mr. Guy A. Procter, informs us th 12 cent denomination has been drawn. This value was used chie a receipt stamp, but by a new ord cents is to be the amount for rece in future. A postal decree, statin new charge and ordering the return all Post Offices of all sheets of 1 stamps in stock, was received a we so ago, at the same time stating th 12 cent denomination is withdraw indents for same to cease.

This applies to all Post Offic Kenya Colony, but our correspo has not been fortunate enough t out if it also applies to Post Offi Uganda. At any rate, 12 cent s are now unprocurable at the Post where he called early in April. stamp—if the same order appli Uganda—should be good; issued o vember 1st last year, it has had any postal use owing to it being e used as a receipt stamp.—*Stamp C ing.*

RUSSIA.—The Economist Stam calls our attention to the 15k violet and blue, of the 1902-4 type, has been surcharged "P 100 P." base with the usual star overprint This surcharge has been issued on the perforated and imperforated

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sufficient to indicate that specimen long to the later series. A sure lies in the horizontal lines of sh in the white circle around the solid containing the large numerals of In the original type these lines ar and are not evenly spaced. In part the long line at top almost touche right outline of the circle and s of the short lines down the left touch the thin line around the ci disc. In the re-engraved type these are all thick and well formed. long line at top is centrally place none of the small lines at either l right touch the line enclosing the eral disc. It will also be found t the re-engraved type the letters of inscriptions are in thicker type th the earlier stamps.

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E PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT.

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Issue Notes—So many cities are celing the new two, five and ten values that it is possible to chroni- a portion. Some new 2 cents lams, Mass.; Bridgeport, Conn.; port, Pa.; Charlestown, W. Va.; lb, Ill.; Fargo, N. D.; Lincoln. and Pittsburg, Pa. To Boston e honor of first precanceling the with Chicago right on her heels. S. Chandler of Troy, N. H., re- both these items. On the 5 cents elt" I have noticed: Carthage, leveland, Tenn., Fargo, N. D., is, Tenn., (new type), and New Type IV—handstamped). A few cents are Aurora, Ill., Bridge- onn., Fargo, N. D., Ft. Smith, incoln, Neb., Pawtucket, R. I. damped), and Waukesha, Wis. teresting, even than these are the ers from Joplin, Mo., Lincoln, Oakland, Calif., Omaha, Nebr., outh, O., and St. Joseph, Mo.

are many opportunities to find items these days, with the pro- f new types and discontinuation ld issue. Some ten cents "Frank- ecancelled with new types have perseded by the ten cents "Mon- nd are quite scarce. I cite two ies to illustrate: Lincoln, Nebr., hester, N. Y., precancelled in the pe (fancy capitals), the Lincoln uch the better.

n, Ind.—The electro plate now in use here precancels the U-18 type. All values except 13c are coming on parcels post matter. Inverts are very rare.

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Garden City, N. Y.—For some time the 1c overprinted in U-18 has been franking circular matter. Lately, though, the other values have been showing up. Two nice pieces that I have picked up are a perfectly centered strip of three 20c and a superb copy of the 7c, with plate number. Garden City formerly turned out very makeshift precancels which were handstamped illegibly and carelessly. Now conditions have changed and I keep an eye peeled for any packages from the Nelson Doubleday Co.

Lancaster, Minn.—There is in the precancel realm: Lancaster, N. H., Ohio, Pa., and now we have Lancaster, Minn. A handsome clear-cut overprint, resembling U-9, adds to the desirability of the stamps from this Minnesota town. The only ones I have are the 4c and 5c, reading normal.

Kansas City, Kas.—Mr. H. C. Davis sends me a fine pair of the $1.00 precanceled in middle sized capitals, handstamped. This will be Type III, and is the first time K. C. has precancelled the dollar value.

Maquaketa, Ia.—I am also indebted to Mr. Davis for a pair of 30c from here. Maquaketa first used precancels in 1914 but of a slightly different type. Bushnell lists only the 2c perf. 12, and no perf. 11. The current type is a handstamped overprint resembling. U-8.

Lincoln, Nebr.—For some reason Lincoln is precanceling with both her old and new plates. Three new varieties in the old type are the 5c "Roosevelt," 10c "Monroe," and 25c "Niagara."

Oakville, Conn.—Mr. C. G. Dills has submitted four precancels from here. They are the 2c, 5c, 20c normal and 1c inverted canceled with a handstamped type.

Omaha, Nebr.—Like Lincoln, Nebr., Omaha is also using old plates. The mimeograph type is getting rather worn looking and after holding sway for many months is sharing the work with Types IV and V. Mr. H. C. Davis submits the $1.00 normal and double in the mimeograph, two items which are worth at least half the face value.

Osborne, Kansas.—The new special has appeared bearing the regular type, reading inverted, up and down.

Reading, Pa.—Several months ago I chronicled a smudgy type hardly discernible. This reads up and down and came on most all values. Seventy-five per cent of the precancels were worthless on account of their illegibility, but now no more shall be cast away because Reading has joined the throng of towns possessing copper plates of the U-18 type.

Van Wert, Ohio—This place with the Dutch name is using a handstamp consisting of small block capitals between bars. I note the 3c surface, inverted, and the 4c normal.

Attica, N. Y.—This city has been using the U-18 type for some time on the 1c denomination.

Philadelphia, Pa. — Mr. Dale Walker sends for inspection a copy of the 1c coil clearly spelled BHILADELPHIA. Watch for this error.

Chicopee Falls, Mass.—Two settings of type make the precancels from this bustling manufacturing center rather interesting. In one setting the "M" of Mass. falls under the interval between the "c" and "o" of Chicopee, while in the other the "M" falls below the "p" of Chicopee. Pairs are procurable, showing both types, but as Chicopee precancels are pretty scarce out our way, I have not, as yet, secured any.

Several collectors have written in asking about the various types referred to in these notes. They are illustrated in Bushnell's Standard Precancel Catalogues. At present we have three catalogues which are up to date. The perforated twelve, listing all precanceled stamps up to the perforated ten issues, which sells for $1.00; the perforated eleven catalogue, selling at 60c; and the aeroplane, victory and Pilgrim catalogue, listing and pricing over a thousand precancels of these issues, which sells for 40c. I shall be glad to forward postpaid, any or all of these upon receipt of price. I shall also take pleasure in replying to any inquiries on this hobby and in making any suggestions on how to build up an attractive precancel collection.

I wish to thank Messrs. S. Hyman, John L. Parker, H. R. Jansen, H. J. Keeley, and others for notes of interest.

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THE PHILATELIC AGENCY

By C. J. West.

Since the establishment of the Philatelic Agency, many favorable comments have appeared in the columns of Mekeel's. While it is only natural that adverse comments should be heard now and then, the experience of the reader as related in the editorial columns of Mekeel's for May 12, is so contrary to my own personal experience, and also to the policy of the Agency as I know it that I feel that someone should speak again in favor of the Agency.

I cannot deny, of course, that the reader who made the criticism did not receive poorly centered stamps, but I can assure him and other readers of Mekeel's that such is not the policy of the Agency. At the present time Mr. Mount has at least five people working with him, handling the large volume of business that comes to the Agency. The demands made upon this working force is illustrated by the fact that during the first twenty-eight days of May, over 3,000 mail orders were received. This, it is seen, is over 100 orders a day; the highest number received on any one day during the month of May was 220. This, of course, does not include the personal visits to the Agency, many of which occupy more time than that required to fill a mail order. It is estimated that each order involves from twenty to fifty pieces and, when it is remembered that it is sometimes necessary to handle five or ten stamps in order to secure a suitable stamp for philatelic purposes, one can see the large amount of work and time which are necessary to handle the business of the Agency.

Mr. Mount tells me that in all cases "condition" is the first consideration in filling orders. From my personal contact with the Agency, I know that this is true. It is not improbable, however, that in the rush caused by the great demand for the 1922-1923 issue some poorly centered stamps may have been sent out. The force of the Philatelic Agency has the same interest that Mr. Mount has in pleasing the stamp collecting public and it is only through their desire to fill orders as rapidly as possible after receipt that such errors creep in. A fact not generally known, but which has an important bearing on the matter, is that during the past quarter, stamps to the face value of over $20,000.00 were rejected by the Agency, and returned to the Supply Division for credit because of straight edges and poor centering, and I am told that the amount will even be larger this present quarter. This fact will not suprise U. S. specialists because they realize the average condition of U. S. stamps, but it does emphasize the fact that not everything that comes in is sold to the public.

As a further evidence of the desire of the Philatelic Agency to co-operate with stamp collectors may be mentioned the effort now being made to establish a closer liaison between the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Philatelic Agency. This has resulted from the comment upon the fact that in the recent distribution of the converted two's of the new issue, the entire lot was sent to New York without any being reserved for the Philatelic Agency. It is hoped that a plan may be worked out whereby a sufficient supply of each new stamp will be sent to the Agency immediately upon completion by the Bureau. In this way the Philatelic Agency will become a reliable source of information for new issues and will also be in a position to furnish these new issues immediately after the public learns of their existence.

The Philatelic Agency has unquestionably filled a real need in philatelic circles. This is evidenced by the number of letters received by the Department in which individual stamp collectors point out the benefits received by them personally. Its success has in a large measure been due to the personal interest of Mr. Glover and Mr. Eidsness, and the untiring enthusiasm and good will of Mr. Mount and also to the liberal support of the philatelic public. All concerned are glad to receive constructive criticism of the Agency, but it is hoped that, before adverse criticism is given to the public through the press, the Agency may have an opportunity of defending itself. We cannot afford to lose the Philatelic Agency with its many benefits.

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Receiving his visitors in the Palace picture gallery, the King plunged into a keen discussion regarding their collections and his own. The experts were astonished at his philatelic knowledge and listened with great admiration to his comments on his collections.

The King chatted for some time with Mr. Arthur Hind, the U. S. millionaire-owner of the famous £7,000 British Guiana stamp, for which special lighting is provided at the stamp exhibiti

"Your wonderful stamp fills m envy," he told Mr. Hind. "But along with me," he added, smiling I will show you some that eve haven't got!"

Among those which the King s with special pride were his ext rare Post Office Mauritius coll "Aren't they beautiful!" he aske his guests admitted they had neve any so fine.

The King was much interested t that one of the party, Mr. Walter of Cardiff, was the original owner of his choicest possessions—a large of what are known as "Cardiff Reds." He asked Mr. Scott for th tory of the "reds," and Mr. Scot him that in 1870 he sent his office buy some penny stamps. The bo away some time, and when he cam said: "I'm sorry I have been so but I have had to cut out the s with a pair of scissors."

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  When she was Prudence Bevan,
Her cheeks were pink, her eyes were blue
  In 1847;
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  For—lest my point should miss you—
In 1847 came
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  Five hundred noble Yellows!

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  In honored far niente
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  And please the cosnoscenti.

To pretty Prue who lived in Bath
  And reverenced her betters,
One morning up the garden path
  The postman brought the letters.

She ran to meet him at the door,
  As sweet as "young Virginia";
See, two are hers—the rest are for
  Her guardian, Miss Lavinia.

The first her school-friend Belle is from
  Who says her frock's delicious;
The other comes from Cousin Tom,
  Just then in the Mauritius.

Now Tom, it cannot be denied—
  Of sentiment the token—
Before he sailed had looked and sighed,
  But hadn't really spoken.

So, see her now—her cheeks the lamps
  Of maidenly sensation.
Exclaiming at his postage-stamps
  In coy procrastination.

"What pretty blue!—the dear Queen's head!
  Why, anyone might crave them!
How kind of Tom!" (I'm sure she said)
  "I certainly shall save them."

She breaks the wafer, flushed with hope—
  The wafer—for the fact is,
In her young day the envelope
  Was not a general practice.

Then, "Oh," she cries, "the wretch—he's wed
  A sugar-planter's daughter,"—
And would have fallen like the dead
  Had not Miss Livvy caught her.

With smelling-salts they bring her to;
  They bathe her pretty forehead;
They tell her: "Burn the letter, Prue,"—
  And "Tom was always horrid."

She burns the page of Cousin Tom
  And eke the stamps upon it;
And then, to take her mind therefrom,
  Goes out to buy a bonnet.

That month her Cousin Philip tried;
  The next beheld their marriage!
She bore him sons, and lived and died
  And always kept a carriage.

And now, whene'er I hear my friends
  Their grand relations naming,
Who burnt their candles at both ends,
  And lost a fortune gaming;

Or saying how Sir George went strong
  (Their tales are long and many)
And sold the Romneys for a song
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Herr Schliegl, the member in question, asserts that after the war a large quantity of stamps which were printed for the use of the Army Post Office were found among the surplus stores. These stamps, he said, were sent to the State printing offices, where they were surcharged with Serbian or Italian values in bani or centesimi to make them look more interesting before being handed over to the Dorotheum, the State pawnbroker and auctioneer, to be sold on the Government account.

The stamps in question are Series 4 of the Field Post set, which were issued in October, 1918. The same was also done with the Bosnian Jubilee stamps of 1912, of which 2,000 sets, according to Herr Schliegl, were sent to the State printing office to be surcharged only a few weeks ago.

Herr Schliegl declares that some dealers have protested to the Government on more than one occasion against this practice, but without effect. The Government is no doubt within its rights in manufacturing an article of which it has the patent and for which there is a public demand, but it is hard luck for stamp collectors who are in possession of the genuine wartime article. It is, however, not yet clear whether it was really the Government which profited by this kind of business, or merely an unscrupulous official.—*N. Y. Times.*

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Such are the perils of the collector. But the fascination of the pursuit which enlists all ranks and all sorts and conditions of men has never been so signally demonstrated. The value of the collections in the exhibition was estimated at some £2,000,000. But rare stamps have risen in price even more than necessaries of life. It is said that the one cent stamp of the 1856 issue of British Guiana, of which, we believe, only one copy is known to be extant, would fetch £8,000. Not so many years ago people talked of three or four hundred pounds as a fabulous price for a stamp. But there are other incentives to philately besides the desire to acquire objects of value. We were told the other day that Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, who won the highest award in the British Empire section for his collection of the stamps of Victoria, had filled nine large volumes with rare examples of no more than four stamps. The interest in minutiæ, the love of accuracy, and the desire for completeness all find exercise, if not satisfaction, in philately. Mr. Pack, indeed, has just remarked that one of the greatest charms of stamp collecting is that the collector's task is never finished. Though he may specialise in the stamps of one small State—but sometimes we may be tempted to think that the smaller the State the more numerous its stamps—though he has indefatigable energy, large resources, and luck, still, time and change will continually give him more work to do. The last few years, indeed, have multiplied the opportunities and the labours of the philatelists. The passing of Empires, the transference of Colonies, the volcanic emergence of new States or nations, have created innumerable stamps and made many obsolete. The changes in the spirit of the design which some of the new issues show are almost as significant as the changes in image and superscription. Thus philately is not merely a recreation or a form of the common collecting instinct, but a study which illuminates the development of nations and of art.—*London Telegraph.*

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Chapter VI.

The 1919-20 Issue.

In October, 1919, a 10 centimes postage due stamp appeared in a new form, the value in the centre being shown in color on white instead of in white on color as previously. This was followed soon afterwards by 5 and 50 centimes values and, in 1920, by 20c and 30c denominations in the same type. The stamps were apparently printed in Belgium, for we believe the Stamp Printing Office in Malines was again in working order at the time the first of these new dues appeared and at first glance the issue would seem of cursory interest, differing from its predecessors only as regards the centre. But a study of the few blocks and part sheets at our disposal shows that there is probably much to be found out regarding these stamps.

The stamps were printed, like those of the 1915 series, in sheets of one hundred arranged in ten rows of ten. In addition to the usual control mark "DEPOT 1919" or "DEPOT 1920" we find printed in black in the upper margin of each sheet, at the right hand side, another control mark which comes in two varieties. We have part sheets of the 10c, 30c and 50c showing "F 10/" etc., followed by "No." What the "F" means we cannot say but the numerals always correspond to the facial value of the stamps. We have the 10c and 20c showing another variation, viz.:—"FS—10C" in two lines, the lower one indicating the value and the meaning of "FS" being a mystery so far as we are concerned. The "No." refers to the numerical order of the sheets but owing to the way in which the right hand margins are trimmed only parts of the numerals may be seen. The numbering is unimportant but the different controls are interesting from the fact that we have found both sorts in connection with the 10 centimes, and a study of the stamps soon showed that they were from entirely different plates. This led us to examine the other values more closely and we found many differences which we are quite at a loss to account for. For instance, stamps on the same sheet will show minor differences in the shape of the large numerals, more pronounced differences in the shape of the "C" and, what is most important of all, differences will be found in the width of the spacing between the "C" and the outline of the circle below. Clearly these stamps were not produced by the same method employed in printing the other due labels.

All values were printed on wove unwatermarked paper and this may be found in two qualities, one of which shows the weave so pronounced that the paper appears to be watermarked with a series of minute dots.

The perforation measures exactly 14 though Scott erroneously states it is 14½.

Reference List.

1919-20. New types with numerals in color on white. No wmk. Perf. 14.

5 centimes, green.
10 centimes, carmine.
20 centimes, grey-green.
30 centimes, bright blue.
50 centimes, grey.

Chapter VII.

The 1922 Issue.

In 1922, the colors of the postage due stamps were changed and though the denominations are the same as those of the preceding issue new plates were made for all five values. The chief differences lie in the shape of the large numerals and the "c" below. In this re-drawn type the numerals are not only of different shape but are thicker while the "c" below is squat and almost closed instead of being upright and very open, as in the 1919 series.

Reference List.

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Chapter VIII.

Provisional Issues.

Various provisional issues of due stamps have been recorded during the last two years but as to their official status there seems to be some doubt. Gibbons and Field both catalogue the 30c pale blue and 50c grey of 1909 and 1900, respectively, overprinted "VERVIERS I" vertically in black. Verviers is one of the larger towns in the province of Liege and these stamps are said to have been issued provisionally in April, 1919, only about 400 of each being overprinted.

Various values of the "Helmet" series and also some of the 1915 stamps have been variously reported overprinted with a large "T" for use as temporary postage due stamps. Regarding these we find quite conflicting opinions. One writer asserts these varieties were undoubtedly officially sanctioned by the Director General of Posts at Antwerp and that for a time they could have been purchased at the Post-office in entire sheets if desired. Later this privilege is said to have been withdrawn and the "T" mark was applied to the stamps after they were affixed to the insufficiently prepaid letters. Other writers are just as insistent that these varieties have no official standing and that the "T" mark was applied "by officials ignorant of the definite instructions given that the stamps in question were not to be converted into Unpaid ones."

In any case it would seem that where this mark was applied after the stamps had been affixed to the letters it was more in the nature of a cancellation than anything else.

Finally, we find recorded instances of the 10 centimes stamp being bi-sected and each portion used as a 5c postage due stamp. The 10 centimes so misused was, apparently, of the vintage of 1915 and we are told by one writer that very few were used, "the postal authorities preferring the easier course of allowing the unstamped postcard of printed matter to pass without exacting any payment whatsoever."

(*To be continued.*)

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AMERICAN PHIL. SOC. CONVENTION.

By Jas. F. Duhamel.

When the members of the A. P. S. assemble in Washington about the middle of August they will find themselves in a locality unique for the stamp collector. Not only members of the Society alone but all philatelists will be welcome and provided for, so the local men are looking for the banner assemblage of American stamp collectors.

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Washington has many historic dwellings where the celebrities who adorn the stamps once lived. The homes of Decatur, of the old 90 cents, Roosevelt, Cleveland, McKinley and Garfield are near the Shoreham, the official headquarters; while the Capitol, Arlington amphitheatre and Lincoln memorial, subjects on the new stamps, may be seen. The home of Washington, Mount Vernon, will be visited, and at a couple of miles from the headquarters may be seen the homes of Jefferson and Grant while living in Washington.

While Washington had no postmaster's stamps it had a "penny post" system where several clerks were employed to carry the letters from the city post-office to the parties addressed for one cent each letter. A private local delivery was started but did not meet with much success although it issued a very artistic stamp, a very graceful equestrienne with a letter in one hand.

The committee has arranged trips for the visitors by which they will pass through the ancient Alexandria, George Washington's home town, where he attended church, belonged to a Masonic lodge, was a member of a fire company, bought his household supplies and doubtless superintended the militia organization.

On another day the conventionites will visit another ancient borough, Annapolis, the site of the first American theatre, where Congress once met and where Washington delivered his famous farewell address. The town never was large although admirably situated on the waterfront and very substantially built.

Both Alexandria and Annapolis issued postmaster's locals. Baltimore locals exist to some extent and it is understood that the enterprising collectors of that town, will make a very strong bid for a visit from the delegates. Baltimore specialists have some wonderful collections.

The local collectors are looking forward to the rare exhibitions which may be brought here by the visitors and arrangements will be improvised for the displays that may be made.

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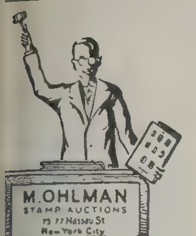

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GOSSIP OF THE MONTH.

By Cornelius Wrinkle.

A Great Good Time.—The Philatelic Fortnight is over, and there are some J. P.'s who are not likely to feel fully rested for some time to come. It was a great time for hosts and visitors, and no words of praise are adequate to the case of all those splendid men and women who served so uncomplainingly and with such zeal in the multifarious duties associated with the Exhibition and Congress. Never was army more loyal or zealous to win through, and certainly never was there a stamp exhibition of importance so completely organised and ready for opening.

The Judges' Task.—A high tribute is due to the judges. Few of them were young men, and their task was both difficult and tiring. Considerations of space and the regulations of the London County Council precluded the provision of seating accommodation in the main hall, and the judges, like the public, had little opportunity of resting their legs. Where all the collections were of such high standard, it must indeed have been difficult to arrive at decisions, but their report proclaims the judges to have been unanimous.

The Double Event.—For some of the workers the second week added considerably to the complexity of their duties, and they were confronted with the problem of how to be in two or three places at the same time. But, thanks to the efficient general organisation of the Congress arrangements, Congress went off as smoothly as the Exhibition arrangements.

A Memorable Gathering.—The Exhibition Banquet on May 17th, in the Grand Hall of the Hotel Cecil will go down to history as the greatest and most distinguished gathering of philatelists ever brought together. A photograph of the 400 or so people present was taken, but so large was the company it is very doubtful whether half the number can be recognised individually in the picture. Notable speeches were made on this occasion, which deserve to be printed and spread broadcast as demonstrating the vast influence of philately in cultured and intellectual circles.

H. M. the King and Philately.—Philatelists the world over were honoured by the high and gracious recognition of the Exhibition by His Majesty the King. A number of the most eminent visitors and Fellows of the Royal were privileged to see His Majesty's own collections at Buckingham Palace, where they were entertained to tea. His Majesty also spent the greater part of the morning on Friday, May 19th, inspecting the Exhibition, and was highly interested therein. To the Exhibition Banquet and to the Congress in response to loyal greetings the King sent felicitous telegrams.

Publicity.—The publicity which the Exhibition and Congress attracted exceeded all precedent. Interest had been worked up in the press for months beforehand, but no risks were taken of letting off all the press fireworks before the event. From the opening day right through to the last there was a steady flow of news items, and philately has been given the finest advertisement any pursuit could ever have. Summing up the Exhibition in a leading article after the show closed the *Daily Telegraph* (May 29), said:—

"It is not given to all exhibitions to satisfy the expert and attract the ordinary man. The International Stamp Exhibition, which has just closed its doors, has won the interest of those magnates of philately whose lives are passed in the society of rarities, such as few of us have heard of, and the humble youth who has only made the first vague fumblings towards a collection. The Junior Philatelic Society has done much good work since its foundation in 1899, but this is an event historic in the fortunes of philately. . . . There have, of course, been international exhibitions of stamps in the past which have won considerable popularity. . . Never before have so many of the world's great collectors sent their most precious treasures to a display under one roof. Never before have so many people travelled across the world to study the wonders of philately."

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—H. P. Atherton, of Springfield, submits for our inspection a rather interesting cover. It consists of a 3c 1861, and other things, namely:—an illustration in black and white of the very stamp used on the cover, also a business card giving the return address of Mason & Wells, who are announced as "Coin dealers and real estate agents. Coins, stamps, autographs, relics, etc." Singularly enough the street address is given in detail with the assumption that anyone in the postal department would know where Arch St. is located. No city is named. The firm also published "Mason's Coin and Stamp Collectors Magazine" at $1.50 per year.

—On the evening of May 28, a banquet in honor of Hon. A. M. Eberhardt, Chicago, was held at the Hamilton Club. Charles E. Severn of the WEEKLY was temporary toastmaster and an entertainment of marked merit was provided. Some seven speakers paid tribute to the life and work of Judge Eberhardt and the occasion was a pronounced success.

—Both the editor and the managing editor are pleased to announce that their junior partner, Mr. Jewett, has just received a well deserved honor. He has been elected Commander of the Maine Sons of Veterans. A host of friends, philatelic and otherwise, will join in extending congratulations.

—Harold K. Frederick of St. Joseph, Mo., writes us a letter protesting at our condemnation of the activities of Angelo Panelli in producing forgeries of stamps. It has been the policy of the WEEKLY during its entire existence to energetically oppose stamp forgeries of all kinds. During the life of Fournier we were scrupulously careful that his address should never be made public and we are satisfied that "scientific research in philately" does not call for spurious issues in rarities even though they are supposed to be properly labelled on the reverse side. Too many people have good forgetteries. "Safety first" is a good motto.

—Kenneth Tallmadge sends us two clippings of interest. One is from the *Sunday Oregonian* of Portland, entitled "Epics of Early Travel," an editorial of more than ordinary interest dealing with the pony express. The other is an editorial "Strange Values" from the *State Journal* of Lansing, Mich.

—There is a letter at this office for George Albrecht which will be forwarded upon receipt of address.

—The Syracuse (N.Y.) *Standard* of June 1, contained a news story dealing with the new silver half dollar issued as a souvenir in connection with the Los Angeles celebration of the Monroe centennial. The coin was received by A. A. Leve and the paper regards it "as beautiful as any souvenir coin ever issued by the U. S."

IRISH FREE STATE.

By CHAS. G. WILSON.

Ireland took its place among the stamp-issuing countries of the world when in 1922 the current issue of Great Britain was overprinted "Irish Free State 1922," in Gaelic. A national Irish issue is at this time making its appearance and replacing the 1922 Provisionals.

Ireland, whose history is a history of invasions, raids, and internecine wars, was invaded in 1000 B. C. by the Milesians, or Gaels, who came probably from Spain or Gaul. The Gaels conquered the native race of hunters, known in legend as the Dedannans, and they introduced agriculture and an elaborate legal system, the Brehon Laws.

In about the 3rd Century A. D. pagan Ireland reached its highest glory under King Cormac who held court at Tara. Ireland was at that time divided into five kingdoms, but King Cormac dominated all.

In the 5th Century St. Patrick preached Christianity and schools were founded throughout the land and for two centuries Ireland led western Europe in learning and was called "the Island of Saints and Scholars."

Toward the end of the 8th Century wave after wave of Norsemen swept the Emerald Isle and the Irish chieftains, weakened by war against each other, were unable to successfully resist. At last in 1014 Brian Boru defeated the Norse at Clontarf and they never raided Ireland again.

In the 12th Century the Norman Earl of Pembroke, called Strongbow, by permission of Henry II of England, went to the aid of Dermod, King of Leinster, who had been driven from his throne. Strongbow married Dermod's daughter and later claimed his throne. Thus began England's conquest of Ireland and there followed six centuries of oppression.

When in 1922 the Irish Free State was created Ireland took her place among the free nations of the world.

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The photograph selected by the Postmaster-General's office, however, was one of an oil painting of the Gold Gate by W. A. Coulter, owned by J. Levison, president of the Fireman's Fu Insurance Company. This photogra was sent to the publicity department the Chamber of Commerce by A. Lange, advertising manager of the Fir man's Fund, and it won out again all competing pictures, including t special photograph made for t occasion by the Chamber of Commerc As the selection was strictly up to t Postmaster General's office, it speaks lot for the impression made by t Coulter painting.

Some of the newspapers have erre in saying that the picture selected hang in the pit of the Merchants Exchang The photograph is of the Coulter painting hanging in the office of Mr. Lev son, the picture in the Merchants Ex change being by the same marine arti but differing in several minor detail —*San Francisco Business.*

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We take pleasure in adding to ou subscription honor roll the name of Joh D. Hewitt, Bramwell, W. Va. A re mittance for five years' subscription ha just been received through the office o Eugene Klein. We welcome Mr. Hewitt to the very select circle of our sub scribers who are in the five-year class By the way, a president of the club ha not yet been selected. Who will qualify

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Put him down in front of a Mauritius red, early state, large margins, and you will see his eyes sparkle with ill-suppressed desire; while the sight of a New South Wales 8d golden-yellow, very rare, will at once give him a temperature.

To see the collector at his best you must drop in at Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co.'s stamp auction rooms in Fleet Street, when there is a good sale on and and the room is packed with frenzied philatelists, all smoking hard and nodding their heads to the thump of the ivory gavel.

I found some fifty men sitting around the green baize cloth, writes a *Star* man, scanning precious stamps through magnifying glasses, talking learnedly of early states and intermediate impressions, poring over perforations, and whispering to each other of watermarks and wide margins.

There was a solemn hush about the gathering that, but for the tobacco smoke, reminded one of an inquest.

From his rostrum the auctioneer rattled through the lots in quick time. There was no need to expatiate on the merits of these treasures, for the men at the tables knew as much about them as he did. So he called out the numbers, and left it at that.

"Lot 281, Mauritius, early state, vertical lines. . . . Fifty pounds, five, sixty, five, seventy, five," and so on, at £5 a nod, until the bidding slackened up and stopped at £100. That stamp was just about three-quarters of an inch square, and used at that!

"Lot 282, ditto penny, early state. Fifty, five, sixty, five . . . eighty, five. Eighty-five I am bid." Wallop! "Mr. Smith."

Probably the Stock Exchange has more noise and thrills, but there was something grim about those silent men, gritting their teeth and chewing their cigarettes in agony, as the longed-for prizes drifted past their purses.

Next to me sat a young man who showed no signs of animation until Lot 327 came on the board. Then his fingers twitched, his cigarette went out, and, taking the stamp from the lady in waiting, he went over its points as one would inspect a pedigree terrier.

This was a Natal stamp—violet, mint copy, with a misprint in its wording. The engraver had evidently been to a friendly lead the night before, and his hand shook so badly that he dropped the "s" out of the word "Postage." And a postage stamp labelled "Po-tage," as if it were soup, is worth having.

"Lot 327—Ten shillings, twelve, fourteen." My man nodded so that he nearly dislocated his neck. "Sixteen, eighteen, a pound." Beads of perspiration stood upon his fair young brow, and he put the wrong end of his cigarette in his mouth. But he never noticed that.

"Thirty shillings, five, forty, five" The suspense was terrible. Across the table the opposition was nodding as hard as it could go, and seemed prepared to stick it out all night if necessary.

"Fifty, fifty-five." Was he weakening? Why did he take the money from his pocket and count it? Why did he look thus at his watch? Was he going out to Attenborough's with it?

"Three pounds. Three pounds I'm bid."

A nod from the other side. "Three two six. Three two six. . ." My young man breathed hard, the veins in his neck stood out like whipcord. But his blood was up, his back was to the wall, and with a gasp he whispered "Three five."

That seemed to scupper the opposition. He returned from the flight, and turned up his nose as who would say that it wasn't much of a stamp after all. No gum on it.

As for the young enthusiast, he clasped the lovely morsel to his bosom, put it in his pocket-book, and his pocket-book in his coat, which he buttoned. And then he unbuttoned it again, and took out the pocket-book to see that the prize was still there.

This battle over, the auctioneer called for refreshments, and the buyers were served with tea and biscuits at the firm's expense.

Altogether it was quite an exciting afternoon, and the first sixteen lots in the sale fetched a total of £450.

Not the least interesting of these was the original leather postbag used by the late Sir Rowland Hill, and bearing a brass plate with his name and address. This was sold for £3 15s.

Incidentally, it was at 69, Fleet Street, where these auctions are held, that in 1840 the first British postage stamps were printed, the now almost priceless Queen's Head Blacks.—*London Star.*

SPECIAL-DELIVERY SERVICE WITH CANADA.

Attention is invited to the circumstance that, effective January 1, 1923, a formal arrangement was concluded with Canada, providing for the exchange of special-delivery mail, subject to a special-delivery fee, in each country, of 20 cents for each article.

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It is to be observed from the department's announcement of March 26, 1923, that postmasters are to require full prepayment of the fee of 20 cents on special-delivery mail for Canada, any insufficiently prepaid special-delivery mail inadvertently sent to Canada being subject on delivery in that country to a charge equal to double the deficiency.

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A DISAPPEARING ISLAND.

Stamp collectors past and present will recall the series of gayly colored stickers bearing the name Heligoland issued by the British Government, whether for collecting or for the dispatch of mail one could never quite determine. Their decorative value was high and the stamps themselves popular.

Heligoland has had a varied career —a career that now seems soon to end with a roar of dynamite and a cloud of dust. The little island commanding the Keil Canal was ceded to England by Denmark in 1814, and by England to Germany in 1890. Germany fortified the island as a measure of defense for the canal and coast and near the island in 1914 occurred the first important naval engagement of the late war.

By the terms of the peace the fortifications of Heligoland were to be destroyed. In destroying them, Great Britain and France are practically destroying the island itself; what is left after the destroyers are through is likely to be swept away by the sea. Those Heligoland stamps are given new interest by what is occurring there in the North Sea.—Cleveland *Plaindealer.*

ALASKA'S MAIL.

The Alaskan mail service stands alone in the annals of postal deliveries in that it uses virtually every type of transportation. Ocean liners take the mail to Seward, up-to-date mail cars carry it to Nenana, dog teams and river steamers take it to Iditarod, auto trucks distribute it to out-of-the-way places and fleet-footed reindeer assist in hurrying letters to Nome, St. Michael and Golivin. Now seaplanes are soon to take their place in the service to coast towns.

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June 10th, 1923.

H. E. Harris & Co.,
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Dear Mr. Harris:

With reference to yours of the 6th, I am glad to give you an unbi report of my progress to date and pleased to avail myself of the opportu to let others know of my big success and the great happiness which I getting out of my stamp work.

As you already know, my physical condition has long made all stren occupations impossible, and my little business, with its attendant "thr in opening the mail (I now get about 100 letters each day!) has truly be God-send. You will remember that my investment was about six hun dollars and that I relied entirely on you as to the selection of proper sto a move which I have never regretted. Although I started less than months ago, my mailing list now comprises over 3,000 names, and sales increased every day, reaching a high of $185.07 for last week. As my g profits average over 200%, I cannot help but feel enthusiastic, and I bel you will agree that future prospects are indeed bright.

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CLOSE TO HOME

"Dear Mr. Harris: Although we have been actively in business for two months, our sales last week were almost $100.00, which we consider v fair considering the fact that our original investment was less than $500. I am relying entirely on you both for stock and new ideas, as my own sm experience does not leave me fully competent to handle all of the probl which come up. The advertisement you wrote is bringing excellent resu Many thanks for your trouble and courtesies!"—WESTLAND STAMP (E. M. Jones, Mgr.), 70 Westland Avenue, Boston, Mass.

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These are collections received occasionally from various parts of Europe h are not of the regular "Harrisco" quality. They generally contain a ber of revenues, telegraphs, minor varieties and sometimes a few dupli-s. All of the stamps, however, are in pretty fair condition and quite a ber of higher priced items may be found. We have only one collection on hand, which is mounted with hinges in forty blank books. The usual ney-back-if-not-satisfied guarantee will apply.

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This is not one of our regular packets, but having obtained a small supply, we will offer them until sold. The stamps are mounted by countries in a blank book and include, among many others: German East Africa, Rhodesia, Azores, Cameroons, Gold Coast, Congo, Egypt, Liberia, Libia, Mauritius, Nyassa, Sudan, Togo, etc., etc. An excellent collection worth double the price asked.

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EDITORIAL.

A good many years ago we made the suggestion that the post-office department issue a special envelope for registration use that would be made of a linen-backed paper. Many envelopes used for the enclosure of valuable stamps and other articles were of a quality of paper that was not suited to resist the wear and tear of their fellows in the pouches of registered mail; and foreign correspondents in particular complained that some of the envelopes for registered mail were so flimsy that they were reduced to shreds by the time their long trip was completed. We suppose that the enterprising newspaper editor would claim the credit for the action of the department in proposing to issue special envelopes for registered mail and we quote the following words on the subject of the envelopes: "Tentative arrangements have already been entered into with the view of manufacturing a specially designed envelope for registered mail to be sold to the public. It is contemplated that this envelope be linen-lined with a 12-cent embossed stamp thereon different from the regular embossed stamp on stamped envelopes. Some difficulties have arisen with respect to the manufacture of this envelope and particularly the gumming thereof, but it is expected that these difficulties will be overcome." We predict a liberal patronage of the envelopes in question by stamp folks.

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We are told that a twelve cent envelope is about ready for use as a special delivery envelope but our informant bases his news on a newspaper report to that effect. It is just possible that some confusion has arisen in the editorial mind over special delivery and registration service. We cannot think that a demand for a special delivery envelope could compare with that for a registration envelope made of durable paper; and, in consequence, we shall be satisfied with the envelope that Washington tells of in so many words, as quoted.

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It is learned through a foreign despatch from Berlin in the Chicago *News* that large numbers of spurious cigarettes are being sold by a Greek firm operating in Cologne and Hamburg; and the treasury department has given an opinion that the internal revenue stamps on the packages of the bogus cigarettes are forgeries. Too, the newspapers have accounts of counterfeited liquor stamps that have been the products of boot-leggers, we may add for purposes of record, rather than interest.

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The stamps in the Ferrari sale this month of June are interesting and we are told that the indications are that the prices will be high on items such as the 1869 inverts, the St. Louis provisionals, Hawaiian missionaries and other popular issues. It is safe to predict that the seventh sale will swell the total receipts from the Ferrari sales to well over a million dollars. At a recent meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, Mr. C. W. Watson exhibited some of the lots in the Ferrari sale on the original slips and he interested the members greatly by detailing some of the highlights of the sale that he attended.

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Mention should have been made last week of the receipt of the catalogue of the awards made by the jury of the London International Stamp Exhibition, as it was with a sense of pride that we saw how well the American competitors fared in the battle royal. Among the winners, we have satisfaction in repeating the names of Charles Lathrop Pack, Arthur Hind, D. Pick, J. A. Klemann, E. S. Knapp, Alfred Lichtenstein, Hon. E. R. Ackerman, Arthur Newton Pack and the Scott Stamp & Coin Company. It is pointed out that the single stamp denomination "in one design, with major and minor varieties," was of exceptional interest and is worthy of being quoted from the catalogue, so far as the results of the competition are involved. It was in this section that Mr. E. S. Knapp won a silver medal. Gold—Bertram McGowan, Great Britain (1d red, Die II). Silver—D. C. Gray, India (1854 issue). Silver—Edward S. Knapp, (New Orleans, 5 cents, 1861). Silver—Sir N. E. Waterhouse, U. S. (New York, 5 cents, 1845). Special silver—B. Goodfellow, Norway (4 Skill., 1863-66 issue). Bronze—Herbert R. Oldfield, Bolivia (1866-68 issue). Bronze—P. A. Mossin, Norway (4 Skill., blue, 1885). In our issue of June 2nd, we spoke of Mr. Knapp's exhibit and a correspondent calls attention to the wonderful work of Mr. McGowan in his penny reds, die II of Great Britain and to the excellent results achieved by Sir N. E. Waterhouse with his New Yorks. Mr. Gray and Mr. Goodfellow as well come in for especial mention by our correspondent.

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From Dr. Emilio Diena of Rome, we have received an important volume that we are glad to mention here. Dr. Diena writes that during the recent Italian Philatelic Congress, a committee was named and charged with the task of compiling a specialized catalogue of the stamps of Italy, the old Italian states, Italian colonies, etc., and we now have the fruits of the labors of the committee in the form of a bound volume of over four hundred pages. The volume is embellished with illustrations of some of the types of the early Lombardy-Venice, not to mention other pictures of watermarks and varieties. As the catalogue is historical as well as descriptive it is valuable indeed in its information on the subject of the Italian states fron philatelic view-point. We should that the book bears every evidenc care and good judgment in carrying the wishes of the Italian Congres create a specialized catalogue of the and that it is worth having by t who may not know Italian provided they have any special inclination Italian issues. We should welcon similar catalogue of the stamps of United States specialized only to the tent that the stamp itself is refle without being considered in its rel to cancellation, original envelope, et

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We regret to announce that Henr Mudge of Chicago, who twelve y ago finished his second term as presi of the American Philatelic Society who before that time had served as p dent of the Chicago Philatelic Soc for successive terms was badly inj on June 16th, by an automobile. He hurried to the hospital where an ex nation revealed his condition to be gr Mr. Mudge is not so young now as w he was a leading spirit in organized lately in this country and the shock his system was severe. A host of fri will be concerned to hear of Mr. Mud misfortune and we hope that we rel their fears to some extent by our bull in the next number.

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The question of the issue of "a tinctive non-resalable stamp" has b brought to the attention of the p office department at Washington and following answer has been prepar "The use of a postage stamp for p age purposes only would be invalu to the department. Unfortunately, h ever, the suggestion is believed to impractical of administration. The partment has no power to prevent star from being transferred from one in vidual to another and efforts to admi ter a law prohibiting such transfer, i law of this kind could be obtain would be too expensive to be conside The department some years ago rec mended the enactment of a law to complish a similar purpose but the commendation was considered unfav ably."

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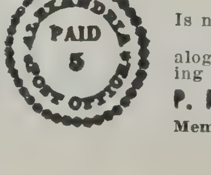

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New Issue Notes.— The 1c, rotary press 10 x 10, is out, precanceled New York, N. Y., in a small neat looking type consisting of fancy caps in two lines between bars. Mr. Chas. Metz is the first to report it, with Mr. Chas. Townsend close behind him.

Other new ones, which continue to come out fast, are 2c Fresno, Calif., Lansing, Mich., and Pueblo, Colo. The 3c is being used by Baltimore, Md., and Fremont, Nebr. The latter city has now adopted the U-18 type. The first 6c seems to be Newark, N. J., in the block capital type (U-2). Bismarck, N. D. comes on the 5c both normal and inverted. Likewise Elkhart, Ind., Lansing, Mich., and Dallas, Texas (U-14). The 10c Clinton, Ia., Fresno, Calif., Houston, Texas, and Ypsilanti, Mich., are also new ones to be listed. On the 25c I have seen Buffalo, N. Y., up and down and Yonkers, N. Y. I am not endeavoring to keep a strict list of these, only listing those items which come to my attention through the readers of this department.

Altoona, Pa.—Mr. Ashley Le Duc writes me that he recently visited at this office and gained some interesting information. He writes as follows: "Altoona, Pa., has a rather inadequate precanceling outfit for a city of over sixty thousand people. They employ a ten-at-a-time handstamp to cancel the large number of stamps used at the parcels post window which does very unsatisfactory work from the collector's view point. I have seen entire sheets with all sorts of settings; doubles, diagonals, etc. Most of the stamps are hardly discernible and some show only a smudge. I noticed the following new varieties while there: 3c Victory up and down, 1c Pilgrim inverted, and down, 2c Pilgrim down, and 10c Special normal, all precanceled in black ink.

Clearfield, Pa.— A bright blue ink comes on some values. Colored inks are seldom found on printed precancels, so watch what comes on your "Postage Stamps" next month. Speaking of colored inks I wish to mention that I have the 2c surface from Omaha, Nebr., (mimeograph type) in blue ink. While I am at it, I wish to say that the 1c inverted, Clearfield, is a really scarce item, as only one sheet out of the many hundred used, has had the overprint inverted.

East Aurora, N. Y.—I have at various times noticed the lower values precanceled with the U-9 electro reading up and down, but it surprised me to run upon a superb 50c reading down, from this city. This item, together with East Hampton, Conn., 10c inverted, and Nashua, N. H., 7c down (fancy caps between lines) were three nice ones that I picked out the other evening from a helping of Roessler's "mission mixture."

Erie, Pa.—Who has seen Erie, Type I, (U-13), with one ERIE spelled FRIE? I, for one, have a 10c 1908 issue, reading down with this distinct error. The "F" is perfectly formed, this being the reason I class it as an actual error.

Keokuk, Ia.—A 50 cent, that I have, precanceled in the current handstamped type, reads KEOKUX. Another interesting variety in my collection is a 1c Kansas City, Mo. (U-3 electro), spelled "KANSAS BITY."

Leesburg, Fla.—Precancels are a recent innovation for this office. The U-21 handstamp appears on nearly all values up to the 50c. I have seen the 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 and 20 normal.

Leland, Miss.—Mississippi precancels are quite difficult to secure and those from this new comer will doubtless prove to be no exception to the rule. I have heard of only the 11c double in a handstamped type.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Doubles quite frequently occur on the early issues of the Quaker City, but an unusual one that is well worth noting is owned by Mr. Chas. Metz of that city. The stamp is the 10c 1908, doubly canceled, one overprint being normal and the other inverted. However, the normal is spaced 15mm. between bars, while the inverted is spaced 10½mm.

Rochelle, Ill.—This town, according to Mr. Metz, is now using precancels, but I am unable to give the type as he stated no details.

St. Louis, Mo.—It seems that this office has recently precanceled some 3c Victory issue with the current electro. Mr. H. A. Pippel writes that he has just secured a fine block of four with the overprint reading down. San Francisco likewise has precanceled this stamp, their regular electro appearing the same way on these stamps as St. Louis.

State College, Pa.—Mr. E. S. Willard reports the 1c rotary press both normal and inverted. He adds that they are used by the Alumni office of Penn. State College and the State Center Electric Company. If you are a Penn. State Alumnus no doubt you have this variety, but if not you'll have a hard time locating one.

Tyrone, Pa.— Mr. Ashley Le Duc writes: "Tyrone, Pa., has replaced the old electro plate (which had several flaws) with a new one. This office also employs a handstamp, of similar appearance, in case they temporarily run out of the printed precancels. Several weeks ago I had the opportunity of looking over several hundred sheets at the post-office and failed to find any inverted cancellations. The P. M. said the work was carefully done by the printer and very few sheets have come inverted. For this reason I think Bushnell's prices too low on the few Tyrone inverts that he lists. The catalogue chronicles only the 1c to 11c normals but the 12, 15, 50, $1.00 and 75c Par. Post. are also used. The latter comes only handstamped. In the handstamped type I noticed the 3c Victory up and down and 1c Pilgrim up and down.

I wish to thank Messrs. Don. P. Fuller, Jos. L. Finch, Allen Gudmundson, L. C. Metcalf, W. K. Snyder, and others for their co-operation. Any notes of interest will be welcomed and acknowledged. So send them in.

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Tuesday, Aug. 14th, the A.P.S. 38th Annual Convention will be called to order in the Ball Room of the Shoreham Hotel at 10 A. M. Promptly.

At 1 P. M. the Association will be taken through the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where the mysteries of "Rotary", "Plate" and other terms dear to the heart of the collector will be thoroughly illustrated.

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Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.—I take pleasure in quoting from a most interesting letter received under date of June 16, 1923, from Mr. M. L. Eidsness, Jr., Superintendent, Division of Stamps:—

"The Philatelic Stamp Agency has now reached the point where it has passed the experimental stages. The receipts of the Agency for this fiscal year will reach approximately $125,000.00 with every indication of exceeding that amount during the coming fiscal year.

The Department has therefore during the past week allotted additional space for this Agency and increased the clerical force 100%. Special plans are now being formulated to fill all orders promptly during the next fiscal year with stamped paper in any manner desired, insofar as plate numbers, arrow blocks and center lines are concerned.

Arrangements have been made with the Bureau of Engraving & Printing whereby representatives of the Philatelic Stamp Agency may select the stock needed for sale at this special bureau and it is believed that these arrangements will greatly expedite the filling of orders, inasmuch as practically all the stock received from the Bureau will be suitable for collection purposes.

A new system of billing the orders to patrons will be installed, together with special invoices, which will protect the purchasers against loss or error, as well as affording the same protection to the employees of the Agency.

The Department has ordered a large number of albums in which all selected stock will be entered, thereby insuring patrons that the best possible centering will be furnished at all times.

It is the intention of the Department to close the Philatelic Agency to the public on July 1st, for a period of fifteen days, in order to make an annual inventory. No orders will therefore be filled until after July 15th and then in regular turn of receipt. This action is necessary in order to prepare for the increased business and to facilitate more expeditious delivery of stamps to patrons.

It is believed that this new system at the Agency will be in perfect operation by August 1st, and will be open for inspection to the members of the American Philatelic Society, which convenes in this City during August.

The Department will be glad to receive suggestions from patrons for the betterment of the Philatelic Agency and readers of your "Chronicle" may be assured that such suggestions will receive very sympathetic consideration.

As shown in the past, the work of the Philatelic Stamp Agency is of a very highly fluctuating character, so much so, that at times when additional stamps have become available, the facilities of the Agency have been greatly overtaxed, due to the lack of trained clerks. However, four of the additional clerks now assigned to the Philatelic Stamp Agency are being trained in the 'hobby' of stamp collecting and within a few months will be able to handle any volume of orders promptly."

These few remarks will give the philatelic public an idea of the great amount of trouble and expense the Department is going to in order that the stamp collector or dealer may have the best service possible. It will be seen that they are not only trying to furnish the ordinary run of singles and blocks but plate blocks, arrows and the like. The fact that the Agency will be able to select its stock from the Bureau will mean that the oddities, such as compounds and similar varieties, will in time be available in Washington. We know of no government that extends such a courtesy, and in the name of philately we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to the officials responsible for this forward step.

The *Postal Bulletin* for July 15th notifies postmasters that the postal laws and regulations are so amended that beginning with July 1st all messengers and carriers will obtain a receipt upon the delivery of a special delivery letter or parcel. This order is dated June 13, 1923, is signed by John H. Bartlett, Acting Postmaster-General, and affects Sections 859, 869, 870, 871 and 1096. Where a special delivery letter is also registered it will not be necessary to take a second receipt.

Mr. J. H. Blair sends for inspection a new provisional envelope used by a firm in Newkirk, Oklahoma.

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Argentine.—We have received from Mr. A. A. Wasserscheid two values of a new set of stamps of this country. They are the 2c brown and 5c scarlet. At the top are the usual "Republica Argentina" and in the centre the likeness of Gen. Jose de san Martin. The figure of value is in the lower left corner.

Austria.—We have received from Mr. Eugene Klein and Mr. Erwin Strasser the latest set of Austrian Charity stamps. There are nine values as follows: 100kr (Bregenz) dark green, 120kr (Salzburg) blue, 160kr (Eisenstadt) purple, 180kr (Klagenfurt) red lilac, 200kr (Innsbruck) rose, 240kr (Linz) brown, 400kr (Graz) brown, 600kr (Melk) olive brown, 1,000kr (Vienna) grey.

Cyprus.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that the 6pi grey and green and the 16pi deep slate and deep brown have been issued, the former on script watermarked paper while the latter is old multiple CA watermark.

Denmark.—Mr. A. E. Pade reports the appearance of the 25o postage due stamp in the current type in red.

Federated Malay States.—M
Roberts sends for chronicle the 1
on script watermarked paper.

Germany.—Mr. R. Roberts,
under date of June 5th, advises
25mk yellow brown and 40mk
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Honduras.—Messrs. Bright & S
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on 5c we understand there is an
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Iraq.—Mr. R. Roberts sends
following values of the new picto
noted some few months ago. The
are of different designs and siz
for the most part picture native
of interest. All are perf. 10 on
watermark paper, ½a olive, 1a
1⅓a rose, 2a yellow brown, 4a
6a blue green, 8a bistre, 1r brow
green, 2rs slate, 5rs orange, 10rs ca

Kuwait.—Mr. R. Roberts ha
mitted for inspection the set of
stamps, including the 2r with th
charge "Kuwait" in black. Al
same set with the additional sur
"Service." Mr. Roberts also add
he has the 5r, 10r and 15r over
in like manner.

Luxemburg.—We have receive
Mr. Henry Hooreman the 80c, 2f
5frs surcharged "Official" in red
same type as before. These wer
merly overprinted in black.

Morocco.—Mr. R. Roberts has
us the 4d stamp of Great Britai
the surcharge "Morocco Agenc
two lines at the top and "40 Cen
in two lines at the base. The ov
is in black.

St. Lucia.—We are indebted
R. Roberts for a copy of the 5sh
and carmine on new yellow paper
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The Exhibition had a rather narrow escape in the matter of having the Postmaster-General for its Honorary President. Its first Hon. President was Mr. Neville Chamberlain, whose tenure of office at the G. P. O. was a short one, lasting 130 days. He was succeeded by Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Bart., who rendered signal service to the Exhibition. Sir William's promotion to the Cabinet office of Financial Secretary to the Treasury leaves him with the record of the shortest term of service as Postmaster-General in our history, extending over just 74 days.

While our congratulations are sincerely tendered to Sir William Joynson-Hicks on his well-merited advancement, they are not unmingled with regrets that he has left a great Department where his enterprise and initiative, and his masterly grasp of intricate detail, were much needed, and would have been of inestimable value.

His interest in Philately, considerably enlarged by his association with the Exhibition, would have been of service both to the Department and to the philatelic community.

Writing of short periods of service in the office of P. M. G., "Observator" states in the *Observer:*—

Sir William Joynson-Hicks's tenure of the Postmaster-Generalship is the shortest on record: it has lasted just 74 days. His predecessor, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, had also a short term of 130 days. Mr. Lyon Playfair (afterwards Lord Playfair) was at St. Martins-le-Grand for only 112 days in 1873, and the Duke of Argyle for 109 days in 1860. The record for length of service is held by Sir Thomas Frankland, who was joint P. M. G. with Sir Robert Cotton from 1690 to 1708, and continued in partnership with Sir John Evelyn until 1715.

Lord Burnham's "Classic."—Philately owes a great debt of gratitude to Viscount Burnham, C. H., for the splendid support accorded to the Exhibition and Congress in the columns of the *Daily Telegraph,* the great newspaper which was the first to lead the way in opening up its columns to a regular weekly discussion on postage stamps. An extremely busy man, whose energy and activities are unbounded, he made a notable speech in proposing "the Judges" at the Exhibition Banquet. One of his utterances on that occasion has been rightly acclaimed as a classic, and will endure in the minds of philatelists. "The postage stamp," he said, "is the common currency of human affection."

The "Daily Telegraph."—Lord Burnham visited the Exhibition, and was much impressed with its excellent organisation, and with its breadth of interest. During Congress week he and the proprietors of the *Daily Telegraph* provided one of the most enjoyable functions of the fortnight in the reception at the offices of the newspaper. The splendid hospitality shown us on that occasion and the great interest everyone found in the mechanical production of one of the world's greatest newspapers, will ever remain as a precious memory with those who were so fortunate as to be able to accept his lordship's invitation.

An Acknowledgment.—On behalf of the delegates and members the President sent Lord Burnham the following telegram on Friday, May 25th:—

"British philatelists and their guests from overseas desire to record their great appreciation of your Lordship's hospitality on the occasion of the Tenth Philatelic Congress, and to express their high sense of the valuable support of the *Daily Telegraph* gives to the study of Philately."

The message was gracefully acknowledged by Lord Burnham.

George Robey's Dicta.—Points from Mr. George Robey's fine tribute to the value of Philately appealed to the newspapers in diverse ways.

The *Sunday Times* selects:—

"I like postage stamps for the breadth of vision they give one."

The *Observer:*—

"I am by way of being a doctor, specialising in the cure of the blues."

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The *Star:*—

"Stamps cure the Hump."

"A broad view of life is a great asset to men and women of my profession, and what home hobby gives greater scope for the cultivation of such a wide outlook."

Tom Webster's Cartoon.—In the *Daily Mail* on Whit-Monday, Mr. Tom Webster included the stamp exhibition in his cartoon entitled "To-day's Attractions." Cricket, Chess, the Cart Horse Parade, the Races, Brooklands, led up to the Exhibition and the note.

"But anybody who feels equal to it ought to visit the Horticultural Hall and see the Stamp Exhibition. Personally I don't think I can manage it. I'm afraid the excitement would be too much for me."

The sketch showed an excited collector pointing out a "blue Mauritius" appropriately exhibited in *a cucumber frame,* over which a policeman, armed with a revolver and a bludgeon, was standing guard.

Dearth of French Exhibits.—The dearth of exhibits from France was an unfortunate feature of the Exhibition at a time when France and Britain are so closely allied, and when their international interests have so much in common. Several of the greatest collectors in France, such as M. Burrus and M. Theodor Champion would have exhibited but for the unfortunate Customs difficulties in getting the stamps back home again free of tax. It will be scarcely conceivable to British philatelists that the French Customs wanted to put their oily handstamp on every stamp sent over for Exhibition so that they might recognise it on its return. This lest an exhibitor should add to his collection while it was abroad, and thus escape the French tax on new purchases. We can scarcely contemplate M. Burrus permitting his Mauritius, Guianas, Hawaii's, etc., in superb condition to be disfigured—*sur le dos*—with the clumsy impress of the Customs seal.

It seems strange that the country that has done so well out of the Ferrary sale cannot find a better way of encouraging its own philatelists to take their part in the international competition of philatelists.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

GERMAN EASTERN COMMAND.

By Douglas B. Armstrong.

The postal service of the German Eastern Command (Postgebiet-Ob-Ost) was organised early in 1916 for the benefit of the civil population of the occupied Russian provinces of Lithuania and Kurland, comprising the districts of Suwalki, Vilna, Kowno, and Kurland. Postage stamps in the "Germania" type overprinted "Postgebiet-Ob-Ost" in two lines of Gothic characters were first brought into use on January 15th, 1916. The original series of five denominations was subsequently extended to ten by the addition of the values 2½, 7½, 15 and 50 pfg. and 1 mark on August 1st, 1916, and 25pfg in 1918. Apart from shades there are no outstanding varieties to record:—

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3pfg	brown, dull brown, yellow brown.
5pfg	green, deep green, dark green.
7½pfg	orange, orange-yellow, red-orange.
10pfg	red, dark red, rose-red.
15pfg	brown.
15pfg	violet, grey-violet, black violet.
20pfg	blue, ultramarine, Prussian blue, lilac-blue.
25pfg	orange and black on yellow.
50pfg	purple and black on buff, violet and black on buff.
1 Mark	carmine.

With the advance of the German Armies the territory served by the postal system of the Eastern Command was extended over Livonia and Esthonia as far north as Reval.

Provisional Issue at Dorpat.

Dorpat, the capital of Esthonia, was occupied by German troops on February 26th, 1918, and a few days later, on March 3rd, the civil postal service was resumed by order of the Town Commandant, Lieut.-Col. von Reichenbach. To provide the necessary stamps, pending arrival of a supply of the "Postgebiet-Ob-Ost" series, instructions were given for a portion of the stock of

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The sale of these provisional stamps commenced on March 6th and continued until March 22nd, 1918, when a supply of the regular "Postgebiet-Ob-Ost" series was received. Actually they ceased to be sold on March 18th, but were accepted in payment of postage during the ensuing four days. The total numbers used postally during that period amounted to 4,952 of the 20pfg, 5,810 of the 40pfg, and 10,421 postcards. The cancellation applied to those provisionals consisted merely of the name "Dorpat," struck with a rubber stamp, which was prepared by a local engraver named Berg.

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Following the Armistice of November 11th, 1918, the postal arrangements in the Baltic Provinces were gradually handed over to the newly-created Republic of Esthonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and on December 26th of that year the "Postgebiet-Ob-Ost" finally ceased to exist.

For a time, however, the military post-office attached to the German Army Headquarters at Libau continued in operation.

During a temporary shortage of the new stamps of Latvia, the Latvian Post Office at Libau arranged with the German Field Post Office to handle and stamp civilian correspondence until such time as fresh supplies of the national postage stamps could be secured. This temporary arrangement was in force from January 2nd to 11th, 1919, d
which time letters originating in L
were stamped with German stamp
the period distinguished by the dia
imprint of the name "LIBAU" in
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Much of the data regarding the proprietor of the firm came to the writer through the courtesy of Stonewall Jackson, Beauregard Macklin of Covington, Kentucky in December, 1916. When a young man Mr. S. J. B. Macklin had been associated with his father in the business and was able to throw considerable light upon facts which for many years were obscure or unknown.

John Joseph Macklin was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, May 24, 1827, and died in Covington, Kentucky, July 18, 1905. He came to America when four years old and in the late 1840's, when only about eighteen years old, he was operating a match factory in New York City. As a side light on Macklin's character it is interesting to learn that, although at the time hardly more than a lad, Macklin was able to hold his own in a contest with the merchant prince A. T. Stewart, who wished to build a house on the location occupied by Macklin's factory, but having failed to obtain Macklin's consent was unable to accomplish his purpose.

In 1849 Macklin went to California by the Isthmus of Panama with the Argonauts and invested in a quartz mill in Grass Valley. He had owned, or was financially interested in a property at Forty-second Street and Broadway, New York City, and through the failure of the quartz mill lost his entire interest in that property, which at the present time must be worth many, many times more than it fetched in 1849. He returned to the East and resumed the match business, successively in the Cities of Philadelphia, Baltimore—where he married, Wheeling, Cincinnati and Covington. He was burned out at least once in each place and all together suffered nineteen fires, all of which were total losses with no insurance.

The writer has not been able definitely to trace Macklin in the New York or Philadelphia Directories, but the Baltimore Directories of 1855-56 and 1856-57 list Macklin as a partner with one James B. Duke, in the firm of Duke & Macklin, first at 51 Stirling Street, and then at 184 East Monument Street. Both Directories also list the Baltimore Chemical Company, 9 Hagen's Court, Sterrettstown, in connection with the Macklin firm. The Baltimore Business Directory for 1853 lists the predecessor of this concern as Duke & Hagen, who operated a match factory in Hagen's Court, Stirling Street, between Monument and Madison Streets. The Baltimore Directory for 1860 lists the firm of Duke & Smith, match factory, between Eden and Gay Streets, and this firm appears to have been the successor of Duke & Macklin.

The Cincinnati Directories contain the following references: 1859, match maker, Wade Street; 1860, match manufacturer, 506 John Street; 1861, Agent Shanghai Match Co., 13th & Holman Sts., Covington, Ky.; 1866-67 match manufacturer, 13th & Holman Streets, Covington; 1869, same—office 606 Madison Avenue, Covington.

About 1870 he was sheriff of Kenton County, Kentucky, which includes the City of Covington, for two years, and for several years thereafter was engaged in other businesses in Covington or across the Ohio River in Cincinnati. Later in the 1870's he resumed the manufacture of matches in Covington, but there is no record that he used any private die stamps at this time, and there was no match factory in Covington between 1880 and 1883.

About 1881, however, he was back in the match business again and reference to his activities is found in two localities fully a thousand miles apart and each of them several hundred miles from Covington. One was the Northwestern Match Company of Lyons, Iowa, which is a small town on the Mississippi River two miles north of

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The Atlanta factory used stamps from the plate of the Maryland Match Company, printed by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving on watermarked paper. These stamps will be considered elsewhere in these articles.

The Atlanta Directory for 1882 lists John J. Macklin, merchant, residing on Baugh Streeets, in the West End, and the Georgia Gazetteer 1883-84 lists the Southern Match Company with data as stated above.

Further reference to Macklin's last known venture in the match business is found in the *Philatelic Journal of America*, Vol. 1, No. 7, September, 1885, under "Notes for U. S. Philatelists" by an excellent student and writer of the period, Robert S. Hatcher. Mentioning several of the private die stamps used by individuals or firms, whose names are different from the inscriptions on the stamps, he states that the Maryland Match Company stamp was used by Tittlebaum, Macklin & Co., of *Baltimore*. While it is quite certain that this statement is incorrect, yet for many years Macklin seems to have maintained some connection with one or another of the Baltimore match factories and this circumstance may well account for certain misunderstandings and misstatements which have confused various students of the private die stamps.

For example, the Boston book states in regard to the orange stamp inscribed "Alexander's Matches" on old paper, "The firm name was T. H. Alexander & Co., and the business was located at Covington, Ky." The present writer has also been informed that an old gentleman who was living in Covington a few years ago was absolutely certain that the Alexander factory was located in Covington, because he had worked in it. This last statement can hardly be reconciled with other known facts, but in a measure can be explained by other facts which Macklin's son, Mr. S. J. B. Macklin, recalled.

Mr. S. J. B. Macklin lived in Covington all his life and had never heard of anybody by the name of Alexander in the match business in Cinncinnati or Covington. No Alexander appears in the Cincinnati or Covington Directories as being in the match business at that period, and no such firm as T. H. Alexander appears in either of the Directories. In 1852 one Archibald J. Alexander of the firm of A. J. Alexander & Co., lumber merchants and manufacturers of Cincinnati and Covington is listed, and a Thos. Alexander is listed as a carpenter in 1852 and 1857, while the Baltimore Directories list the firm of T. H. Alexander & Co., at the period that the Alexander stamp on old paper was in use.

As the large black Macklin stamp, Scott's No. 5227, was used not later than 1867, Mr. S. J. B. Macklin was too young to remember it and as a matter of fact he had no recollection of it, but he did remember the Alexander stamp and believes that his father had the rooster device copyrighted. He also recalls that at one time a considerable quantity of matches were brought to Covington from Baltimore to be redipped and in addition to recalling the Maryland Match Co. stamps, he also thought that some of the stamps of the rooster design were used in Atlanta. These last would necessarily have been the blue stamps bearing the name of J. W. Eisenhart. The Boston Book states that these stamps were last issued presumably for Mr. Eisenhart, May 16, 1881, and as the first issue of the Maryland stamp on watermarked paper is stated to be September 5th, 1882, it is barely possible there was an unrecorded issue of Eisenhart stamps on watermarked paper to Tittlebaum & Macklin in Atlanta. However, the period when the Atlanta factory was in operation coincides so closely with the issue of the watermarked Maryland Match Co. stamps to Tittlebaum & Macklin, the issue of any Eisenhart stamps to them seems highly improbable.

Among his more vivid recollections may be mentioned the fact that during a fire in the Covington factory a neighbor's boy rescued the revenue stamps. The package had just arrived from Washington and was still unopened. At that time it was the firm's most valuable asset. From an economic standpoint it is equally interesting to note he distinctly recalls his father saying that in a period of approximately fifty years, the price of phosphorous, which was an important ingredient of the composition which formed the heads of the matches, had hardly changed at all.

The Macklin stamp is a large upright rectangle measuring about 36mm x 52mm. The simple frame is composed of a heavy rectangular line and a much finer one within it. The principal feature of the design is a rooster, facing left, and holding a lighted match in his beak. Above the rooster is a round device composed of concentric circles, the outer ring labeled U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE above and PROPRIETARY below. The second one is labeled ONE CENT above and below and the central disk bears the numeral I. At the left in large capitals placed under each other is the word SHANGHAI and similarly at the right is found MATCHES. The lower part of the stamp is occupied by four lines of plain inscriptions reading Manufactured By—JOHN J. MACKLIN & CO.—Cor. 13th & Holman Sts.,—COVINGTON,
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er to you in my last communication. tell the truth I have been so unfor- tate by fires in my business I could afford to pay for another plate. If will not print from my present die ill still have to use the Proprietary mp. It will confer a favor on me if will accept of the transfer. Please wer by return of mail and oblige."

his elicited a long reply from But- & Carpenter which Mr. Rollins an- red July 17, 1867, as follows:

Your communication of the 22nd no in regard to printing of stamps n the private die of John J. Mack- has been received and considered.

reply I have to say that I have day informed Mr. Macklin that his est for the transfer of his plate n the Amer. Phototype Co. to your se cannot be complied with and that e desires a further supply of stamps n a private die it will be necessary him to make arrangements with you the production of a plate from h stamps may be printed that are s open to objection than those for- y used by him."

e Proprietary stamp to which Mr. klin referred in his letter of June ,1867, could only have been the 1c ral issue Proprietary of the first rs and as stated in the Boston Book natural inference to be drawn from correspondence is that shortly after Commissioner received Butler & enter's letter of March 29th, 1866, nformed Mr. Macklin that he must ntinue the use of the stamps led by the American Phototype pany. Allowing this to be so the p in question must have had a cur- of about one year, and, in all ability, Mr. Macklin was forced to he regular Proprietary stamp from time until May, 1868, when he be- o receive stamps from the plate of Alexander matches.

In 1868 the Alexander die was sold to Macklin and he received stamps from it from May, 1868, to July, 1869, inclusive. These Alexander stamps were printed in orange on old paper and so far as the writer is aware cannot be distinguished from the orange stamps from the same plate used by T. H. Alexander & Co., of Baltimore, between August, 1864, and November, 1866.

There is no available evidence to show how many of the American Phototype stamps were printed or used by Mr. Macklin. At one period, which was probably in the 1860's and may have been in 1866, he was making fancy matches, which were put up and sold in little wooden varnished barrels, but at various times he produced hand made wax matches and tapers and various kinds of block and card matches, (except safety matches), which were sold in packages containing from 100 to 500 matches. At this date it is impossible to state what kind of a package, or what kind of matches had the tax paid by the large black Shanghai rooster stamp. Both the reader and the writer will have to wait until a copy is found used on the original cover before those facts can become known.

The writer has been able to locate less than ten different copies of this stamp and as they are all singles it is impossible to state how many subjects were contained on the original plate. Many differences have been noted between the various existing specimens and they are such that if there was a supply of the stamps, especially in multiple, it is quite likely the plate could be reconstructed.

In a letter from Butler & Carpenter to Macklin, dated June 19, 1865, they state:

"We have seen an adhesive, perforated one cent stamp, used on your match boxes, concerning which we have no knowledge. * * * * *"

This statement would indicate that some of the Macklin stamps were perforated but no perforated copy has been brought to the writer's attention. Most of the few known copies were rouletted in colored lines and those that exist inperforate could well be rouletted copies with their margins partly trimmed. Nearly all the known copies are printed on a thin yellowish tissue paper, but two or three are known on a thick white paper similar to that used by the American Phototype Company for some of the V. R. Powell stamps—those printed in a design of the Powell wrapper. A goodly proportion of the Macklin stamps on the tissue paper are defective in some degree as might well be expected.

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BELGIAN CONGO.—The now obsolete series of air post stamps was engraved and printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., in London.

FRANCE.—Two series of semi-official air post stamps were lately created by authority of the French Ministry of Posts in connection with aviation meetings held at Rouen and La Baube respectively. They were employed to denote payment of supplementary fees upon letters carried on exhibition flights.

The Rouen series, showing a vignette of an aeroplane encircling the spire of the Cathedral, was issued on September 2nd and 3rd, 1922, in denominations:—

25 centimes, violet.
50 centimes, blue.
75 centimes, green.
1 franc red-brown.
2 francs orange.

The stamps issued at La Baule are of a more primitive type, very crudely lithographed in Paris, with a picture of a passenger biplane crossing a coastal bay. They bear the inscription of the Societé de Propaganda Aeronautique, and a set of six values was printed in the following proportions:—

25 centimes violet,	12,000
50 centimes blue,	12,000
75 centimes green,	6,000
1 franc orange	4,000
2 francs red,	4,000
5 francs blue,	2,000

The stamps were delivered at La Baule on September 1st, 1922, with the exception of 10,000 of the 25c, which were held back to be perforated, and owing to the postal strike were not received until a week later. Meanwhile, in order to meet the demand for 25 centimes stamps, small supplies of the 1fr. and 5fr. values were locally surcharged "0.25" and used provisionally:—

"0.25" on 1fr. orange,	1,000
"0.25" on 5fr. blue,	1,200

A single sheet of 20 of the 1 franc exists printed in red, instead of orange, and one of the 2fr. in orange instead of red.

Between September 2nd and 11th, 1922, these stamps served to frank air post letters between La Baule and St. Nazaire, Le Bourget, Paris, Nantes, Angers, and Rochfort.

As in the case of the Rouen issue, special cancellations were employed.

POLAND.—A series of air post stamps in designs by Prof. Mehefor of Cracow is in course of preparation for use in the service Dantzig-Lemberg-Paris-Warsaw.

PORTUGAL.—The *Times* reports that various of the current Portuguese stamps are to be overprinted "Correios Aeria Portugueza" in connection with the newly-established air post between Lisbon and Paris.

SWEDEN.—Amongst the rarest varieties of air post stamps are the Swedish series with inverted overprint. Of these 200 copies only of the 10 öre and 3 öre exist, and 300 each of the 20/2 öre and 50/4 öre.—*West End Philatelist.*

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PART IV.—THE PARCEL POST STAMPS.

Chapter I.

The First Issue.

In his article in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* for July 10th, 1909, Mr. Ch. de Bont gives such a clear and concise account of the facts that led to the issue of parcels post stamps in Belgium that we cannot do better than quote his remarks verbatim:—

"Previous to 1897 the cost of conveying small parcels within the confines of the country varied according to the distance travelled. This led to a certain restriction of trade, especially in goods of no great value. Royal Decrees dated February 25th, 1861, and October 26th, 1868, were therefore promulgated, by the terms of which the Minister of Public Works was authorized to arrange special rates for such goods.

In 1870 a great expansion of Belgian trade took place, owing to the large number of strangers coming to reside in the country. The French in particular insisted on a change in the Belgian mode of buying and selling; thus it became necessary for even the smallest purchase to be delivered to the buyer's residence free of charge, and even articles for the country had to be delivered free when the purchase exceeded a certain minimum value.

Owing to a general desire for a reduction in the very heavy rates charged for carrying parcels, which rates were hitting retail trades very hard, the various trade associations and chambers of commerce devoted a great deal of time and trouble to the formulation of a workable scheme. A great number of petitions were prepared and addressed to the Legislative House and to the Minister of Public Works.

It was by no means an easy task to establish a uniform rate for any distance, owing to the fact that at that time most of the railway lines were in the hands of various companies, amongst whom part of the receipts had necessarily to be divided."

However, after giving a good deal of study to the matter the Ministry of Public Works evolved a scheme under which small parcels were carried at special rates irrespective of distance and a lengthy decree was published, from which we extract the following:—

"The Minister Of Public Works

Believing that it is desirable to meet the wishes so frequently expressed by the Chambers of Commerce for a uniform tariff applying to small parcels of not more than 5 kilograms (11 pounds) irrespective of their destination on the State Railways:—

Decrees:

Art. 1.—Parcels weighing 5 kilograms and under, which may be dispatched on the State Railways will be subject to a uniform rate of 80 centimes or 50 centimes, according as to whether they are accepted under tariff 1 (express) or tariff 2 (fast freight); the above rates are inclusive of carriage and delivery.

Art. 6.—Stamps of 10, 20, 50 and 80 centimes will be provided for the purpose of franking such parcels. They will be placed on sale at all stations on the State Railways.

Art. 9.—This decree will come into force on May 1st, 1879.

Brussels, April 15th, 1879.

(Signed) Sainitelette."

On August 1st, 1881, a 25 centimes was added to the series, this value being necessary under an agreement between certain states of the Postal Union extending the registration or insured privilege to parcels. The fee was fixed at 25 centimes, hence this particular value.

Finally a 1 franc stamp was issued, this being for use on foreign parcels weighing not more than 3 kilograms (about 7½ pounds), sent without declaration of value.

The design is the same for all values and shows in the centre the Belgian Lion on a shield with background of crossed lines, surmounted by a Royal crown. These details are enclosed by an oval frame, broken at top and bottom, on each side of which a winged wheel is shown, the tips of the wings pointing towards the oval. These winged wheels are on a ground of thin vertical lines and the whole is enclosed within an oblong frame inscribed "CHEMINS DE FER" (Railways) at the top, "BELGIQUE" at each side, and with the value in words at the bottom. In all four corners are numerals of value on a ground of solid color. In the case of the highest value these corner squares contain "1fr". The design is 34½mm wide and 25mm tall.

One original die, with the corners and lower label blank, served for the production of secondary dies for all values. To these the necessary indications of value were added and then the plates of 200 stamps were made up in the usual manner for typographic printing. The original die was engraved by Mr. Ch. Wiener.

According to Mr. de Bont the first supplies of the 10, 20, 50 and 80 centimes stamps were printed by Gowveloos Fréres, of Brussels, and it was not until the 25 centimes stamp was being prepared in 1881 that the Belgian Administration undertook the printing of the parcel post stamps as well as those for ordinary postal use. In that year a special printing office was opened at Malines for the printing of these stamps, the establishment being quite distinct from that at which the regular postage stamps were manufactured.

Mr. de Bont says "In November, 1881, the size of the paper was altered, the sheets consisting of 100 stamps only." Consequently the plate for the 1 franc consisted of 100 impressions but this new departure did not affect the other denominations for none of these were printed later than August and in 1882 a new issue appeared.

The same writer tells us that there were two printings for each of the 50 and 80 centimes denominations (the ones in largest demand) and only one printing for each of the other values, the total quantities produced being:—

10 centimes,	100,000
20 centimes,	500,200
25 centimes,	1,059,000
50 centimes,	2,100,000
80 centimes,	1,200,000
1 franc,	495,500

All values show more or less distinct variations in shade, the 50c in particular providing a bright tint due to the employment of aniline ink in the second printing.

The stamps were all perforated 14 and Mr. de Bont tells us that all denominations exist imperforate. The 10 and 20 centimes are also known imperforate horizontally.

Minor varieties showing broken letters or broken frame lines may be found but as they are due to defective printing they are not of a very high degree of philatelic importance.

Reference List.

1879-82. Designed by Ch. Wiener. No wmk. Perf. 14.

10 centimes, purple-brown.
  (a) Imperforate.
  (b) Imperforate horizontally.
20 centimes, blue.
  (a) Imperforate.
25 centimes, green.
  (a) Imperforate.
  (b) Imperforate horizontally.
50 centimes, carmine.
  (a) Imperforate.
80 centimes yellow.
  (a) Imperforate.
1 franc grey
  (a) Imperforate.

CHAPTER II.

The Second Issue.

On August 1st, 1882, the 50
times value appeared in an entirely
design, this being the forerunner of
regular series replacing the issue
1879-82. The 80 centimes in the n
design appeared on March 15th, 18
the 10 and 20 centimes values w
placed in circulation on May 1st, 18
the 25 centimes was issued on Janu
1st, 1887, and the 1 franc made its
pearance in July, 1888. Altogeth
therefore, six years elapsed before
the stamps of the first set were repla
by corresponding values in the new
sign. Finally, in 1894, two new
nominations were added to the series
the reasons set forth in an official c
cular issued at the time, and fr
which we make the following extract

"Owing to the provision of additio
extensions of the parcels post servi
it often so happens that the rate paya
is in excess of 2 francs, and aga
owing to the introduction of a system
insured parcels for which service
additional amount payable is usually
centimes, it has been observed that f
quently too great a quantity of
called 'railway' stamps have been us
on a single parcel.

In order to remedy this condition
affairs, the Minister has decided
sanction the issue of two new adhes
stamps, respectively, of 2 francs and
centimes."

This circular was dated January 12
1894, but as none of the new 15 c
times or 2 francs stamps were print
until the following month neither of
values could have been on sale mu
before the end of February.

The design of which was the same f
all eight values, was engraved by Mr.
Wiener, and his name in microscop
capitals, appears in the centre of
lower frame on all the stamps. T
central feature of the design is a circ
lar medallion of horizontal lines
which the value appears in bold unc
ored figures with "CENTIMES"
"FRANC" below. Above the cir
are a pair of wings and at top, on

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bon scroll, is "CHEMINS DE FER", hile the medallion is supported by two egorical figures largely hidden by a ss of foliage and fruits. In the ckground is an old type locomotive, st of which is obscured by the me- llion and its supporters, but the okestack shows at left and the end the tender at right. At the bot- n is a tablet containing the name "ELGIQUE" the whole being enclosed a double-lined frame of which the er and thinner line is separated m the inner one by a space of about m.

he plates consisted of 100 stamps h and all values were printed on ite wove paper, each sheet of which, h a few exceptions, was water- rked twice with one or other of ee devices. These watermarks con- ed of (a) a winged wheel and "HEMINS DE FER DE L'ETAT"; the Belgian Arms and "ROY- ME DE BELGIQUE"; or, (c) the gian Arms on a larger scale and hout accompanying inscription. The ermarked devices covered quite a ber of stamps so that specimens wing a part of one or other of watermarks are quite plentiful. ether the watermarked devices were se at different periods or were used hazardly we have not been able to over. For a short period, extending ober, 1899, until sometime in 1902, atermarked paper was used. Mr. Bont tells us the reason for this was some of the watermarked paper de- red in 1899 was of such inferior ity that many of the sheets of stamps to be discarded as they were not o be issued. A contract was then ed with the Royal Paper Mills at stricht for the delivery of a special r of stronger grade but as nothing specified concerning watermark it supplied without. In 1902, bids for lying the paper were advertised and ntract was made with Messrs. De sscher, of Brussels, who supplied all paper for the parcels post stamps that date until the advent of the t War.

bbons says the perforation is 15x , whereas Scott insists it is 15½x . We have measured a large num- of the stamps and find that, without ption, the stamps gauge 15½x14½. ere were many printings of those es most in demand and only a few he denominations not so frequently . According to Mr. de Bont the quantities printed were as follows :—

10 centimes,	149,200
15 centimes,	98,600
20 centimes,	200,000
25 centimes,	100,000
0 centimes,	2,900,000
0 centimes	850,000
1 franc,	200,000
2 francs,	198,200

th the exception of the 15 and 25 nes and 2 francs all values of this provide numerous pronounced es. This was due partly to the num- of printings and partly to experi- s with different sorts of printing k One printing of each of the 10

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1918	223	40c yellow brown	.08
	225	30c on 40c rose	.06
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The ½d.

Of the current Jamaican pictorial series, the ½d was the third value to be issued, the *Gazette* of November 11, 1920, announcing it for appearance on the following day:—

"Stamp Office,
10th November, 1920.

The following is the description of a halfpenny adhesive stamp to be used for Postage and Revenue purposes.

This stamp will be put into circulation on Friday, 12th November, 1920.

The design is denoted by a representation of the main building of the Jamaica Exhibition.

The denomination, ½d (in a circle) is shown at the top, in right and left corners, and between is the word JAMAICA.

At the bottom of the design are the words and figures JAMAICA EXHIBITION, 1891, and underneath are two palm leaves crossed at the end, and tied with ribbon.

The colour of the border of the stamp is light green, and the design is of light blue.

Signed, C. C. MANTON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

In form the stamp is a horizontal rectangle, 28½x22mm., and printed from typographic plates in olive green and dark green on chalk surfaced paper, watermarked multiple Crown CA, upright. The perforation is comb 14. The general appearance of the stamp is very poor, and at first glance it might readily be taken for a poorly lithographed advertising label rather than a postage stamp.

The sheets are of 160 stamps, 2 panes of 80 each, (8 horizontal by 10 vertical), one above the other, and the plate number 1, which is part of the vignette plate, is in the upper margin of the upper pane, between stamps 1 and 2, and 7 and 8, and in the corresponding positions in the lower margin of the lower pane. Sheets are known with the upper margin perforated through, and the lower margin imperforate, and vice versa, depending on the feed to the perforating machine. The side margins are without plate number marking, and are not perforated through. A double marginal line surrounds each pane, irregularly broken, the inner line belonging to the frame, and the outer to the vignette.

In the frame design JAMAICA occupies a prominent position at the top, and the value, in colorless numerals within circles formed of laurel, is in both upper corners. At the left and right sides, respectively, are "Postage" and "Revenue," in small colorless letters, reading vertically from the top. The vignette lettering at the foot "Jamaica Exhibition, 1891," is part of the frame design, and below are two branches of the coconut palm, crossed, and tied with ribbon.

The vignette represents the central portion of the main building of the Jamaica Exhibition, which was opened in January, 1891, by H. R. H. the Duke of York (now H. M. King George V), on his third visit to the island, made especially for the purpose, and continued until May of that year. The exhibition was illustrative of Jamaica's natural products and manufactures. A most creditable showing was made, and much attention attracted to the island, although it was not a financial success. It was held on grounds at the north of Kingston, now occupied by the buildings of Wolmer's school, and the Mico College. The main building was broken up, but many of the smaller buildings were sold as they stood, and some are still in existence, one in particular being used as a Presbyterian Church in the slum district of Kingston.

No special stamps were issued to commemorate the event, but a branch Post Office was opened, and all mail matter deposited there was postmarked with a special cancellation, circular in form, inscribed "Jamaica Exhibition" around the top, and "Post Office" at the bottom, with the date in the center.

The first consignment of stamps sent out comprised 22,602 sheets of 160 stamps each (3,616,320 stamps), and when this lot neared depletion, the script watermarked variety which had been in the island for many months was issued, on February 6th, 1922, and the two sold concurrently until the first lot exhausted.

1920-22. ½d olive green and dark green. Main building of Jamaica Exhibition, 1891. Plate 1. Comb perf. 14. Chalk surfaced paper.

a. Nov. 12, 1920. Watermarked multiple Crown CA.

b. Feb. 6, 1922. Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA.

The 1d.

The 1d of Jamaica's pictorial series, sent out from Berne early in 1921, and received in the island soon after, was withheld from issue for many months, to allow of lowering the large stock in hand of 1d of the Georgian series. It was not until September 29, 1921, that the *Gazette* announced it for appearance on the 3rd October.

"The following is a description of a penny adhesive stamp to be used for Postage and Revenue purposes.

This stamp will be put into circulation on 3rd October, 1921.

The design of the stamp is denoted by the figure of an Arawak woman seated on the ground in front of her hut, preparing cassava. At the top of the design is printed JAMAICA in white on an orange background, and on each side, on a shield, the denomination 1d. At the bottom of the design is printed in orange on a white background the words ARAWAK MAKING CASSAVA. At the sides and bottom of the frame are shown Arawak implements, weapons and pottery.

The colour of the stamp is light red, set in a frame of orange with a white border.

Dated this 27th day of September, 1921.

Signed, J. A. MCNEIL SMITH,
Acting Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

The stamp is an upright rectangle, 22x28½mm., printed in orange and carmine, from typographic plates, on chalk surfaced paper watermarked multiple Crown CA, sideways to the left, and perforated comb 14.

The sheets are of 160 stamps, 2 panes of 80 each, (10 horizontal by 8 vertical), side by side. A double marginal line, irregularly broken, surrounds each pane, the outer being in the color of the vignette, and the inner in that of the frame.

The border or frame plate is numbered 1, and this numeral appears twice in the left margin of the left pane, between the 1st and 2nd, and 7th and 8th horizontal rows, and similarly in the right margin of the right pane. The upper and lower margins are without plate number marking. The sheets are perforated from the side, so that either the left or right margin is not perforated through, depending on the feed to the perforating machine.

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EDITORIAL.

Let us erect another marker along the road of philatelic progress and pause a moment to felicitate ourselves upon the action of the Canadian government in recognizing philately much in the manner that our own country has done. Dispatches tell us that a stamp agency has been established at Ottawa in order that collectors may be supplied with selected specimens direct from the seat of government, and we are glad to learn that Canada has emulated the enterprise of the United States in catering intelligently to the interests of philatelists.

* * *

We had the privilege of interviewing C. F. Heyerman, president of the American Philatelic Society, on his arrival in Chicago *en route* to Denver, where he will spend a month before leaving for the convention at Washington, and his answers to questions about the preparation and the passing of the bill to allow the illustrating of U. S. stamps under restrictions were enlightening. Mr. Heyerman previously had represented himself as firm in the belief that no halfway concessions would be accepted and he favored a bold play to gain the desired ends for collectors. However, when Chief Moran was encountered, a few ifs and ands altered the current of thought of the gentlemen on the committee. Chief Moran said that stamp illustration was against the law and he could not countenance any direct flaunting of it. He added that they could go over his head and perhaps gain their points, but he showed a spirit of fairness in acceding to provisions that at first did not seem wise, and no one who could hear Chief Moran expound his position would say that his objections were groundless and not based on seeming necessity. By a kindly sequence of events, the bill was passed at the last moment and was one of the forty-seven signed by President Harding just before the adjournment of Congress. That the sponsorship of the stamp bill was influential need not be emphasized, and the general feeling among those who know something of Congressional action is that the achievement of the committee was one giving cause for congratulation. The suggestion of Chief Moran that permission be obained from the treasury department by those who wished to take advantage of the bill was the last to be vacated. We might add that the description, "border of stamp," means that part of the stamp outside the vignette, which is a liberal enough construction, but it is to be said that the "vignette" is jealously regarded and is to be considered immune from any liberties whatever.

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From Mr. Frank L. Applegate, Medford, Oregon, one of our first students of state revenues in particular, we have received a few chastening words that are deserved, it is to be added: "I consider it unfortunate that you give emphasis to the poll tax 'stamp' of California (placed under Oregon in Forbin's Catalogue), as this is something of a hoax in its way. It is not an adhesive stamp, nor yet does it represent a documentary tax, as do the imprinted checks, etc., but is only a vagary of the designer in getting up a poll tax receipt with no more significance, except possibly in appearance, than any other part of a common tax receipt, which we all get when we pay our state taxes. You will not find it in the new State Revenue Catalogue. On the other hand, special mention is always due the circular California tax stamps, pioneers in their line, antedating, as they do, not only the civil war revenues of the United States, but all the adhesive revenue stamps of the new world and those of most of the old." When mentioning this alleged poll tax stamp of California, our memory harked back to the old Sterling catalogue of revenue stamps of 1888 or thereabouts. We are pleased that Mr. Applegate brings us back to earth.

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In the Chicago *Tribune* for June 26th, we find on the front page the sensational heading, "Add Philately to Wine, Women and Song Perils," and, eagerly reading the Berlin dispatch that it introduces, we learn that a German postal inspector began his peculations by stealing letters to get stamps for his collection, and that in one bundle of newspapers from this country he found several dollar bills. Then he seems to have developed "a taste for rare wines," and after that — the deluge Now you see how wicked it is to take stamps from foreign letters in the mail, and that the consequences of the act cannot be other than, to use a refreshingly original term, dire. We might say that we have been informed that no fewer than four warnings have been issued to postal clerks by our post-office department not to remove stamps from mail passing through their hands.

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The *Chicago Literary Times* makes various literary and dramatic critics run the gauntlet, and, expatiating upon the personal appearance of Charles Col
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centered condition, and they do
want to see her badly used.

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Our old college chum, Claude O. P
sends a letter from Santiago, Chile
the Chicago *Daily News*, which was
cently used by the newspaper under
head, "Joke on the Philatelists. Chi
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within a week, practically. The gov
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—John H. Feeman sends us a clipping from the St. Louis *Daily Globe Democrat of June* 21 which contains a picture of New York's delegation to the International Rotary convention recently held at that city. Prominent in the first row is C. J. Phillips, the well known New York dealer. Mr. Feeman observes Mr Phillips' classification as "Philatelist," and adds:—"I see no reason why this occupation should not be listed and recognized." "It certainly is listed and recognized," for the managing editor of the WEEKLY is a Rotarian under the classification "Newspaper-Philatelic."

—We have received a sample package of philatelic arrow indicators such as were used in a Gold Medal collection at the recent London exhibition. They are used to point out the special features t be noted, and are very neat. Price 28c per hundred postpaid. Our thanks to W. T. Wilson, Birmingham, England.

—A new advertising cancellation comes from San Francisco, Cal., reading:—"National Council Travelling Salesmen, Sept. 5-6-7, Atlantic City."

—Quite recently we made a mention of and reviewed a price-list. A subscriber sent for one, enclosisg postage, and in return received a letter contain ing two sheets of cheap approvals with the price-list, plus 2c postage due. W have written the firm and called atten tion to this act upon the part of its offic help and suggested that we should be compelled to eliminate complimentary mention of price-lists unless the policy of sending out unsolicited approval selections was discontinued.

—A Chicago subscriber, Robert T Anderson, writes a strong letter to th WEEKLY condemning the action of a auction dealer who endeavored to pas on to him as a bidder one or more lot for which satisfactorv bids were n secured at the sale. He mentions an ex perience where such a lot was returne only to have the claim entered that had never been received. The WEEKL finds it impossible to adjust these detai in business relationships, and can onl plead for the finest quality of servi in the direction of both dealer and co lector.

—We are indebted to A. A. Wasser scheid for showing us the following a vertising cancellation from Newport, I.:—"American Legion Memorial Wee Newport, R. I., July 23-28, 1923" We have also received from N. Hufnell a Wilmington, Del., cancella tion reading as follows:—"Dela ware State Fair, Wilmington, Augus 27-Sept. 1". From Little Rock, Ark. comes a cancellation of a similar charac ter reading:—"Arkansas State Fair, Lit tle Rock, October 3-13, 1923."

—We are advised by Charles Met that Germany Nos. 156 and 157 hav been received overprinted in Germa "Stamp Exhibition Regensburg, 26- Mai, 1923".

—The June number of the *Sudde Service Surcle* from the office of t Fennell Stamp Co. is just at hand. It is a bright and breezy publication with considerable matter of general interest. The editor of this publication is Paul P. Murray, and the number before us has much in condemnation of the counterfeit stamp.

—Fred E. Prohaska, 82 Hutton St., Jersey City, N. J., has just issued a neat general pricelist of twenty pages. Stamps singly and by sets are listed therein.

—Milwaukee, Wis., has a new advertising cancellation reading:—"Citizen's Training Camp, Camp Custer, Mich. Aug. 1-Sept. 1".

—We are in receipt of a letter from B. K. Miller in which he urges the mounting of stamps in the thin, strong and perfectly transparent envelopes that may now be obtained as a substitute for hinges. It is true that many collectors are now using these envelopes, and especially in connection with rare stamps. These envelopes come in diff

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Satisfy me your credit is first class an
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5c, 3/8c ....
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3 **Straits Settlements**, Q. V., 1868,
2, 4, 6c ....
2 Q. V., 1883, CA, 2, 4c ....
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MORE CONVENTION NEWS

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED SRATES.—Mr. W. C. Haase has shown me an irregular block of nineteen of the 2c carmine, series of 1917-19, perforated 11, imperforate horizontally. This block was found several years ago

better investments can be made than in fine U. S. stamps. While we look for the postal items to bring stiff prices, in this case even the revenue stamps brought half catalogue and more and in many cases near full catalogue price.

A copy of the 10c 1847 on cover with double transfer in the "X" in lower right corner, blue Philadelphia cancellation sold at $81.00. Copies of the 5c sold from $3.70 to $26.00, the latter being for a 5c brown-orange in a brilliant color. A 1c 1851 crack plate cancelled on cover went to New York at $35.00. Railroad cancellations on the 3c 1851 sold at good figures, the Philadelphia and New York finding a new owner in the former city at $15.50. A Philadelphia and Pottsville sold at $13.00. A superb 10c with outer line cut and both top and bottom with magnificent margins and a blue Cincinnati cancellation changed hands at $115.00. A 1c 1857 crack plate on cover went to New York at $40.00. A pair and single of the type 4 1c used together on one cover sold at $36.00. A mint pair of the 1c green 1917 imperf. between Scott's No. 409b sold at $24.25.

The $200.00 second issue reached $181.00, the 1c with inverted center $48.00, while the $1.00 Proprietary on green sold at $127.00. A repaired copy of the $5.00 on violet of beautiful appearance sold at $91.00. Match and Medicine stamps generally sold well.

CHILI.—Mr. G. Herbert Dannatt kindly brings to our notice a new series, issued at Santiago on April 28th, to commemorate the Pan-American Conference. The one value before us, viz., 2c red, is transverse oblong in format and has a view of the Conference Palace at Santiago, flanked by flora at left, with inscriptions: 5A CONFERENCIA PANAMERICANA in two lines at top, CHILI at foot, with SANTIAGO in tiny capitals below the building depicted, and the printers' imprint *("Imp. Fiscal")* at bottom. "1923" is in the upper right-hand corner, and CENTAVOS (or "Peso" or "Pesos") in the lower eft, with numerals of denominations in an oval shield in the lower left-hand orner.

The issue is said to be very limited, nd likely to last only a few days.

Uni-colour.

2 centavos red.
4 centavos brown.

Centre in black.

0 centavos blue and black.
0 centavos orange and black.
0 centavos pale mauve and black.
1 peso bright green and black.
2 pesos scarlet and black.

—*Stamp Collecting.*

HOLLAND.—Mr. P. Gordon Wimberley kindly informs us that a new Jubilee series is to be issued in the autumn to celebrate the twenty-five years' reign of Queen Wilhelmina. Two designs have been submitted by Willem van Konijnenburg, but have still to be approved, nd it is understood that stamps of various denominations, from 5 cent. to 5 gulden, will be issued. Meanwhile, we rust the Dutch authorities are busy with lans for replacing one or two of the trocities recently issued in the new permanent series.—*Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

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ITALY.—The projected Fascisti
memorative series will comprise
values, viz., 10, 30, and 50 centesim
1 and 2 lire. Some of these have al
been printed, the design, which i
work of the painter Cambellotti,
senting a "faisceau" in the sty
Roman statuary.

Another projected set, that comn
rating the Tercentenary of Pope
ory's "Propagation of the Faith,"
be expected to be on issue almos
mediately. An advance copy was
described by Mr. Fred J. Melville
Daily Telegraph last week: "The
tral device is the same for all
values, and shows Christ with Hi
ciples, but the portraits in the uppe
ners vary; these latter will inclu
Teresa, St. Domenico, St. Fra
d'Assisi, and St. Francesco Saverio.
hundred thousand of the stamps a
ing printed, 25,000 of each valu
denominations being 20 centesimi
green (centre red), 30 centesimi ca
and red, 50 centesimi violet and re
1 lira blue and red. Professor (
design has been engraved by A.
and the printing has been execut
the Petiti Brothers, of Rome."—
Collecting.

SAN MARINO.—A series of p
stamps in aid of the Italian Red
is announced for the end of Ma
values, colours, and number print
ing as follows:

5 centesimi, olive, 90
10 " yellow, 90
15 " green, 100
25 " violet, 80
40 " brown, 60
50 " pearl grey, 100
1 lira, black and blue, 40
60 centesimi, red, Express, 80

Two new values have been ad
the current set, 50 centesimi, lila
90 centesimi, brown.—*Whitfield K*
Co.'s Bulletin.

SASENO.—The following values
current series of Italy have been
printed with the name of this
which is at the entrance to the E
Valona, Albania:—

Overprinted SASENO *(black ca*
on current adhesives of Italy

10c red.
15c slate.
20c orange.
25c blue.
30c red-brown.
50c violet.
1 lira green and brown.

According to advice from Mila
printings comprise two thousand
of the 15 and 50c. and 1l., and four
sand of each of the other denomin
—*Stamp Collecting.*

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—St
of the 2d Postage Due perf., no
have been printed locally and a
pected to be issued in a few
time, if they have not alread
peared. The new pictorial issu
soon be ordered and its appe
should not be long delayed as
of the present series are getting

SIAM.—Mr. Chan Chin Joo w
"The postage on a letter carri
Aerial Mail between Bangkok and

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d, Korat, Mahasaragam Srisaket, indh, and Yasador is now 20 sat- which is an increase of 100 per nd which took effect on the 1st of 1923. Only articles fully prepaid louble of the ordinary inland post- te are carried by Aerial Mail; if lly prepaid they will be sent by the ry land route.

ers carried by aeroplane from ok to Ubol, Roi Ed, and Korat, ice versa, are obliterated with a aerial postmark cancellation, con- of a large circle with double rim enclosing an outline drawing aeroplane with wide planes, but the case of letters sent by Mail from Mahasaragam, Sris- Kalasindh, and Yasador to Bang- They bear no distinctive post- except upon their arrival at the Post Office they are cancelled back with an exact replica of the postmark now in use in Bang- Korak, Roi Ed, and Ubol, on carried by aeroplane.

his country the Aerial Mail Ser- as started as early as the year tween Bangkok and Chantaboon, e Aero cancellation showing the of a 'Garuda Bird' was used. to submit herewith for your in- a scarce block of 10 satangs, ged on 12 satangs, portraits of Vijiravudh 1912, cancelled with aruda Bird."—*Gibbons Monthly* r.

AGE STAMPS OF BELGIUM.

Continued from page 345)

centimes value was made in ink, deep red-brown in the case first named value and carmine ase of the latter. One supply of centimes was printed in such a ade of yellow that the design ost invisible. At first the head Stamp Department refused to delivery of them but ultimately re placed in circulation.

nly varieties found in connection e stamps of this issue are of a nor character, consisting chiefly broken, or thickened outer frame

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4. Engraved by C. Wiener. on paper watermarked with devices twice in each sheet. ½x14½.

times, brown.
times, grey.
times, blue.
times, green.
times, carmine.
times, yellow.
nc, lilac or grey-brown.
ncs, buff.

(*To be continued.*)

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(Switzerland) ZURICH Bahnhofstrasse 76

JAMAICAN PICTORIALS.

(Continued from page 345)

the frame design, and in the vignette an Arawak woman is shown, seated on the ground in front of her hut, performing this task.

The consignment sent to the island consisted of 22,388 sheets of 160 stamps (3,582,080 stamps), but to get the total printing must be added the stamps sold to dealers in London by the Crown Agents.

Through an oversight "Postage and Revenue" was omitted from the design, and it was reported that the Government had for a time seriously considered recalling the stamp, but there was none other to take its place. The Crown Agents, however, were instructed to have a corrected plate made up, and this they advised in their December, 1921, communique as having been accomplished—"A new border duty plate with the additional wording 'Postage and Revenue' has been put in hand for the 1d duty."

Much discussion took place in the local press over the vignette inscription "Arawak Making Cassava." Some claimed that as cassava was an edible tuber, it could not be made—that the legend should rather be 'making cassava *starch*.' Others pointed out that the word had another meaning, that of starch or flour made from the tuber, and that in this sense cassava could be made just as tea or coffee is made. One correspondent wrote that he really didn't think Mrs. Arawak had any use for starch; she had no garments that needed starching, and therefore, she must have been making the thick cassava cakes that are the staple food of the Jamaican peasantry to this day.

The following letter from Mr. Frank Cundall, F.S.A., Secretary and Librarian of the Institute of Jamaica, Kingston, and designer of the stamp, is taken from the *Gleaner* of November 3, 1921—

"Editor, *The Gleaner*,

Sir,—Murray's New English Dictionary is usually considered the final authority as to the true interpretation of English words, and this gives as the meaning of the word cassava—

1. A plant called also by the Brazilian name Mandico Manihot utilissima (N. O. Euphorbiaceae), two varieties (or species) of which are extensively cultivated in the West Indies and tropical America, as also in Africa, for their fleshy tuberous roots, which yield the greatest portion of the daily food of the natives of tropical America.
2. The nutritious starch or flour obtained from the roots of the Mandioc by grating them, and pressing out the juice; the bread made from this.

The use of cassava in this latter sense is as old as the year 1577. Hakluyt in 1600 calls cassava a 'kind of bread made of roots'. And Purchas in 1613, says 'bread of a great root called yuca, which they name cassavi'.

Mr. Moxsy has every right to use cassava for the plant, but he is wrong to question the right of others to use cassava for the product of the plant. I am, etc.,

F. CUNDALL.

1st November, 1921."

When the West Indies were first discovered, the Greater Antilles were inhabited by the Arawaks, a gentle and timid race of Indians. Conservative historians estimate their numbers at 3 millions (although Las Casas doubles that figure). Peter Martyr gives but 1,200,000 to Hispaniola, and taking this as a guide, there would probably have been about 600,000 in Jamaica, or about three-quarters of the island's population today. In the fifteen years following the discovery of the islands, the harsh treatment meted out to the natives by the Spaniards, in forcing them to work on plantations and in the mines of Cuba and Hispaniola, their numbers were reduced to 60,000 and when the English took possession of Jamaica in 1665, very few remained.

The Arawaks found in British Guiana today, are short in stature; red cinnamon in color, with thick, long, black, and very straight hair; their facial features are like those of the Chinese, and the expression is decidedly gentle. Physically, they are weak, and life hardly ever exceeds 50 years. Peter Martyr who heard the language spoken, said that it was "soft and not less liquid than the Latin," being "rich in vowels and pleasant to the ear."

Their houses were primitive, probably circular in shape, with walls of wattle work plastered with mud; and with a high pitched roof of palm leaves, under which their hammocks were hung. Their weapons consisted of darts and war clubs; apparently they did not possess bows and arrows, the use of which by the Caribs of the Lesser Antilles giving them a great advantage over their more peaceful foes. As in Hispaniola, the natives of Jamaica were ruled over by caciques or chieftains.

Up to 1895, but few remains had been discovered in Jamaica to testify to their existence, but in that and subsequent years, several collections of Indian remains were found, scattered throughout the island. The objects give evidence of no very high advance in civilization or the arts, and are considerably below those of Mexico and Peru.

A supply of the 1d stamp, from the corrected frame plate, was notified by the Crown Agents, in June, 1922, as being on order, and later (September, 1922), as having been dispatched. The first consignment consisted of 5,000 sheets of 160 stamps, a total of 800,000 stamps. The *Gazette* of November 23, 1922, announced it for appearance on December 5, 1922.

"Stamp Office, KINGSTON,
20th November, 1922.

The penny adhesive stamp with the script watermark will be available to the public on 5th December, 1922.

The stamp is as described in notice published in the *Gazette* of 29th September, 1921, but the words 'Postage & Revenue' have been substituted for the ornaments at the bottom of the stamp.

Signed, C. C. MANTON,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

The makeup of the sheet is as before, likewise the plate number markings and the perforation. The only change is that the Arawak ornamentation at the foot of the frame is omitted, and there is substituted in its place, a plain horizontal tablet inscribed "Postage & Revenue." The watermark is multiple Crown and script CA, sideways to the left.

1921-22. 1d orange and carmine. Arawak Making Cassava, Plate 1. Comb perf. 14. Chalk surfaced paper.

a. Oct. 3, 1921. Watermarked multiple Crown CA, sideways to left.

b. Dec. 5, 1922. "Postage & Revenue," watermarked multiple Crown and script CA.

FINE STAMPS

Every Collector Wants Them. My Customers Have Long Since Learned That I Have Them. The Finest Stock of 20th Century Stamps in America is at Your Service Here.

A FEW OFFERS

*GIBRALTAR—Edward, 2½d, No. 40..	.30
6d, No. 42....	.90
2sh, No. 44...	6.00
8sh, No. 46...	7.50
1d, No. 49....	.12
2d, No. 50....	.28
2½d, No. 51..	.75
6d, No. 52....	.60
6d, No. 52a, a RARE stamp, cat. $20.00, and as much a major variety as Gold Coast No. 61, St. Lucia No. 61, and other similar vars.	5.50
2sh, No. 54...	4.50
1d, No. 59....	.09
2d, No. 60....	.30
2½d, No. 61..	.40
2sh, No. 63...	4.50
8sh, No. 65...	16.00
½d, No. 66...	.02
1d, No. 67....	.05
2d, No. 68....	.18
2½d, No. 69..	.12
6d, No. 70....	.20
1sh, No. 71...	.30
2sh, No. 72...	.65
4sh, No. 73...	1.35
8sh, No. 74...	2.65
20sh, No. 75..	6.00
1d, No. 77....	.03
2d, No. 78..	.06
2½d, No. 79..	.60
3d, No. 80....	.08
6d, No. 81....	.16
1p, No. 224...	.90
NETHERLANDS—Provs., Nos. 114 & 115	.25
*NEW BRITAIN—2½d on 10pf, No. 5, Rare	6.50
*NEW BRITAIN—1d on 3pf, No. 201..	.65
*NEW BRITAIN—1d on 5pf, No. 202, Rare	4.00
*NEWFOUNDLAND — Coronation, 1c to 15c complete, Nos. 104 to 114 ...	3.50
*NEWFOUNDLAND—Provs., Nos. 127 to 130 complete. Scarce Set	4.00
*NEW HEBRIDES—5c to 1fr, Nos. 111-119	1.25
*N. W. Pacific Is.—20sh, No. 38	6.40
*N. NIGERIA—Edward, ½d, No. 10...	.07
1d, No. 11....	.10
2d, No. 12....	.30
2½d, No. 13..	.18
5d, No. 14....	.60
6d, No. 15....	.90
1sh, No. 16...	.75
2sh 6d, No. 17	3.00
10sh, No. 18..	5.00
½d, No. 27...	.07
1d, No. 28....	.09
2d, No. 29....	.30
2½d, No. 30..	.20
3d, No. 32....	.15
5d, No. 33....	.30
6d, No. 34....	.60
6d, No. 34a...	.60
1sh, No. 35...	.75
5sh, No. 37...	2.40
10sh, No. 51..	4.50
*ORANGE RIVER — Edward, ½d to 1sh, Nos. 61 to 68 complete	1.85
5sh, No. 69...	2.40
4d, No. 72....	.75
*PALESTINE—Latest issue with crown & script CA wmk., 1m to 5pia, 15 vars, complete	.85
Same, 9 & 10 pias	1.20
Same, 20 pias	1.25
*PAPUA—½d, No. 1	.18
1d, No. 2	.18
2d, No. 3	.30
2½d, No. 4	.60
4d, No. 5	1.50
6d, No. 6	2.10
1sh, No. 7	2.10
½d, No. 11	.45
2sh 6d, No. 26	1.50
1d, No. 28	.18
2d, No. 29	.60
2½d, No. 30	.28
4d, No. 31	.45
6d, No. 32	1.50
1sh, No. 33	1.80
½d, No. 34	.15
2d, No. 36	.35
2½d, No. 37	.35
4d, No. 38	.30
6d, No. 39	.45
1sh, No. 40	.60
½d, No. 41	.06
2d, No. 43	.24
2½d, No. 44	.50
4d, No. 45	.75
6d, No. 46	.35
1sh, No. 47	.45
2sh 6d, No. 48	1.00
2sh 6d, No. 49	1.50
2d, No. 52	.08
6d, No. 55	.20
*RHODESIA—K. G., ½d to 1sh, Nos. 119 to 129 complete	1.50
*SIERRA LEONE—Edw., ½d, No. 64..	.30
1d, No. 65...	.09
1½d, No. 66	.90
2d, No. 67...	.90
2½d, No. 68	.90
3d, No. 69...	.90
4d, No. 70...	1.75
5d, No. 71...	.90
6d, No. 72...	1.20
1sh, No. 86..	.90
½d, No. 90..	.03
1d, No. 91...	.12
1½d, No. 92	.30
2d, No. 93...	.35
2½d, No. 94	.20
3d, No. 95...	.45
4d, No. 96...	.90
5d, No. 97...	.90
6d, No. 98...	.75
1sh, No. 99..	.60

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I offer the following stamps at cut prices in order to raise cash for a particular purpose. Of some I have many copies, of many only one. I say nothing about con
because you can have your money back if you do not think what you buy is worth the price I ask. The first column of figures is the Standard catalogue price, the seco
my NET price. Terms, cash with order, first come, first served. I will allow 3% discount on orders over $20, 5% on those over $50, and 10% on those over $100 at one ti
will send on 24 hours' approval to parties I know, but cash orders will have precedence. GET YOUR ALBUMS, check up your lackings, and send me your order. I'll r
money on anything I cannot supply. No bookkeeping. It is well to send a supplementary order, but there will be something for everybody.

United States

	Cat.	Net
*Eagle Carrier (1802), mint	1.25	$ 1.00
*Brooklyn City Express local (6379), tete-beche pair, mint	7.00	3.50
o1847, 5c orange-brown, bully good pair on piece. Toledo, O., postmark (28)	...	22.50
o1851, 10c, strip of three on piece (35)	...	20.00
* — 12c o. g., close at W. (36)	30.00	5.00
o — 12c used (36)	8.00	6.00
*1860, 24c **Imperforate** (37)	200.00	112.00
o1857, 5c brick red (45)	25.00	16.50
o — 5c red brown (46)	20.00	7.50
o — 5c brown (48a)	8.00	5.00
o — 10c green, Type II (50)	1.25	1.00
o — 12c black (51)	7.50	2.50
o — 24c lilac (52)	12.00	8.00
*1861, August, 3c brown red, **Mint** (56)	25.00	18.25
o — September, 5c buff (67)	20.00	12.50
o1867, 12x14, 2c not ctd. (84)	17.50	10.00
* — 9x13, 5c not ctd. (95)	25.00	10.00
* — 11x13, 15c (91)	25.00	10.00
o — 9x13, 24c (99)	15.00	7.00
*1869, 10c (116)	8.00	6.00
* — 15c (119)	8.00	5.00
o — 24c (120)	8.00	7.00
o — 24c cancelled with red palm leaf, superb (120)	...	12.50
* — 90c unused (122)	60.00	40.00
1871, 15c National, without grill (152)	7.00	2.50
*1873, 10c Continental (161)	6.00	3.50
*1882, 1c, 3c, 6c, 10c (206-9)	7.20	3.00
o1887, 3c, block of four (213)	...	2.00
*1895, $5 dark green (278)	13.50	7.20
*1898, Omaha, $2 o. g. (293)	10.00	7.00
*1902, 1c-$1, o. g. (300-11)	7.52	4.50
* — $1 o. g. (311)	3.50	2.25
*1908, 50c & $1 o. g. (333-4)	4.50	3.50
*1917, $5 re-issue of 1902 (408)	8.00	6.00
*1917, 5c red error (414)	6.00	4.00

DEPARTMENTS

	Cat.	Net
*Agriculture set SPECIMEN	...	15.00
*Executive set SPECIMEN	...	4.50
*Justice, 12c mint	3.50	2.00
* — 30c mint, but has minute tear, v. f.	27.50	9.00
* — 90c unused o. g.	40.00	10.00
*Navy, 24c mint and v. f. but for slight tear	7.50	2.50
* — 90c	20.00	5.00
*Post Office, 1c, 3c, 6c, 12c, 15c and 30c in blocks of four at catalogue less 20%.		
*State, 12c not ctd.	5.00	2.00
* — 15c not ctd.	5.00	2.00
o — 24c not ctd.	7.00	2.50
o — 30c very fine	6.00	3.00
o — 90c	12.00	5.00
o — $2 fine, but few perfs. clipt	30.00	10.00
* — $10 not fine	100.00	30.00
*War, 30c, mint block of four	...	2.00

NEWSPAPERS

	Cat.	Net
*84c (2018)	15.00	7.50
*96c (2019)	10.00	5.00
*$36 (2049) o. g.	30.00	18.50
*1895, 1c to $100	6.30	3.00
o — $10 (2095), $100 (2098)	4.50	2.25

SQUARE CUT ENVELOPES

	Cat.	Net
*1861, 10c (2336)	1.00	.50
*1870, 12c on cream (2441)	5.00	2.50
o1874, 2c Die B, B2, C (2402-3, 05)	7.35	3.00
* — 2c on amber (2432)	10.00	4.50
* — 30c on white (2415)	1.50	.65
* — 90c on white (2416)	3.00	1.50
*War, 30c on cream (3253)	50.00	12.50

REVENUES

	Cat.	Net
o30c Inland Exchange, part perf. strip of three (3851)	...	3.00
oSecond Issue, $50 (3931)	20.00	15.00
o — $200 (3932)	225.00	112.00
o1914, $30 (4105)	5.00	2.50

CONFEDERATES

*1863, 10c (211) singly or blocks of four @ 7c each.

* — 20c (213) singly or blocks of four @ 30c each.

U. S. PROOFS AND ESSAYS

1851, 1c in purple	$1.00
1869, small figures, various colors, 1c, 2c, 3c, 12c values, each	1.50
—— 30c Surrender of Burgoyne, various colors, each	2.50
—— 90c Trumbull's Washington	3.75
—— 90c with black centre	2.00

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1c to 90c India Proofs	5.25
$2, $5, $10, $20	12.50

The same on card, 33⅓% less.

I have several books of Proofs and Essays to send on approval to those interested.

Foreign 19th

	Cat.	Net
*Antigua, 2½d (14)	5.00	2.50
o**Buenos Ayres**, 1p (7a)	22.50	11.00
o 2p (11)	25.00	10.00
o 2p (13)	20.00	10.00
***Corrientes**, 2c (5)	1.50	.75
***Azores**, 50r (34)	9.00	3.70
o**Baden**, 30kr	20.00	6.00
o**Bavaria**, 18kr (14)	7.00	3.50
***Barbados**, 6d (31)	20.00	7.50
***Brazil**, 230r (40)	15.00	6.80
***Brunswick**, ⅓g (13)	40.00	15.00
o 2g (16)	25.00	10.00
***Canada**, $3 (63) o. g.	...	4.50
o $5 (65)	6.00	3.00
o**Cape Good Hope**, 1sh (6)	15.00	9.00
o**Caroline Is.**, 3p to 50p (1-6)	9.00	3.50
o**Ceylon**, 5d (6)	22.50	7.50
* ½d (14)	20.00	10.00
o 10d (37)	6.00	2.00
* 36c (70) o. g.	9.00	4.50
o**Col. Rep.**, 5c (45)	8.50	4.00
o 10p (52), pair	16.00	8.00
o**Egypt**, 5p (15)	6.00	3.00
***Fernando Po** (1), very fine	20.00	15.00
***France**, 40c (7)	40.00	17.50
o**Fr. Cols.**, 80c (13)	12.50	6.00
* 15c (33)	12.00	4.50
o 25c (44)	50.00	12.50
o**Alsace-Lorraine** (401)	5.00	2.50
***Germany, T. & T.**, 9sg (10)	10.00	4.00
* **T. & T.**, ⅓sg (2)	6.00	2.20
* **T. & T.**, 9kr (50)	25.00	6.50
***Ger. Levant**, 2½p (6)	10.00	3.50
o**Hamburg**, ½sch (13)	1.00	.40
o 7sch (21)	15.00	6.00
o 9sch (23)	60.00	20.00
o**Hanover**, ½gr (18)	12.00	4.00
***India**, 2a (14) o. g., very fine and rare	20.00	12.50
o 8a (25) block of four	20.00	8.00
***Labuan**, 2 on 8c (23)	4.00	1.85
***Liberia**, 24c (9)	10.00	5.00
o**Lubeck**, 2s (3)	20.00	8.00
***Malta**, ½d (2)	25.00	12.50
o**Marshall Is.**, 3p to 50p (7-12)	6.25	2.25
***Martinique**, 5c 50c (46-50)	6.15	2.20
o**Mauritius** 1848, 1d (4e) very fine	200.00	100.00
***Mayotte** 1900, 15c (17)	10.00	3.80
o**Mecklenburg-Schwerin**, 5s (6)	15.00	6.00
* 2s (5)	25.00	10.00
o**Natal**, 3d (35)	17.50	7.50
o**Nevis**, 4d (10)	10.00	4.50
o**New Caledonia**, 50c (59)	8.00	3.20
***Newfoundland**, 3d (3)	4.00	1.60
* 8d (22)	6.00	3.00
o**Nossi Be**, 25 on 40 (9)	25.00	10.00
* Dues, 15 on 20 (115)	6.00	2.00
o**Nova Scotia**, 5c (10)	1.00	.50
o 10c (12)	2.50	1.00
o**Oldenburg**, 1-10 (1)	3.00	1.00
o 1-15 (2)	10.00	4.00
o 1g (6)	7.00	2.50
o ½g (12)	50.00	16.00
o 3g (15)	60.00	25.00
***Paraguay**, 2r (2), mint	7.50	3.75
* 5 on 2r, mint	30.00	12.50
Peru, 1d (3)	3.00	1.25
o 1d (4)	15.00	7.50
o 1d (8)	7.00	3.00
o**Philippines**, 5c (1)	60.00	25.00
o**Poland** 1860, 10k (1)	10.00	5.00
***Porto Rico**, 8c yel. error (63a)	12.00	5.00
* 8m (80), ctd. W.	5.00	1.25
***P. E. I.**, 6d (3)	15.00	5.00
* 3c (13)	2.00	.75
o**Reunion**, 5c (3)	8.00	2.50
o 1fr (28)	8.00	3.00
* 50c (54)	8.00	3.00
o**Roumania**, 2p (26)	15.00	10.00
* 50b (42)	7.50	2.50
***Russia**, 5k (7)	5.00	2.50
* 30k (10)	4.00	2.00
o**St. Helena**, 6d (2)	15.00	6.00
* 1d (9)	12.00	5.00
o 1d (14)	10.00	4.00
o 2d (15)	7.00	3.00
o 5sh (26)	6.00	2.00
o**St. Lucia**, 1sh (32), fine pair	50.00	24.00
* 5sh (37)	4.00	2.00
* ½d on 3d (39)	9.00	3.50
o**St. Pierre & Miquelon**, 5 on 75c (4)	5.00	2.00
o 25c on 1fr	30.00	15.00
o 25c on 1fr	30.00	15.00
o 25c on 1fr	35.00	17.50
o 5c on 4c (10)	17.50	8.50
o**Sierra Leone**, 2d (7)	7.50	2.50
o 1sh (10a)	5.00	2.00
o**Spain**, 5c (3)	15.00	9.00
o 5r (15)	5.00	2.00
o 6r (30)	12.00	3.00
* 19c (84)	15.00	9.00
o**Tahiti**, 25c on 35c (1)	15.00	7.50
o 5c on 20c (3)	20.00	10.00
o**Transvaal**, 1d on 6d (107)	17.50	8.00
o**Trinidad**, Dues, ½d to 1sh (151-159)	6.48	2.00
o**Turkey**, Dues, 1869, 25p (1419)	unpriced	30.00
o**Two Sicilies**, 1g (11)	15.00	7.00
o 10g (5a)	6.00	3.00
o**Victoria**, £25, Melbourne Pmk.	...	5.00
o £50, Melbourne Postmark	...	5.00
o £100, Melbourne Postmark	...	5.00
***Virgin Is.**, 1d (3), o. g.	5.00	2.00

Original Covers

Here I offer an interesting side line. These are in unusually fine condition and contain many odd cancellations, unusual rates, etc. Only one of a kind in stock in most cases. I have many other similar covers at the office. At present a fine line of Mexicans is attracting attention.

U. S., 3c 1851, 10 with different postmarks	$1.50
— 3c 1857, 12 with different postmks.	1.25
— 3c 1861, 15 with different postmks.	1.25
Bavaria 1862, 12kr	3.50
Brunswick 1853, 1sg yellow	3.00
— — 2sg blue	2.50
Denmark 1864, 3sk, **Pair** on cover to **Kiel**	4.00
Ecuador 1865, 1r yellow, two pairs on cover to **Lima**	7.50
— — 1r green, two pairs on cover to **Lima**	7.50
France 1849, 10c, **No. 1**, on interesting letter	7.50
Great Britain 1840, 1d black with SUNDERLAND TOO LATE postmark on cover	3.50
— — 1841, 1d red, strip of three used together with 1sh green on cover to **New Brunswick**	3.00
Hanover 1850, 1g, **No. 1**	7.50
— 1851, 1-15th	3.50
— — 1-30th	3.50
— 1856, 1g	1.00
— — 1-15th	3.50
— — 1-30th	2.25
Malta 1863, ½d, very unusual	2.00
Mecklenburg-Schwerin 1864, 4-4s together with envelope stamp	4.00
Netherlands 1852, 5c steel blue	4.00
— — 5c, **PAIR No. 1**	2.50
— — 15c orange	5.00
— 1864, 5c and 15c on cover to Vienna	5.00
New Zealand 1862, 6d, No. 28	1.00
Oldenburg 1852, 1-30th, **No. 1**	2.00
Saxony 1851, 3sg	1.50
Schleswig-Holstein 1864, 1¼s, No. 18	1.50
— 1865, 1¼s, No. 22	2.50
Two Sicilies—Naples 1858, 2g, strip of 4	2.00
— **Sicily** 1859, 2g "Bomba"	4.50

SCANDINAVIA

Denmark 1853-7, 2sk and 16sk on piece (3, 6)	2.50
— 1863, 16sk **Rouletted** (1[illegible])	[illegible]
— 1871, 48sk (24)	5.00
— 1919, 10ö red pair, one with POSFFAERGE	2.50
— — 15ö violet pair, with error POSFFAERGE	2.50
Norway 1854, 4sk (1)	3.00
— 1856, 8sk (5), mint	7.50
— 1863, 2sk (6), unused	4.00
— 1883, 10ö green (38)	4.00
Sweden 1855, 3sk (1) un'd. Good copy	60.00
— — 3sk (1), 1871 reprint, mint and rare	10.00
— — 24sk (5), superb used copy	40.00
— 1858, 9ö (7)	3.00
— — 9ö (7), pair on piece with 20ö	7.50
— 1856, Stockholm local, black (201), mint	3.00
— 1862, Stockholm local, bistre (202), mint	4.00
— 1916, Charity, 10 and 90ö on 1kr (231), mint	6.00
— — Charity, same but superb used with red cancellation	7.50

SPECIAL

One of the finest Collections of unused **SWEDEN** in the U. S. First Issues and all three Re-issues, 19th Century major varieties complete. Splendid copy of the TRETTIO "error". Very few of the rest lacking. Condition wonderful. If interested, consult me.

TWENTIETH CENTURY

Unused stamps have full o. g. All are very fine.

	Cat.	Net
o**Angola**, 500r, 700r (51-2)	3.50	1.50
* — 115 on 150 (148), no gum	12.50	5.00
***Cayman Is.**, 10sh (48)	...	3.50
***Cuba**, 2c inverted centre (240a)	...	40.00
* — 1c on 3c, inverted surcharge (232a)	...	5.00
***Dahomey**, 1, 2, 5fr (29-30-31)	8.75	4.00
***E. Af. & U.**, 5r (53)	5.00	3.50
***Fiji**, 5sh (68)	5.00	3.50
* — 5sh (77)	7.50	4.50
* — £1 (91)	...	6.00
o**Fr. China**, dues, 5c (226)	20.00	8.00
o — — 30c (212)	15.00	6.00
o — — 15c (211)	20.00	8.00
o — — 5c (213)	25.00	10.00
o — — 30c (209)	15.00	6.00
o — — 10c (214)	12.50	5.00
* — 50c (28)	6.00	3.00
* — 5fr (31)	6.00	3.00
* — 2fr, 5fr (41-2)	8.00	4.00
***Hoihoa**, 50c (31)	7.00	2.20
***Canton**, 5c (2a)	6.00	3.00
* — 50c (30a)	6.00	3.00
* — 5fr (46)	4.50	2.00
* — 10fr (47)	7.50	3.50
***Mongtze**, 25c (7a)	8.00	3.50
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It is wrong to pretend that these issues were speculative. The information that we are privileged to publish here proves, on the contrary, that they met a real need. The Army of General Wrangel, which resisted to the last but was forced to give way before the Bolshevik forces and to evacuate the territory of the Crimea, came to Constantinople towards the end of November, 1920. The Russian refugees—about 200,000—were accommodated partly in camps in the environs of Constantinople; partly in Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, and Roumania. The Army and the officials were assembled on Gallipoli, Lemnos, Chatalja, etc.

It was expressly forbidden to leave the camps and the refugees had no means of communicating with one another. Again, they needed money to pay for the transmission of letters and 95 per cent of these unfortunates who wished to correspond with their relatives in the other camps or Balkan States, had only Denekin bank notes at their disposal.

Thus it came about that, reviving the privilege enjoyed by Russia before the War under the Capitulations, and at the instance of General Wrangel's Government a Russian post was organised in all the concentration camps, such as the Isle of Princes, Bouyouk, Diré, Sélimie (Khaidar Pacha), Canrobert, and Lemnos (Masky-Key), Bernadotte (San Stefano), Tousla 1 and 2, Térapia, Chataldja, etc., as well as in the more distant centres like Gallipoli, Lemmos and Belgrade. This latter bureau maintained a postal service for the Russians throughout Serbia and forwarded correspondence to the care of the controllers of the Russian camps in the country.

The charges were based upon the Denekin roubles in circulation at that time, viz., postcards, 1,000 roubles; ordinary letters, 5,000 roubles; registered letters, 10,000 roubles.

What stamps did they use?

From the existing stocks in the post-offices of the region occupied by the Wrangel Army, viz., South Russia, Crimea, and part of the Ukraine, a great variety of stamps were brought together in Constantinople: stamps of Russia, Denekin, Russian Levant, Ukraine, which were surcharged with a new value—this to save the expense of a special issue.

General Wrangel being opposed to the use of stamps of the Ukraine or of Soviet Russia, the first issue consisted entirely of surcharged Russian stamps, Denekin, and Russian Levant.

This first issue appeared in December, 1920, pursuant to a Government decree dated the 1st of that month. It comprised about 300,000 stamps, surcharged with the words "Post of the Russian Army" and with a new value in Denekin roubles. (We have already stated that for the most part the refugees had nothing but Denekin bank notes.) For strangers or refugees who wished to pay in other money, the following rate of exchange was fixed:—10,000 roubles=10 piastres Turkish=1 French franc=2 dinars Serbian. The application of the surcharges was made with all necessary precautions in the presence of a representative of the Government, of the Controller, and of various other functionaries. Each evening the lithographic stones were put under seal until the morrow. When the work was completed the clichés were destroyed and an affidavit of that destruction was made.

To obviate speculation and, having regard to the limited numbers of the stamps, the Government wuold not allow their sale in quantity, the Postmaster himself affixing them to letters handed in for transmission.

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The overprint of the second issue was modified to "Russian Post" in lieu of "Post of the Russian Army," the Russian Army being no longer recognised as such by the Inter-Allied authorities. The rates of postage were also increased and fixed at: Postcards, 5,000 roubles; ordinary letters, 10,000 roubles; registered letters, 20,000 roubles; in consequence of the fall of the Denekin rouble and the new rates fixed by the Congress at Madrid. The measures of control and safeguard adopted for the first issue were again employed for the second and the clichés likewise destroyed after use.

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Chapter I.

Introduction.

The country known as the Somaliland Protectorate is situated in the extreme northeast of the continent of Africa, with its coast line on the Gulf of Aden. Berbera, the chief town, is on the coast, and almost faces Aden on the other side of the gulf. For some years after Great Britain established a protectorate over this territory, the postal affairs of the country were under the administration of the Indian Government. Until 1903, Berbera was, I believe, the only town at which there was a regular post-office and this was, to all intents and purposes, treated as a unit of the Indian Postal Department.

During the period of the jurisdiction of the Indian Post Office the ordinary unsurcharged stamps of India then current were used, just as was at first the case with the protectorate established in Zanzibar. The stamps used in Somaliland can only be identified from the ordinary Indian stamps by the Berbera postmark, which consists of a large capital "B" in a circle of horizontal lines —two above, two below, and four on each side of the letter.

When the control of this territory was removed from the Indian to the Colonial Office in 1903 special stamps were deemed advisable, and, pending the preparation of a regular set, provisional issues were made by overprinting various Indian stamps with the words "BRITISH—SOMALILAND" in two lines in black, thus again following the precedent established in the case of Zanzibar.

Three distinct sets of these provisional stamps were issued in the twelve months preceding the appearance of the regular stamps. The latter were issued in 1904 and bore a portrait of King Edward VII. above the inscription "SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE". The anna values were of ordinary size and were printed on the Crown CA paper then in general use, while the rupee denominations, which were of larger format, were printed on paper watermarked Crown CC. In 1905 the anna values all appeared on the multiple Crown CA paper and in 1909 the colors of the two lowest values were changed. In 1912 some of the denominations appeared with King George's portrait, though the series was not completed until nearly seven years later. The next change occurred in 1921 when all values appeared with the new multiple Crown and script CA watermark, which had been recently introduced, and this completes the postal history of the Colony to date as regards its regular postage stamps.

The overprinted provisional stamps, like many others of a similar nature, are full of interest to the specialist owing to the number of minor varieties and errors that occur.

The whole of the overprinting was done at the Indian Government Printing Office in Calcutta, and a careful examination of the type employed shows that it is exactly the same as that used for overprinting the Indian stamps used in the Native States of Chamba, Jhind, Nabha, Patiala, etc. This fact at once accounts for the number of minor varieties, for the type employed was anything but new and the compositors were apparently not first class craftsmen. There is, I think, little doubt that all the varieties are purely accidental.

There are, as I have already pointed out, three distinct issues of these provisional stamps which will be dealt with in their proper chronological order. Before doing so, however, it will be necessary to make a few remarks regarding the two different types that are common to all the overprinted stamps of ordinary size—that is, the values from ½ anna to 1 rupee inclusive. Shortly after the stamps appeared many specialists noted that the positions of the two words "BRITISH" and "SOMALILAND" differed in relation to one another on various stamps but I believe Mr. H. W. Hawkins was the first to refer publicly to this fact in an article he contributed to the *Monthly Journal* in December, 1905. Mr. Hawkins wrote:—

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I have carefully examined a large number of single stamps, pairs, blocks and sheets and am quite unable to agree with Mr. Hawkins' measurements or descriptions of the two types. I find that in type (a) the word BRITISH is only a bare 10mm. in length and sometimes it only just measures 9¾mm; while in type (b) it is quite exceptional to find this word a full 10½mm. long. There are, at the most, only three or four stamps in each sheet with this measurement; in the majority of type (b) the word BRITISH is exactly 10¼mm. long, while in some cases it is only a bare 10mm., and in others the merest trifle over this. The position of the letter "B" in type (b) is not always above the space between the letters "OM", as stated by Mr. Hawkins, for in some cases it is nearly above the centre of the letter "O" and in others it only just projects beyond the first vertical stroke of the "M".

The following would, perhaps, be a more accurate and simpler definition of the two types:—

Type 1.—The upright stroke of the "B" in the word "BRITISH" is exactly in line with, or a trifle to the right of, the first vertical stroke of the "M" of "SOMALILAND".

Type 2.—The upright stroke of the "B" is to the left of the first vertical stroke of the "M".

These two types are, I think, of general interest for they are quite constant in their positions on certain stamps in the sheets of each of the three overprinted issues.

The type employed for this overprint is not particularly uniform nor was the printing always done as carefully as could be wished, as I have already indicated, and it therefore seems hardly worth while for even the keenest specialist to take much note of such varieties as raised and dropped letters. Except in one or two striking instances, where a letter is very much above or below the level of the others, I fear most of these are more in the nature of optical illusions than anything else. Indeed, with the aid of a good magnifying glass and a little imagination it is surprising what a number of varieties of this class one can discover! Again, most of the so-called "short" and "small" letters are hardly worthy of serious notice, for their positions seem to vary almost from sheet to sheet, and they are anything but constant in their appearance. They are mostly due to the use of poor type and careless inking—a combination that could account for almost anything in the way of surcharge varieties— and in few (if any) cases are they the result of type from a wrong font having been used.

CHAPTER II.

The First Issue.

The first issue of stamps for the Somaliland Protectorate consisted of the following Queen Victoria stamps of India overprinted at the top with "BRITISH—SOMALILAND" in two lines in black, viz.:—

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
2½ annas, ultramarine.
3 annas, brown orange.
4 annas, slate green.
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3 rupees, green and brown.
5 rupees, violet and blue.

The stamps are all perf. 14 and all except the 6 annas are watermarked with a large star. The 6 annas denomination has the elephant head watermark. All thirteen values were issued on June 1st, 1903, and on the same day the Somaliland Protectorate was admitted to the Universal Postal Union. Scott's catalogue erroneously lists this series under the date of 1902 but none of the values were placed on sale earlier than June 1st, 1903, as already stated.

All the values from the ½ anna to 1 rupee inclusive (with the exception of the 6 annas), were in large sheets of 240 stamps arranged in two panes of 120 stamps each in ten rows of twelve. The panes were placed one above the other and were separated by a narrow width of plain margin. Sufficient type was set to overprint an entire sheet of 240 stamps at one operation. The whole of the 120 stamps in the upper pane are Type 1 (as described in the preceding chapter), while in the lower pane the two types are distributed as follows:—

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

A little calculation will show, therefore, that on all the sheets of the ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8 and 12 annas and 1 rupee stamps there are 183 specimens of type 1 and 57 of type 2, roughly speaking a proportion of nearly three to one. Horizontal pairs showing the two types are scarce for, as can be determined from the above diagram, there are only seven of these in a sheet, while of vertical pairs showing the two varieties there are seventeen.

The sheets of the 6 annas stamps contained 320 specimens arranged in four panes of 80 each in ten rows of eight. The panes were arranged two above two and were divided vertically and horizontally by a strip of plain margin as follows:—

80 stamps	80 stamps
80 stamps	80 stamps

In overprinting this denominatic same type seems to have been use to fit the 6 annas sheets the four hand vertical rows of type were ren and two vertical panes could th overprinted at one operation. Thus sheet of the 6 annas value had under the printing press twice bef was completely overprinted. In ing the type to fit these sheets some was shifted a little, for the eighth in the bottom row of each on the panes is type 2 and the two type distributed in each of the lower pa follows:—

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1
1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Thus it follows that in the case 6 annas denomination there are stamps of type 1 and 70 of type each sheet, a proportion of nearly to one. An inspection of the abov gram will show that there are horizontal and four vertical pai each of the lower panes which sho two types *se-tenant*, while in each upper panes one horizontal pair sh both varieties may be found.

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We have quite a number of oddities in the grilles of 1867, '69 and '70. Double grilles on the 2, 3, 10, 12 and 15c of 1867; on the 3, 6 and 15c of 1869, marginal and double grilles on several denominations of the 1870 issues.

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12 stamps	12 stamps
12 stamps	12 stamps
12 stamps	12 stamps
12 stamps	12 stamps

I have not had the opportunity of examining entire sheets of either of these denominations but it is very probable that the full sheets of 96 stamps were overprinted at one operation. There must have been a fairly extensive rearrangement of the type to make it fit these larger stamps or entirely separate type was used for them. I am rather inclined to think the latter was the case for judging from the few singles, pairs and blocks I have seen the two types as shown on all the stamps of ordinary size do not exist. Occasional copies may be found which can possibly be classed as type 1 or type 2 but most of them appear to be indefinite. When the types can be identified on these values they are, therefore, not of the same degree of philatelic interest or importance as those on the smaller stamps.

The most interesting variety in this printing occurs on the eighteenth stamp of the upper pane on the ½, 1, 2 and 3 annas values, the second "I" of "BRITISH" being entirely omitted so that the word reads "BRIT SH". Occasionally other stamps may be found with one or both of the "I's" very faint, or only represented by a small dot, but as these are not constant and only due to defective inking of the type they are of little importance except as curiosities.

Another variety of general interest has a figure "1" instead of the first "I" in "BRITISH". This occurs on the fortieth stamp of the upper panes on all denominations except the 2, 3 and 5 rupees. Another collectible variety has a thick "D" in "SOMALILAND". This occurs on the eighth stamp in the bottom row of the upper pane and is found on all values from ½ anna to 1 rupee inclusive. Possibly it is due to a worn or damaged letter but it is easily identified and occurs constantly right through the printing.

There is, too, a prominent if minor variety having a pear-shaped dash about 1mm. long, level with the top of the "H" of "BRITISH" and exactly above the "D" of "SOMALILAND". This occurs in the top panes—I am not sure of its position—of all values from ½ anna to 1 rupee inclusive.

On the first stamp in the lower panes of the ½, 1, 2, 2½ and 3 annas values the "S" of "SOMALILAND" is generally considerably below the level of the other letters in that word, while on the eighth stamp of the bottom row of the same pane the "S" of "SOMALILAND" is so badly battered that it usually fails to print at all.

The above varieties are the only ones that seem to show with any regularity throughout the printing, but there are of course many others with short and small "I's", "A's", "N's" and "L's," dropped and raised letters, slightly wider spaced letters, broken letters, etc., which may appeal to some extreme specialists. These all appear to be due to defective press work and as they do not appear in the same positions on each sheet or on every sheet of any particular denomination, but are simply peculiar to an isolated sheet here and there, they are, I think, hardly of sufficient merit to warrant special listing.

Three errors are known in this issue, the 12 annas and 3 rupees both existing with inverted overprint and the 2 annas being known with double overprint.

According to *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* the following are the total numbers issued of the stamps of this series:—

½ anna	200	sheets	or	48,000	stamps
1 "	200	"	"	48,000	"
2 annas	200	"	"	48,000	"
2½ "	200	"	"	48,000	"
3 "	200	"	"	48,000	"
4 "	200	"	"	48,000	"
6 "	100	"	"	32,000	"
8 "	100	"	"	24,000	"
12 "	100	"	"	24,000	"
1 rupee	100	"	"	24,000	"
2 rupees	50	"	"	4,800	"
3 "	50	"	"	4,800	"
5 "	50	"	"	4,800	"

If these numbers are correct and there is no reason to doubt their accuracy it would appear that present catalogue values of these stamps, especially the 2, 3 and 5 rupees, are ridiculously inadequate. As a matter of fact the actual numbers sold were less than these quantities as reference to the chapter dealing with the remainders will show.

(To be continued.)

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By Lowell J. Ragatz.

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There are four brothers, Bela, Geza, Eugen and Franz. Bela Szekula was a leading Hungarian dealer at the outbreak of the war, when he transferred his business to Lucerne. For some time he engaged chiefly in a wholesale business. More lately he has specialized in the sale of rarities and of large collections. He is absent from Lucerne most of the time, visiting philatelic centers. He is a frequent visitor to America, and many of the large collections offered by American stamp firms within the past few years have been purchased from him. One New York dealer alone purchased thirty such collections of him on a recent trip.

Mr. Geza Szekula and Mr. Eugen Szekula are now engaged in the stamp business on their own accounts. The youngest brother, Franz, has been in America for two years and has lately opened an office.

Both Messrs. Bela and Geza Szekula were out of town on business at the time of my visit to Lucerne. The latter's office was in charge of an efficient French manager. A number of lady assistants were engaged in making up approval selections.

I found Mr. Eugen Szekula at home in his picturesque villa far up in the hills overlooking the city and lake. It is reached by climbing a steep and narrow roadway leading through English gardens. Mr. Szekula is a distinguished looking gentleman in the prime of life. His home is most luxurious. He is himself a collector of art objects, and Italian Renaissance furniture, paintings, a choice library in de luxe bindings, porcelain and gold and silver statues, lace-work of exquisite design and a cabinet of medals, miniatures and ivory carvings garnered from the corners of Europe during extensive travels, reveal the good tastes of their owner.

Mr. Szekula is somewhat of a linguist. He was in New York at the time of the philatelic exposition and learned English then. We conversed in German for the most part, however. According to him, there are more collectors in little Switzerland than in the whole United States. There may not be so many outstanding great collections, but there are very many fine ones. Swiss collectors are not in the habit of spending large amounts at one time. but will buy 20 to 40 francs worth a sending, regularly, year in, year out.

On the whole, the stamp business in Switzerland is carried on by mail. The Swiss collectors are very honest—there is very seldom any trouble in regard to sendings. The European collectors know their stamps better than Americans do. Also, they seem to get more pleasure from them. This is probably due, thinks Mr. Szekula, to the fact that so many Americans regard collecting as a form of investment rather than as a hobby. There is nothing corresponding to the finding of several hundred 5c 1847 in one collection, for example.

The Swiss collectors prefer used to unused stamps, with the result that the latter are rather unsalable. Unless a stamp is cancelled, collectors suspect its genuineness, with the result that cancelled to order goods are a regular part of every dealer's stock. Collectors fail to realize that a postmark is not a sign of a stamp having done actual service, or that in the case of rare used items, the postmark can be easily faked by unscrupulous dealers.

Mr. Szekula says that the market in Europe is at present freer from counterfeits than it has been for some decades, but that never before was there such a flood of skilfully repaired stamps. Most of these seem to emanate from Germany, where dealers in general are refusing to sell their best wares. These repaired stamps are offered in every way, even in "old" collections, made up for the express purpose of working off seconds and thirds put into A1 condition. The work on these items is so well done that close examination only reveals their true nature. The honest European dealers are much concerned with this matter.

Mr. Szekula is of the opinion that American dealers do not devote as much time to their business as most European dealers do. He says that he is frequently at his desk at 7 in the morning, and certainly by 8, whereas he knows from personal experience and from the later reports of his brothers that American dealers can seldom be found in by 10.

A small dealer is located in the heart of the tourist quarter in Lucerne. His specialty is collections of Swiss stamps made up for visiting foreigners and sold at prices which exceed catalogue. Another practice of his is pricing stamps at Yvert's (in French francs) and marking the net price in Swiss francs, apparently big discount, but actua more than catalogue, exchange sidered. This same dealer offers value British colonials with black tax cancellations as postally used Similarly, he offers Egyptian and B high values with custom house and graph cancellations respectively postal cancellation prices.

Maison Moosmann, with a shop the American Express Company, o as such a set of fac-simile large U States Newspaper stamps that I never seen before. The 5c was in the 10c in yellow, and the 25c in and orange red. The price for t was but 3 francs, which is extr low as those who have tried to such items for reference or cur collections can testify.

"When you hear of Zurich, thi Edouard Locher". Readers of WEEKLY have become very familiar Mr. Locher's advertisements feat war stamps and the celebrated L war stamp catalogue. Arriving Zurich, therefore, my first objectiv his office. In vain did I look "Avenue de la Garre" in my Baed and in a city guide. There simpl no street bearing such a name. I set out for a walk, and leaving my turned into the first main thorough saw. I noticed the name, "Bah strasse". The mystery was solved, on the much-looked for Avenue Garre, bearing its name in the or German.

Bahnhofstrasse is one of the arteries of the city, leading fron central station to the Zuricherse which passenger boats ply at re intervals, carrying passengers bou or from the Engadine country, which my ancestral home is locate is the local Nassau Street, for on found no less than four important houses, Edouard Locher, E. L Edelmann et Cie., A. Glaettli, and Saner.

Mr. Locher has a large and lighted office comprising several r on the second floor of a modern building, overlooking Bahnhofst His force includes several young and two men, one of whom speaks eral languages. The latter had ju turned to Zurich from a business for the firm to Barcelona, Spain. conversed with me in English. He tioned that one of his duties is to pr

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EKLY ad copy, and he showed me a ng booklet covering the advertising d in the WEEKLY from the first one. Locher is himself a young-look- and extremely cordial man. Al- h he was in the midst of the ing rush of answering correspond- he showed me about the office and ered my numerous questions on the situation in great detail.

he WEEKLY is a fine paper, both the reading and advertising point iew. We have built up a large ican business through the use of lumns," he said.

Locher has what is without ques- he largest stock of war stamps in orld. He showed me a large cup- , safe and trunk filled with stacks eets.

is is only a small part of what ave," he said. "It is what we carry nd for the purpose of filling orders. ave 20,000 and 25,000 copies of varieties, and of course we carry of this as reserve stock. If we ll our stock here the place would cluttered up with piles of sheets we couldn't walk around. I'd have e to be 125 years old if I were to ny present stock myself. I guess ave to leave a lot to my children, ey'll have plenty to leave to theirs," id with a chuckle.

ong the items I noted were huge es of Belgien on Germany sur- es, Austria, Hungary, Poland, and enstein issues. One box contained each cancelled to order on cover f Poland on Germany and certain sian issue sets.

ile there are immense lots of cer- entral-European issues in existence, tamps as a whole, in Mr. Locher's n, are one of the best investments sle. There have been some un- ary issues and certain countries' ions are tainted by speculation, but by far of the war issues were is- to meet legitimate postal needs and unnecessary numbers. The com- stamps brighten boys' approval ions and enable them to form at- ve collections at small cost. Their is infinitely higher than that of Seebecks which most present-day tors once gloried in. As for the majority of war issues, there are no great reserve stocks of them and such as are being held are rapidly being absorbed. The great drop in the catalogue prices of many issues two years ago was due to the fact that supplies were long kept off the market artificially. Many issues are priced too low at present, and an upward trend has already begun. Stanley Gibbons' decision to catalogue late enemy issues has brought a flood of orders from English dealers.

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Mr. Locher characterized business conditions as "never being better." During the war, allied dealers resorted to Switzerland for their Neurope issues and *vice versa.* The stamp business boomed. Directly after Armistice Day came the flood of German wholesale offers which left many a dealer with drawers filled with unsolicited goods which had not been accompanied by return postage charges. For a time, Swiss dealers suffered from a period of depression, but between the clearing out of the greater part of German holdings and the adoption of the habit of quoting in dollar prices on the part of German sellers, the Swiss stocks remain the largest in existence and the prices are considerably below the German ones. The result has been a renewed boom.

There are few auctions in Switzerland, says Mr. Locher, because Swiss collectors distrust items sold in that way. The last sale was held two years ago, at the time of the international dealers' conference. That sale was largely a wholesale one, with the Zumstein Company which held it disposing of the German colonial issues remainders in lots up to 15,000 of a variety.

Mr. Locher remarked, also, on the great number of counterfeit Russian, Azerbaijan, and Batoum issues now being offered from Hamburg, where they are made for the trade. Sample lots have been sent him on numerous occasions, and he understood that considerable quantities had been placed in Paris, London, and New York. He spoke also of the greatly increased number of repaired stamps on the market. They seem to come from a common source, as the repair work is all of the same nature.

The E. Luder-Edelmann Company has offices on the same floor as Mr. Locher. A choice lot of rarities, especially early European issues, is generally carried on hand. At the time of my call, stock was rather low, as Mr. Luder had just returned from a nine-week business trip to America where he had left the greater part of the lot of choice goods he had crossed with, behind him.

Ernst Saner has two offices, one in Zurich and the other in Berne. I visited both. The former is a large front office overlooking Bahnhofstrasse and directly above the local American Express Company office. A specialty of this firm is Swiss stamps, wholesale and retail. The stock is highly specialized, and scores of unfamiliar varieties greeted my eyes. Perforation and paper differences which pass wholly unnoticed in the States are carefully considered, with the result that a complete collection of even the commoner varieties is a difficult one to form. At the Berne office, I saw cancelled sheets of the high franc values. These stamps are cancelled in that form and given as receipts at the time publishers pay for the mailing of papers or magazines. A large lot of the two series of League of Nations surcharges was being prepared for export. These items are procurable in Geneva, but foreign dealers have, in general, not known how to get them direct and have, therefore, relied upon Swiss wholesalers for their supplies.

Zumstein and Company are, probably, the largest Swiss stamp firm. Although their name is scarcely known to collectors across the Atlantic, this is due to the fact that they have done little foreign retail selling. As wholesalers, however, they are well known. Two years ago, they placed one of the largest lots of government remainders ever handled by a dealer, the Berlin stock of mint German colonials. Their European catalogue is the standard Swiss catalogue for those stamps, and their house-organ is one which might well be read with great profit by the American collector who is seeking superb copies of classics and is willing to pay the prices such goods command.

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The conventions at Washington are considered rightly the most important events of the current philatelic year and we are sure that the annual meetings of the largest dealers' association and of the greatest collectors' society will be conducive of better things for philately. The progress of the A. P. S. and the A. S. D. A. will be at an accelerated pace now that the last vestiges of provincialism that have been adhering to philately in this country are crumbling away. It is something of a privilege to have a hand in shaping philatelic legislation in America through the acts of the convention and no one who has a message that is at all in keeping with reason is turned away unheard. Washington, too, will furnish an entertainment that cannot be duplicated in certain of its significances, anywhere else. We are glad to ballyhoo for the conventions as they are our annual demonstrations of strength and stamina.

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From Mr. J. B. Parker of Regina, Canada, we have received a copy of the Regina *Daily Post* for June 25th, in which mention is made of a forthcoming stamp for Canada of the denomination of one dollar. The post office bulletin issued from Ottawa says that the new stamp will be ready about the first of July. The stamp will be printed in red and will be of the same design of the other stamps of the current set. We notice in the Regina *Daily Post* of a few days before a happily conceived sketch of that loyal collector, Mr. J. B. Parker of Regina, whose birthday is that of the Prince of Wales, June 23rd; and with this sentimental basis, an appreciative biography is given of Mr. Parker, who indeed qualifies as a patriot and a pioneer while we all know of his sterling qualities as a philatelist.

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For some weeks a clipping of two columns' length from a Kitchener, Canada, newspaper, has been lying on our desk and it is time that we made use of it, inasmuch as it tells of a valiant philatelic heart that showed its ruling passion, strong in death. There died recently in Kitchener a collector named Paul Pequegnat, who followed the trade of jeweler. His bedroom was papered with stamps chiefly of Canadian issues, to the number of about seventy thousand. However, the wall-paper was in the nature of a duplicate collection as Mr. Pequegnat had a good collection of stamps, including some of the more desirable issues, but what impresses us most is that when "during his fatal illness, his friends wished to move him to their homes or to the hospital, he insisted on staying with his stamps saying, that if death should come, he wanted to be with his stamps when it came." We are quite ready to believe that this account of extreme devotion to stamps is not stretching the truth as we could cite examples of similar depth of interest in stamps shown by collectors. Indeed, with all our experience to fall back on, we are astounded occasionally to see how strong the philatelic thrall is. Stamps engage the thoughts of a collector's waking hours and are the subject of his dreams at night; and he may be said to live for stamps. It is easily understood how such a collector would not care to be parted from his stamps in the hours of his impending dissolution.

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We have received a number of proxies from members of the American Philatelic Society for use at the Washington convention; and one member asks that we bring before the convention the suggestion that the A. P. S. plan the basis for a history of philately in America. Twenty-five years ago we outlined how a history of the kind should be written and at times since then we have reverted to the subject. We do not think that the A. P. S. need give serious attention to this enterprise as there is work nearer at hand to engage its endeavors. So long as there is opportunity for practical work connected with the present to take advantage of, the national society may plead more pressing engagements. We think that the history when it comes will be a sort of inspirational work and that some one will arise to start the movement by dedicating himself to it. We think that the local societies in the larger cities might well devote themselves to the task of preserving local philatelic history by making it a matter of record, private or public.

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The reference to the business card of Mason & Wells in the issue of June 30th, caught the eye of several old collectors who find it no feat to remember back over fifty years; and they are not grey-beards, either. The plastic mind of youth retains philatelic memories indelibly, especially when the impressions were received at a period when stamps were found only in covert places and not on the open road, as today. Mr. Mason of Mason & Wells published *Mason's Monthly Coin and Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, which existed from 1867 to 1871; the first two volumes were published by Mason and Wells and the subsequent volumes by Mason and Company. Mr. Mason of Philadelphia was more of a coin man than philatelist, but even so, it is not to be said that his liking for stamps was merely a mercantile one. He loaned a human quality to his editorship and for some time he was in quest of a stamp editor for his paper. In time, Mr. Mason secured the services of L. W. Durbin, who later became one of the best dealers of his day; and it was his large catalogue issued about 1888 that first listed watermarks in this country. Speaking of old philatelic business "cards" we might add that we have a sticker in a fourth edition Gray's c logue, 1866, that represents ano Philadelphia institution: "From A. Kline, Dealer in American and For Postage and Despatch Stamps, Coins Medals, and Continental Paper Mo 824 Walnut Street, Phil'a, Pa." K may have been Philadelphia's ear dealer.

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Our correspondent was right in ing that the postal department cont plated the issue of a special deli envelope and he has sent us the offi reference to the subject. We certa cannot object to an accommodation of kind although as we have said we first place to the registered envelope special paper as a necessity. We with favor on the evident desire of postal administration to make its ser a superior one by furnishing all latest improvements for patrons.

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We have always entertained the h that some day we should find in an book that we were fingering in a bo store or elsewhere, a stamp stock more or less value, remembering that by-gone days a book was considere rather good repository for unused stan Many times we thumbed the pages o book expectantly for a row of unu stamps or an old cover or envelope use a bookmark, only to hug a vain delusi

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comes a friend with the statement he discovered between the pages of d book, a block of six of the three of 1851, which yielded a good block ur, albeit gum-spotted a bit, as two e stamps at the outer edge were frayed. Instead of thanking the for their favor, he tantalizes him- y regretting that the stamps were f the 1847 issue. The stamps were old volume of Pope, which because fine leather binding, cost $1.50 at ok mart. We forbore to question nder as to whether he called the ion of the bookseller to the rs.

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have been informed by Mr. R. J. that the first issue of the Iowa tte stamps has been replaced by a issue; and he understands that will be a new issue each year. We se that if the state tax stamps be- more numerous they will have a eed of attention from collectors.

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ADMIRAL A. G. WINTERHALTER.

A portrait of the late Admiral Albert G. Winterhalter painted by Percy Ives was recently placed on exhibition at the Detroit Museum of Art. It will later be given by the family to the Winterhalter School, located at the corner of Broad St. and Cortland Av. Admiral Winterhalter was a native of Detroit and according to the Detroit *Free Press* attained a rank in the navy "equaled only by Admiral Dewey. He took part in the Spanish War, arranged the naval share of the transfer of Hawaiian sovereignty to the United States and was the only foreign naval representative at the accession of the Emperor of Japan".

Admiral Winterhalter was known as an ardent philatelist and died in 1920. His cut published herewith was obtained by courtesy of Herman W. Boers from the Detroit *Abend Post*.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Cards are out announcing the marriage of the well-known Washington dealer C. E. Nickles. The happy event took place June 27 at Washington, D. C. The congratulations of the WEEKLY are extended.

—The second annual convention of the Precancel Stamp Society will be held at Washington, D. C., the 17th and 18th of August.

—We have received a new advertising cancellation from Helena, Mont., reading "National Forests Are For Use". Thanks to A. A. Wasserscheid.

—Karl Hennig, the Weimar dealer, has sent us a commemorative medal just issued by Germany in the interests of the occupied Ruhr District. It is evidently being distributed for the purpose of raising funds for the benefit of the population. The portrait on the medal is that of the German minister, von Stein, who is well known for his connection with the German cause during the first French occupation following the French Revolution in 1793.

—We have received from M. Garcia of Dayton, Ohio, a letter expressing great satisfaction with the manner in which he has been treated by the Philatelic Stamp Agency at Washington.

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—Harold H. Shepard has purchased the stamp business of E. T. Putnam of Amherst. Mr. Putnam is engaged in business in other directions and will not now be able to give attention to stamps. Mr. Shepard has built up quite a reputation for business integrity and we wish him all success in his future business operations.

—"Regarding the two articles which have appeared in MEKEEL'S lately about carbon tetrachloride. Here is my experience with procuring it and maybe it will help someone else from having to go to two or three stores before they get it. I went to two drug stores and they did not keep it in stock on account of its not keeping over thirty days and not having much demand for it; the third drug store had it under the trade name of "Carbona Cleaning Fluid" and the price was 30c for four ounces. I tried it out and it sure brought out the watermarks and the odor was not quite as bad as I was led to believe by Mr. Dietz's article."—P. SHORT.

COUNT THEM.

It will require 354,388,000 envelopes to enclose the mail of the government next year, and, as an indication of what these figures mean, the post-office department announced today that a contract had been let for 140,000,000 official envelopes for that department alone at a cost of $178,061. The purchase of envelopes for the government is centralized in the post-office department for purposes of economy.—*Newspaper.*

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HANDLE WITH CARE.

I wonder if your eagle eye discovered the following reference to our beloved hobby on page 485 of the May issue of the *National Geographic Magazine* under an article entitled "At the Tomb of Tutankhamen?" Here it is:

"On Monday, the day after the official opening, I entered the tomb, with the first small group of correspondents. It was a stamp collector in Beirut who made me understand the precautions taken by the excavators on the first day when the inner opening was revealed to the correspondents. I started to pick up one of his treasures in my bare hand and he almost cried with pain. He quickly passed me some delicate tweezers with which I could examine the stamp at leisure. He realized that I could not understand his case, but he forced me to be careful."

Every collector of stamps will appreciate the above situation. I dare say each of us has had a similar experience. The author of the story is Mr. Maynard Owen Williams and I consider his reference quite a compliment to the stamp collector. I have always maintained that aside from the educational value of stamp collecting, it teaches one to be careful, neat and systematic.

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UNITED STATES.—The "Monthly Supplement" to the *Postal Guide* issued by the Post Office Department is fast becoming a regular magazine with its heart interest stories, jokes and the like.

> "When great King George ruled o'er this land,
> This land of you and me,
> Ben Franklin was our postmaster;
> A patriot was he.
> The mails were used to bear the word:
> 'We'll Freedom's standard rise.'
> The King got mad, but the folks were glad,
> In old Ben Franklin's days."

This, we are told, is a stanza of a popular song introduced by the American teachers in the Eskimo colony at Point Barrow, the jumping off place of farthest north Alaska, within the Arctic Circle. From this point mail is carried to the extreme northern points by Ned Nushunginya, who covers the six hundred and fifty miles of icy Arctic coast via dog team.

Another article is devoted to the philatelic exhibit of the United States Government made up for the International affair at London and this is illustrated by a photograph of the exhibit with Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General, alongside.

Stamp collectors will also be interested in a very unusual story dealing with the American Mails in 1773 as taken from the diary of Hugh Finlay, Deputy Postmaster General of Canada.

On the morning of September 13, 1773, Finlay with a small party set out from Quebec to blaze a postal trail and make a survey of the established routes and post-offices of the thirteen American colonies. Finlay kept a daily journal of his entire trip from Quebec to Savannah and this, from which the *Guide* makes various quotations, presents a graphic picture of the postal service in America on the eve of the Revolution.

The old post route map used by Finlay, and said to be the earliest known map of the post roads in the United States, illustrates the article.

We are also told that Mr. Walter B. Wisely, the last American Expeditionary Force Postal Agent to leave Europe, is home and that he closed office No. 927 at Coblenz, Germany, when the American troops left. This was the last of ten American Post Offices on German soil.

Many other short notes of interest to the postal service in addition to new rules and regulations are to be found in the "Supplement" for June, 1923.

A special notice sent out by the department to the press states that for 62 years the Post Office Department has carried on its books a debit of nearly forty thousand dollars charged against four Southern cities—New Orleans, Savannah, Galveston and Little Rock. There seems to be no hope of wiping out these debts and they probably will be carried on indefinitely, or until Congress sees fit to charge them to profit and loss.

Every time a balance is struck and every time the Postmaster General issues his annual report the entries must be taken into consideration to make the account balance. So old has the account become and so accustomed have the post-office clerks become to taking it into consideration that it was difficult to find the proper explanation. At last one was discovered familiar with its history.

In 1861, he said, Confederate forces took possession of Federal postal funds at these four cities in the amounts detailed in the notice. In 1912 legislation was offered in Congress to have the accounts wiped from the books. An amendment, however, was accepted providing that the books should be kept open so that the money could be received in the event it was offered. The amendment had the effect of nullifying the bill so the accounts are still carried on the books. In other words, Congress tells the department to wipe it off the books and then tells them to still keep it open. I wonder what the thought in the mind of the Congressman who offered the amendment happened to be. Did he think that the Confederate government would some day have sufficient funds to pay the account?

We wish to thank Dr. George Hetrick, Mr. Leslie P. Bigelow and Mr. E. S. Ward for notes of interest.

BRITISH GUIANA.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts a copy of the 72c on script watermarked paper.

CANADA.—Mr. A. A. Wasserscheid reports the 3c brown King George stamp has just been received in imperforate condition.

FIUME.—The *Bulletin Mensuel* reports the 60c carmine and the 2L blue in a new design of Special Delivery stamps. They are oblong in shape and have "Poste di Fiume" at the top with "Espresso" at the base. The stamps are perf. 11.

IRELAND.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us a copy of the 1sh, Sword of Light design, in blue. The watermark and perforation are as before.

IRAQ.—Two ladies, it appears, are responsible for the designs of the striking series of Iraq "definitives," *i.e.*, Miss Edith Cheesman for the ½, 1, 4, 6 and 8 annas, and 2, 5 and 10 rupees, and Mrs. Colin C. Garbett for the 1½, 2 and 3 annas (the latter not yet issued) and the 1 rupee, "Serpents and Tree of Life." Miss Cheesman called at the offices of *Stamp Collecting* the other day. Mrs. Garbett is the wife of the political secretary to Sir Percy Cox (High Commissioner for Mesopotamia), and is related, we believe, to the Bishop of Southwark.

The 1 rupee was typographed and the others engraved and printed by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd.—*Stamp Collecting.*

KEDAH.—A Singapore subscriber, Mr. G. Armstrong, writes that he has the 50c on $2 (1919) with the "c" omitted and inserted *by hand*. This, he says, is very noticeable "because it is a bit lower than the other four letters in 'Cents'"; it apparently occurs once in a sheet, in the bottom row—5th stamp.—*Stamp Coll ing.*

LIECHTENSTEIN.—Although it is g erally held that issues other than th with portrait of "Prince" John are product of a commercial syndicate, Denton Hepworth has shown us a p ally used pair of the 20rp, purple black ("Fuerstentum, Liechtenstein —*Stamp Collecting*

LUXEMBURG.—We are advised by Henry Hooreman that the new 3fr sta now in preparation promises to be more handsome than the 1, 2 and values. The shade is not yet decided but perhaps it will be a pale green will be made in Austria.

MEXICO.—The *Bulletin Mensuel* nounces the appearance of the 20c in the new series.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—M. Champion ports the following:—1½ tanga ol green, 2½ tanga blue-green, 8 tanga brown, 1 rupee brown, 2 rupees yell 3 rupees blue-green, 4 rupees blue an rupees rose.—*Stamp Collecting.*

SPANISH COLONIES.—A local jour *La Accion*, gives particulars and illus tions of some striking new stamps being printed at the Madrid M Guinea, Morocco, and Rio de Oro, cluding, for the former colony, a W African warrior standing outside his and a native canoe putting off fro creek, for Morocco a Moorish r'Kass postal courier and, for Rio de Oro, Arab and camel gazing over the Sah —*Stamp Collecting.*

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ew material for Philatelic Libraries, ch was very much interferred with he World War, has during the last e years been making up for lost time, cially in separate works. Germany England are responsible for most of e.

he two books that I wish to draw tion to have just been published:

) "The Postage Stamps of Great ain 1840-1922. Illustrated." By Sid- A. R. Oliver, Hon. Secretary Tor- Philatelic Society, Member London p Club, etc., and F. Hugh Vallancey, ident London Stamp Club, Member cutive Committee, Philatelic Con- s of Great Britain, etc. Published he Office of *Stamp Collecting,* 89 ingdon Street, Ludgate Circus, Lon- E. C. 4. 1923. (All rights reserved.) pp., 8¾x5½ in., three editions: Regular Edition, bound brown , price ?; (2) Subscribers' ion, 100 copies printed, signed by Vallancey, bound in ½ morocco and (red), price 1/1/-; (3) Authors' leaved Edition, 10 copies printed, as Subscribers' Ed. with inter- s.

e first reference on all the stamps reat Britain was published in 1881; Postage and Telegraph Stamps of t Britain (with upwards of 100 trations)." By Frederick A. Phil- and William A. S. Westoby, is and ys will be a mine of information will always be of use in the com- g of articles on Great Britain ps to date of publication. The sec- work, "A History of the Adhesive ps of the British Isles Available for al and Telegraph Purposes (With ve Plates of Photo-Mezzotype trations and Twenty-six Plates of rams.)" Compiled from Official ces by Hastings E. Wright and A. reeke, Jr., published in 1899, by The telic Society, London (now The l Philatelic Society) is of course greatest authority. A Supplement ared in 1903. Besides these two s there are two others which are ast word upon the issues of which treat: "The Line-Engraved Post- Stamps of Great Britain Printed By ins Bacon & Co." By Edward y Bacon, in two volumes, published 920; and "Plating of the Penny Postage Stamp of Great Britain, With a description of each indi- l stamp, etc." By Charles Nissen d Bertram McGowan, 1922. Besides there are many smaller handbooks r the beginner or medium collector iled by Messrs. Fred. J. Melville, Vard, Stanley Phillips, etc.

is latest work besides being right up to date is unique in having bibliographical notes after each section and for that reason will always be a standard reference work. The ignoring of giving a bibliography of the works consulted in compilation of our greatest reference books has been a serious draw-back in the past, but I think that the future will tell a different story. The list of Contents in this new handbook on the stamps of Great Britain is by far the best review that can be given, so here it is:

Section I.—A Brief Outline of Postal History prior to 1840. Table of Inland Postal Charges, 1635 to 1922. Bibliography. The Mulready Envelopes and Letter Sheets. Bibliography.

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Section X.—*Overprinted for use Abroad.* Introduction. British Bechuanaland. British East Africa. Cyprus. Irish Free State. Levant. Morocco Agencies. Nauru. Oil River Protectorate. Zululand.

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(2) "Phantom Philately. A descriptive List of Stamps that are not what they seem." By Fred. J. Melville, President of the Junior Philatelic Society. London: MCMXXIII. The Philatelic Institute, 26 Plumstead High Street, London. 204 pp., 7-⅜x4-⅞in., bound in brown cloth, price, 8/0.

Mr. Melville has given us many handbooks on stamps but he has never published a more important work than this. Anyone who is familiar with the contents of *Stamp Collectors' Magazine,* of Bath (1863-74); *Philatelist,* of Brighton (1867-76); *Timbre-Post,* of Brussels (1863-1900); and many of the later magazines, find chronicled and illustrated many stamps which are not mentioned in the catalogues of today because they were altogether bogus or of official or private speculation. In almost all old time Collections are found some of these impostors. Also the best authorities have been deceived and certain of these stamps have been chronicled and catalogued. A few of these are: Bolivia Railway Issue, 1892; Bokhara, 1886; Brunei, 1894; Clipperton Island, 1895; Confederate States: Blockade Stamp, C. S. of A. Postage; Buck's Richmond Express, Richmond City-Post, Magic Letter Express (Richmond), Charleston P. O. (Fort Sumter), etc.; Counani 1887 & 1893; Formosa; Franz-Joseph Land 1874; Greenland 1905-16; Ireland; Labrador 1908; Moresnet 1867, 1886; Nova Potuca, 1893; Sedang 1889; Trinidad (Principality of) 1894. This book describes and illustrates many such stamps with bibliographic notes and will be found of the greatest benefit to all collectors. My advice is add it to your library at once.

WILLIAM R. RICKETTS.

COUNTRIES PLAN EXHIBITIONS.

Czechoslovakia and Austria Announce Events for This Summer.

American postage stamp collectors who did not win gold medals in the recent international exhibition at London will have an opportunity to try for honors in two other international exhibitions recently announced for European countries. The first will be held at Brunn, in Czechoslovakia, from Aug. 5 to 15, and the second in Vienna from Sept. 1 to 9. The Czechoslovakian philatelic exposition will be the first of the kind ever held in that country. Dr. T. G. Masaryk, President of the republic, who recently has been very ill, is one of the honorary officers of the exhibition, and an elaborate prospectus has been received by several dealers and collectors in this country.

The Vienna exhibition is attracting more attention from American philatelists, and to show their appreciation of the enterprise of the Austrian philatelists in attempting to hold an international stamp exhibition in view of the financial distress of the country, the Directors of the Collectors' Club of this city have offered a gold medal for one of the leading awards, and several members have subscribed a fund, which will soon be sent to the officials of the exhibition. The American Stamp Dealers' Association has also appropriated $100 toward the expenses.

An invitation has been extended to J. Murray Bartels to represent this country as a delegate, but he said yesterday that it was doubtful if he could attend. This will be the first international stamp exhibition held in Vienna since 1911, when a very successful event was held, to which several of the leading American collectors sent valuable exhibits. Among them were Charles Lathrop Pack, who won three gold medals; Mr. Bartels, who won a gold medal with his fine Philippines, including all of the early issues, and H. J. Crocker of California, who won a gold medal for his magnificent collection of early Hawaiian stamps. Mr. Pack won several medals in the late London exhibition, including a grand championship.

Vienna has always been one of the great stamp centres of Europe and before the war it boasted of a coterie of philatelists who not only had splendid collections but whose scientific study of stamps and postal history contributed materially to the literature of philately. The preliminary announcement of the September international exhibition shows that no less than sixty-eight sections for various countries and rarities have been provided for exhibits and awards.

Many of the best postage stamps sold last month in Paris at the seventh auction session of the Ferrary collection were purchased by American collectors and will soon be in this country. The highest price paid for a single specimen in the June sale was 128,075 francs, including the French auction tax, for a copy of the rare Hawaii 2 cents, 1851, type II, but slightly defective. The price is equivalent to about $8,200, and it is reported that Alfred F. Lichtenstein of this city, who was a medal winner in the recent London international exhibition, was the buyer.

A hitherto unknown Confederate States postmaster provision issue in the town of Unionville, S. C., was acquired for an American collector for $1,200. There were two of the stamps on the original envelope, very crudely printed, with a hand-stamped figure "5." The letter was addressed to Colonel William Gist at Centreville, Va. So far as known this is a unique specimen. An American philatelist paid $2,400 for a tetebeche pair of the 1 peso, Buenos Aires, 1858. Until discovered in the Ferrary collection it had never been known that such a variety existed.

Good prices were obtained for copies of the rare inverted 1869 United States issue. The 15-cent stamp, unused, brought $1,360 and the 30-cent stamp $2,300.

The sale was notable for the large number of fine old South Australians and many of the best specimens went to English collectors. The South Australia lot brought a total of $16,600. The entire sale realized about $110,000, bringing the total for the seven Ferrary sessions to more than $1,000,000. Another sale will be held in October or November, the feature of which will be the Great Britain collection.—*N. Y. Times.*

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Now it happened at one of our meetings, Tomkins, one of our most distinguished members, had waxed eloquent and wrathful about what he termed the universal decadence of the postage stamp.

"Compare," he said, "the current issue of the average European country and its issue in the 'eighties. Look at Hungary—could anything be more unsuitable for a postage stamp than a view of two peasants cutting corn? And why this mania for agricultural themes? Why must that ubiquitous 'sower' flaunt himself on half the new stamps in our albums? A State that adds to these 'sower' atrocities ought to be put under the ban of the League of Nations! Symbolism is all right, but it is out of place on a postage stamp, and anyway there is no room for it."

"But all new issues don't have this symbolic stuff," someone objected. "Look at the new issue of L—— for instance. They are plain enough—a pink square of paper with a plain black figure in the middle. What do you think of them?"

A general chorus of candid disapproval arose, until it was remembered that a citizen of this erring State was present, a Mr. Raymond, who was visiting our town on business, and, being an ardent philatelist, had accepted an invitation to our gathering.

He did not take our comments in ill-part however. "I know they are plain," he remarked in the tone of one used to making the admission.

"It is not that they are plain, sir," replied Tomkins. "It is that they are no design at all. Anyone with some red and black ink could forge one in two minutes."

"There is a story attached to that issue," M. Raymond remarked, "which if you would care to listen I will narrate to you. You know, of course, that my countrymen are admittedly a very artistic people. You can imagine, therefore, how severely the old issue, which was designed over forty years ago, was criticised by the advanced schools of art in the Capital. You can imagine also how keen was the interest when it was announced that there was to be a new issue, and that a public competition would be held for the new design."

"You went from the frying-pan into the fire," interrupted the reactionary Tomkins.

"It was announced also that a certain very illustrious personage had himself decided to judge the designs entered. Pretty well everybody who claimed to be anything in the artistic world, entered—even old Blanque. You have heard of him perhaps. Once he was a famous artist, but now he is looked upon as a mere relic of the past. And the reason for this is that when he paints a flock of sheep they represent sheep only, and the shepherd driving them does not represent 'Death' or 'Human Progress' or anything like that, but is just a shepherd. No wonder the Symbolists and Impressionists laughed at him. All he says is that he is too old to change, and that he can only paint things as they are. A few days before the exhibition he came to me looking pale and worried.

"'It is that infernal new postage stamp,' he replied, in answer to my questions. 'I lie awake at night and yet can think of no design. Cannot you think of something original?'

"'A Sower,' I suggested.

"He made a gesture of despair. 'Bruhl has thirty art students,' he said, 'and everyone of them is entering a "Sower" or a "Ploughman." I thought of entering the National Arms as a design.'

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"'It is very good,' he remarked, 'but a trifle crowded. What is this derrick on the left?'

"'That is the Goddess of Prosperity holding out the Branch of Plenty over the Cities of Industry.'

"'My eyesight is evidently not very good. Still you haven't left much space for the Cities of Industry, have you? Very ingenious—when you can understand it. Next please. What is this? A star-fish?'

"'Certainly not,' said the indignant artist. 'It's a post-impression of an eagle.'

"'I should have another look at an eagle if I were you. Next! Ah, this is much better—but what is it supposed to be exactly?'

"'It represents,' explained the proud designer, 'the Tower of Human Happiness assailed by Unrest while Bolshevism looks on and laughs.'

"'What, all that on a postage stamp. I thought it was a pyramid in a thunderstorm. And where does Bolshevism come in?'

"The artist pointed out a small dot at the bottom of one corner.

"The Illustrious Person began to wax impatient. 'How can I or anybody else tell whether that little black speck is laughing or not?' he enquired indignantly. 'Who is next? Oh, much too large—a letter with your stamp on it would have no room for an address.'

"The Illustrious Personage had spent some bad half-hours during the course of his stormy political career, but he always looks back on this one with particular horror. His temper grew worse as he proceeded. He was floundering hopelessly through mazes of symbolism, amid nude figures breaking chains in every conceivable attitude; nude figures rising with the sun or flying recklessly over chimney-pots; nude figures scattering seeds sufficient and more than sufficient, for all the wheat fields of Canada. Try as he would he could make nothing of the significance of these designs, and he caused much amusement by confusing a 'Victory' congratulating himself with a 'Plenty' undergoing the process of being reborn.

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"Now it happened Gomez was a well-known Pacifist. 'Anyone with eyes can see he is sheathing his sword,' he snapped rudely. 'It represents the Human Race sheathing the Sword of War.'

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By Franklin S. Smith.

To examine closely a good collection of old time proprietary stamps—in the days when they bore the name and trade-mark of the manufacturer—is to look back into the early history of the patent medicine business of America. Mr. Smith, who is a well-known soap manufacturer, has what is considered one of the best collections of old proprietary stamps in existence and is an authority on the stamp tax and its history in relation to the American drug trade.

During the past sixty years the drug trade has borne its own share of taxation, and this has been collected in stamps attached to the packages of proprietary articles. At the time of the Civil War, Congress, realizing that nearly everyone uses medicines, perfumes, cosmetics and playing cards, etc., laid a stamp-tax upon them, which of course was passed on to the consumer, and therefore fairly shared.

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CANCELLATION WITH PEN AND INK.

While many of the stamps were cancelled as required with pen and ink, the greater majority of them were cancelled by hand-stamps bearing the initials of the proprietors and the dates used, and some of them were cancelled in quantities on a printing press. Many of these vary from the mere initials and dates, and some are quite unique and of artistic design. "Benton's Pine Tree Tar Troches" cancellation is a framed rectangle with a pine-tree in the center with the name, title, and date grouped around the tree symmetrically. Another has a druggist's mortar and pestle with a three-line inscription on the side of it, "Poland's Magic Powder."

A story is told of a hospital patient who had been kept on a restricted diet for some time, and finally the doctor said he was well enough to have some solid food. Visions of a plate of corned-beef and cabbage, a cup of coffee, and a wedge of pie came to him, but the nurse gave him only a small piece of buttered toast, and a few spoonfuls of broth. As she turned away she asked him if there was anything else he wanted, and he asked for a postage-stamp so he could do a little reading. She might have brought him one with the following inscription: "Walker & Taylor, Proprietors. W. B. Sloan's Condition Powders, Horse Ointment, Family Ointment, Instant Relief, P. & B.'s Magic Oil. Irving's Pain Curer, 1866."

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The next series of various denominations was issued in 1875, the design being a profile bust of Washington after that of Houdon, to left, with the frame in the same color. A green paper was used for this issue similar to that of the black and green with the addition of watermarked paper which was to prevent imitation and counterfeiting. The one cent Proprietary of the first issue was counterfeited, but the chief inclination was to clean the stamps from the cancelling ink. So-called "chemical paper," the use of machines which perforated or cut into the stamps and heavy printed cancellations were used to prevent fraudulent use.

USE OF PRIVATE STAMPS.

The stamps printed from the private dies are of great variety; finely engraved and many of considerable value among collectors. One hundred and thirty-four proprietors used the "medicine," and ten the "perfumery" stamps. Pills, plasters, patent-medicines of many sorts, and "bitters" which consisted largely of alcohol in various forms, all required the stamp-tax. Many of the stamps were long narrow labels put over the top and extending down the sides of the wrapper to insure destruction when opening the package, others were several inches square but most of them the size of the regular issues they replaced. Three hundred varieties are catalogued and a complete collection would be worth several thousand dollars. That of Clarence H.

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The Antikamnia Co., and J. Ellwood Lee Co. had monogram cancellations that are more or less popular among the collectors of U. S. Revenues. There are over three hundred and fifty distinct varieties of the AK and thirty-six of J. E. Lee. Of the dates on the private dies of the Emerson Drug Co., printed in "cipher" there are two hundred varieties. The only other private dies bearing printed cancellations are the three of Lanman & Kemp, sixty-two in all beside hand-stamped cancellations on the regular and private dies.

The majority of the 4c stamps were used by the makers of chewing gum who affixed the stamps to the large packages sold to the dealers. The ⅛c T.B.CO. was used on "Sen Sen Gum," and the 2c in pairs bear that name in a typewritten cancellation. The R.C.Co. cancellations were used on "Ripan's Tablets," the letters being the initials of the ingredients used: Rhubarb, Ipecac, Peppermint, Aloes, Nux Vomica, Soda.

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It is interesting to note that cancellations on many of the previous issues are found on this 1898 issue, and forty-four of those who had their private dies during the Civil War period of taxation used this later issue. All the owners of the private dies of 1898 used them. Among the cancellations found on all the regular issues of Proprietary stamps are those of E. Fougera & Co., Hall & Ruckel, Humphrey's Homeopathic Medicine Co., Lanman & Kemp, McKesson & Robbins, Chas. Osgood, The Pond's Extract Co., Radway & Co., Tarrant & Co., S. R. Van Duzer, and others.—*Drug & Chemical Markets.*

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF BELGIUM.

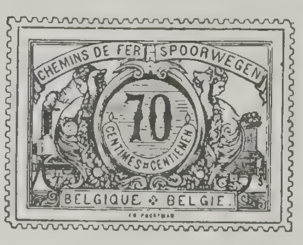
By Bertram W. H. Poole.

PART IV.—THE PARCEL POST STAMPS.

Chapter III.

The Third Issue.

In 1895 it was decided that the inscriptions on the parcels post stamps should be in French and Flemish, a plan which had already been adopted some years previously in the case of the regular postage stamps. The same design was retained, the ribbon scroll at top now being inscribed "CHEMINS DE FER—SPOORWEGEN", while across the bottom is "BELGIQUE—BELGIE" on a long narrow tablet. The numerals for the centimes value were printed in black at a second operation and in the central disc the words "CENTIMES—CENTIMEN" are curved around the lower part. In the 1 and 2 franc values the numerals formed an integral part of the design. These small modifications were the work of Mr. Fr. Poortman, of Malines, and his name appears in small letters in place of that of Mr. Wiener who originated the design.



Stamps in the new type were not all issued together but the respective values made their appearance as supplies of corresponding denominations in the old type were exhausted. The 20 centimes was the first to appear, this being issued on February 10th, 1895. The 50 and 80 centimes values appeared five days later and in the same month the 10 centimes was also placed in circulation. The 15 centimes was issued some time during October, 1895, and on the 15th of November the 25 centimes and 1 franc denominations were placed on sale. The new 2 francs was not required until February 10th, 1897, and some months prior to its appearance a new 60 centime value was issued. This was needed owing to some revision of the parcel rates and the value was authorised by a decree dated December 15th, 1895. For some reason or other delivery of this new denomination was slow and in June, 1896, a special circular was published announcing that, until the new 60c stamps were ready, 50 and 10 centimes stamp might be used to make the rate. The first printing was made in June so it is highly probable the stamps were on sale that month or early in July.

In 1901 further revisions were made in the scale of charges for parcels with a view to securing more uniformity, and a special service order explaining these rates also announced the issue of several new stamps, viz.:—"New railway parcel stamps of frs. 0.30, 0.40, 0.70, 0.90 and 3.00 will be issued shortly so that there may be a sufficient variety of stamps to permit of almost every possible rate being made up by the use of not more than two stamps". Another special order, dated February 24, 1902, stated that "the 30c, 40c, 70c and 90c adhesive stamps have already been issued, and the issue of the 3 francs stamps, which will be of a new design, has been postponed".

Owing to the fact that the numerals were printed at a second operation one plate served for all the centime values, though special plates had to be made for each of the franc denominations. These plates consisted of 100 impressions, as before, and the stamps were printed on white wove paper, some supplies of which were plain while others were watermarked twice in each sheet with one or other of the devices described in our last chapter. The perforation was like that of the preceding issue gauging 15½ at top and bottom and 14½ at the sides of the stamps.

Of some values there was only one printing while of others there were several. Mr. de Bont gives a detailed list of these from which we glean the following salient facts:—

	Printings.	No. of stamps.
10 centimes,	3	934,200
15 "	2	174,300
20 "	4	1,078,000
25 "	4	405,000
30 "	1	294,000
40 "	1	297,800
50 "	9	5,308,400
60 "	4	2,873,400
70 "	1	694,600
80 "	4	2,473,300
90 "	2	297,900
1 franc,	5	831,000
2 francs,	4	508,000

In spite of the fact that there were several printings of some values the stamps of this issue show few variations of tint of any special moment. Even the 50 centimes, of which no less than nine printings were made, shows but few gradations of shade between rose and carmine.

The printing of the numerals of value at a second operation resulted in the figures on some sheets being a little out of place but these varieties are of scant interest. In some cases, too, the numerals differ in thickness, particularly in connection with the 25, 50 and 60 centimes values. Mr. de Bont reports a variety of the 80 centimes in which the "8" of the value is placed considerably higher than the "0", but we must confess we hardly see how such a variety could possibly have occurred as the duty plates were, presumably, one solid form and not separate printer's type.

Mr. de Bont describes an interesting error of the 70 centimes as follows:—

"There is an error of this particular value which is really extremely rare. When the figures of value were being printed upon one sheet, a portion of it curled up owing to the heat of the press, and was partially printed on the back. Certain stamps on the sheet even escaped having a figure on the back, and in others there was a figure '0' or '7' instead of '70'. One copy has been seen in which a '0' only was printed on the face. There cannot have been more than twenty or twenty-two such errors, and it should be noted that the error was noticed by the officials of the office to which this particular sheet was sent, and that they, acting on instructions received, returned the sheet to the Stamp Office, where it was destroyed before a committee at the end of 1902. Only very few copies escaped destruction, hence their rarity."

But if the entire sheet was returned and destroyed we would like to know how even a few copies escaped destruction!

Another description of the error appeared in the *Monthly Journal* for vember, 1903, viz.:—

"*La Cote Reelle* reports that a of the 70c Parcel Post stamp, dark with figures in black, having the fi printed on the back instead of o face, was issued some twelve m ago; that only ten copies got into ci tion, and that the rest of the sheet returned to the department and stroyed. This variety therefore bec one of the great rarities."

Whether this account and descri of the error is more correct than M Bont's story we cannot say. All we is that an error exists and that Scott and Gibbons catalogue i "numerals omitted" and state no whatsoever about there being num on the back.

Reference List.

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20 " blue.
25 " green.
30 " orange.
40 " blue-green.
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By Chas. G. Wilson.

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month after Waterloo the beaten or surrendered himself to Admiral d of H. M. S. "Bellerophon" in y of Biscay, claiming the protec- the British King for himself as a l refugee. He was taken to Eng- t without being allowed to even t on the Island Kingdom, he was e off to St. Helena.

five years of exile were a living o the proud man who had con- e all Europe. He found no solace companions who shared his banish- or his haughty, imperious nature no intimacy and he died as he ed—in sheer loneliness. To make e worse, Sir Hudson Lowe, the or, did all he could to tighten the f the captive and thus please the entlemen of the British ministry, ugbear was that Napoleon should and once more plunge Europe in- s.

last half of the five dreary years on was much in the pangs of can- he nature of the disease was un- to his physicians, and they failed his fatal condition seriously into . The attacks grews worse until et, May 5, 1821, in the midst of a tempest which swept the island, ured soul took flight and the cap- gle died, on the cot on which he t at Austerlitz—and at Waterloo. as buried under some willows by g in a vale called Geranium Val- the English Governor, pursuing last the narrow policy of not zing Napoleon as Emperor, for- e name "Napoleon" to be carved tombstone as being too imperial. he was laid in a nameless grave ery namelessness his greatest

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NETHERLANDS AND ITS COLONIES.

By T. C. Gray.

I know I am only one of a large body of philatelists who derive great satisfaction from the separation of hard-to-detect varieties from each other, and their proper classification, and I venture to analyse some of the more interesting examples in the hope that, although to the experienced class of collector they are well-known, they may encourage some junior aspirants, who are possibly without a catalogue, to search diligently among duplicates and on sheets for stamps that may, on account of some subtle difference such as I propose to explain, be worth a good deal more than their ordinary prototype. And, further, there is always the excitement of the possibility of discovering a hitherto unchronicled variety. Therefore I strongly advise all juniors to carefully inspect their "spares," as well as the copies resting in their albums, and cannot do better than suggest the following variation of a well-known French maxim as their motto: "Cherchez le timbre."

In my humble opinion these varieties fall under seven distinct headings, viz.:—(a) *design*, (b) *overprint or surcharge*, (c) *perf.*, (d) *watermark*, (e) *shade*, (f) *paper*, and (g) *method of production*.

It will be seen that the first three are capable of detection by the naked eye, or under the magnifying glass and by perf-gauge; the fourth is not always easily discernible, and may call in the aid of benzine; the fifth is often distinct and sometimes arbitrary; while the last two though in many cases easily "feelable," involve at times some points of a technical nature.

Enough of preamble, however; let me commence with a very interesting section, the Netherlands; Holland and Belgium, and their colonies.

Beginning with the first-named, the "horn-on-forehead" of the 10c type 1 (here let me state that Stanley Gibbons' 1922-3 types and numbers are invariably quoted) is our first variety; then follows a very intricate series of die-differences (visible in the figures of value) of type 4 (king facing left, perf.), the 5c the downstroke and ball of the numeral (wide and narrow respectively); in the 10c the *serif* of the 1 (small and large) with curves or angles at foot of same; in the 15c, as in the 5c; in the 20c, large curve and wide foot to 2 (smaller and narrower respectively in die II); in the 25c, as in the 5c; and in the 50c wide and narrow O. There are also the following perfs. to be looked for: 12½ x 12, 10½ x 10 (die II only), 14 (die II in white and bluish papers), 13, 13½ x 14 die II in both papers). Type 5 (crown over arms) appeared on thick paper (1869-71 perf. 14), and on thinner paper (white and bluish, perf. 13, 13½ small holes, 1870-71), and finally in 1875-76 on bluish thin paper, same perf. but large holes. These large and small holes and white and bluish papers are rather a fine distinction, and easily condensed, but the indentations and texture of paper provide material for at least two distinct sets.

The succeeding king's head type (1872-91) presents 3 clear sets of perforations 13, 13½ (large holes), 12½ x 12, and 12½ (both the latter in large and small holes), with odd stamps in "out sizes." Then comes the interesting numeral (8) type of 1876-93, of which 3 series of perforations similar to the preceding set can be arranged (with odd perfs. as before), but the ½c rose in all three perfs. has two types—thick fraction bar of 8 to 8½ m/m in Type A, and a thinner one of fully 9 m/m in type B—while in the 12½ gauge a fine range of shades can be marshalled, added to which a variety in the 1c (broken ornament in frame under right-hand 1) occurs once in every sheet. Examples imperf. and on laid paper are known, but uncommon.

A very long set of the youthful Queen Wilhelmina (1891), facing right, presents 2 or more shades in all "cent" values. The following numeral type 11, oblong we may "grade for shade" (though S. G. does not), and the maturer Queen (facing left), 1898-1910, also gives full scope to the colour-discriminator. The 1 gulden (blue green) of this series affords quite a study in itself; to begin with S. G. catalogues 2 distinct varieties (the large 1 at foot showing this) of the 11½ x 11 perf., and these two perfs. occur singly and compound in the B variety. I fancy, too, that there were two plates of this latter, as I have found the 11½ x 11 measuring 20¾ m/m and 21½ m/m across, rather too great a difference, I fancy, for paper shrinkage only.

Postage Dues.—Here is a feast for the close student of types and perfs. Boiled down we can arrange the sets as follows: Types I, II, and III, (34, 33 and 32 loops respectively) in 13, 13½ (1881) 12½ x 12 (1882) and 12½ (1885), and type IV, (37 loops), much scarcer, in the first 2 perfs. also sporadic instances of all four types in 11½ x 12 (all scarce). The foregoing are all in *pale blue* and black.

In 1895 came a *deep blue* and black, in 12½ gauge, types I and III only. Look out for the 1½c and 2½c with fraction bar longer than normal, easily distinguishable by its projection above the numerals.

From 1902-10 some extra values in this perf. and type I only appeared, of which the 7½c can be found with longer fraction-bar.

Dutch Colonies.—A somewhat parallel series of varieties is to be seen in these, viz.: in Curacoa, Dutch Indies and Surinam we get the 14, 13½, 13, and 12½ x 12, or 12½ perfs., in the early issues, and some shades in the Queen's heads; and the postage dues as follows: (a) in green and black for Curacoa. types I, II, and III, in 12½ perf. two varieties (without and with "cent"); (b) in bright rose-red and black for Dutch Indies in all four types in 13½ and 12½ x 12 type I, II, and III, for 12½ (without and with "cent" and a paler shade of rose-red in type I. only (with "cent" perf. 12½); and (c) in mauve and black for Surinam (without "cent") types I, II, and III, perf., 12½ x 12, and with "cent" in same three types perf. 12½.

The following should also be looked for, in Dutch Indies two varieties of the 1c slate green (type 2) the words of value of which are 5½ m/m long in some perfs. and 7½ m/m in others. Also in the Queen Series (type II.) there are two varieties of the 15c, one chocolate and another dull brown, the latter with 2 bars across the head, to distinguish it from the somewhat similarly-coloured 50c. In Surinam the type-set 2½c of 1892 (type 5) was issued in orange and yellow, with Roman and Gothic F in the inscription which appears as a sort of background to this stamp.—*Australian Stamp Journal.*

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EDITORIAL.

At the forthcoming convention of the American Philatelic Society beginning August 14th, there will be a good attendance we are informed and we are pleased that such will be the case as from the agenda at hand it is seen that in a legislative sense, the convention will be an important one, while socially entertainment of a kind afforded only by the nation's capital will be a feature. We do not attempt to publish this year any formal list of those who expect to attend the convention, but the reason for omitting it is not because there is any lack of names. A large attendance is stimulating and makes the business sessions of interest and we are told that it is well that there will be a representative gathering as important measures are slated for adoption.

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The growth of the national philatelic organization during the past year has been such as to fill us with rosy dreams of the future. It is during a period of philatelic prosperity that the American Philatelic Society increases its membership list most noticeably and it is patent to all who follow the progress of the A. P. S. that stamp collecting must be in its heyday just now. It seems that the moment is right psychologically for the waving of the philatelic flag before the eyes of the multitude who regard it with a degree of interest that has not heretofore developed to the present one. With no organized attempt at publicity by stamp collectors themselves, their pursuit has been taken up by others who are performing the work for them. We trust that these benign conditions will last for some time and it is possible that they will, but it takes no seer to say that the time will come when philatelic society must do some proselyting for itself, if it is to make itself heard in the clamor of voices begging for public notice.

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Here we are nearing midsummer and we have heard little talk about the periodical slump. It is our opinion that there is a strong interest shown in stamps even in the hottest weather but it must be granted that there is a curtailment in actual transactions involving the handling of stamps. The halt is physical rather than mental and one factor that does much to sustain the swing of philately at this time of year is the convention which quickens the pulse of the stamp body. Without the convention on the *tapis* the summer months would not have the snap that they now do.

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We are in receipt of a letter from "a very old new collector" who says that he was a philatelist when grills and watermarks were unknown. It is particularly gratifying to welcome the old Nestors of philately back into the fold and as a rule their reminiscences of pioneer days make good reading. However, with no desire to quibble but merely as an excuse to say something, we may correct our correspondent to the extent that he does not remember the time when watermarks were not taken into account. He says that he collected at the time of the Philadelphia centennial celebration in 1876, but watermarks were in the thoughts of serious collectors long before that period. Not a few of the stamp papers of the '60's described the watermark in their chronicles of new issues and noticed changes in watermarks. At that time there was a considerable number of advanced collectors who had a "microscopic eye" and closely studied their stamps, according to the tenets of the so-called French school of collectors. Philatelists of the present day should not rest under the delusion that they introduced the intensive study of stamps for the old volumes of the stamp journals that were famous decades ago show that the present-day collector has merely added to the foundation that was already laid.

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The recollection of a statement once made by J. W. Scott remains with us. Over fifty years ago, he said that he began to collect stamps in 1858. While he was acquainted with many stamp collectors he was forced to confess with regret that they were simply collectors and cared nothing for the history of stamps and their connotations. He said that they wished merely to fill the spaces in their Lallier albums or if they used a blank book, "generally purchased only pretty specimens—a Costa Rica stamp having a greater value in their eyes than an 1854 Luzon." While vast changes have been made in collecting methods, yet philatelic human nature pursues a course that has not varied with the years as much as one would expect it would.

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Some years before his death, J. W. Scott promised us that he would start to write a history of philately in this country or failing that, he would write his reminiscences with due attention to detail. It is unfortunate that Mr. Scott did not preserve in printed form for the stamp world, the recital of his experiences from first to last and his sage observations and interpolations would make such a sketch readable as well as of historical interest and value. We remember that in speaking of the relative scarcity of blocks of the early issues of the United States in comparison to strips of the stamps, Mr. Scott once said that large firms used to cut the imperforate stamps and divide the perforated stamps, when bought in quantity, into strips; and the occasional heavy letter of the ordinary citizen was prepaid by the stamps in row, as a rule. He agreed with our opinion that the postmasters in retailing the imperforate stamps scissored them off in strips in order to properly "dress" the sheet and that it was exceptional for the P. M.'s to adopt the block formation. Is there any one among our readers who may say truthfully that he actually saw with his own eyes the patient postr slowly cutting off stamps from the to satisfy his patrons? If there should like to see him rise and t about the scene which has so lit common with the auto-aero-radi of today.

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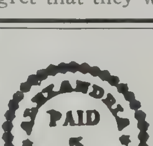
The inevitable train of newspape other printed comment that follow event that attracts much publicity th its distinctive or unusual characte attached itself to the recent interna philatelic exhibition at London. is no lack of complimentary refe to the great display but it is now that there is a dash of bitter wit sweet. In fact there seems to be thing of a chorus of dissent from who profess to see a wicked was money and time in the pursuit of p ely. It is characteristic of men of tation as writers who run a-tilti philately that they lose all sense c perspective when they begin to philately. They attack it because sooth some collector has paid say thousand dollars for a postage when there is so much want and n in the world and because the beauty postage stamp cannot compare wit of the arts which get only poor pic at the rich men's table. The criti of philately have become hackneye they have been replied to time and by defenders who have made out case for collecting. It is no use to beat philately down with a c and it is just as well that the mirt men who have a weakness to try to it to the ground have not the s grace of humor. When some who thrusts against stamp collecting shafts of wit is at his best, he score we do not pretend to say that philat sacrosanct and not vulnerable to timed humor but the unsmiling usually flings a boomerang when he at stamp collecting.



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British Buyers Get a Look In.—With the exchange rate at rather more than 72 francs to the £1 British collectors and dealers got most of the things they set out for at the seventh of the Ferrary sales in Paris on June 13th, 14th, and 15th.

The three days' sale comprised 614 lots, yielding 1,498,740 francs, or with the 17½ per cent. tax, 1,761,019, equal to £24,460 in English money. It is one of the curiosities in exchange that for this three days' sale the English total is the smallest for the series, being less than the one day's sale with which the series opened in June, 1921. The total in francs is nearly 400,000 higher than the first sale.

Exchange Rates.—The exchange, by the way, was 47 in June, 1921, and was practically the same for the first three sales, dropping to 50 at the fourth sale; 63.30, fifth sale; 68.50, sixth sale; and 72.20, seventh sale; giving an average for the seven sales of 56.44.

Total to Date.—The total realised to date at the seven sales is 11,821,877 francs, without tax, or, calculated in English money, with tax, at the rate of exchange prevailing at each sale, £256,458.

Spectators Numerous, Buyers Few.—The excitement of the early sales seems to have evaporated. Although well attended, there was none of the crowding that has been experienced at the previous sales. A score or so of well-known philatelists sat in the auctioneer's enclosure, and the other side of the long table was occupied by a front line of attack, whence most of the bidding came. Out of perhaps an attendance rarely under 130 persons, including casuals drifting in and out, the buyers were probably not more than a score altogether.

Prices.—Prices on the lesser rarities were high, but on the greater rarities there was comparatively little competition. Several factors contributed to this latter circumstance. In the first place the big buyers like MM. Champion, Burrus, and Hind have secured examples of such outstanding rarity as the 2 cents Hawaiian Missionary, and the one sold on this occasion, a good specimen as "Missionaries" go, started weakly at 80,000 francs and closed in a few seconds at 109,000 francs, the buyer being Dr. Lefort.

How the Great Moguls Get Bargains.—But a more potent factor in the absence of competition was the reluctance of bidders to run up prices where they could see that they were up against a determined big buyer. For example, there were several in the room who would have paid more than £314 for the superb unused copy of the 4d blue South Australia without surcharge, but they realised at once on the starting bid of 14,000 francs that it was being bought for Mr. Hind, and what was the use of creating an artificial price? The consequence was that Mr. Hind secured a bargain. So did Mr. Burrus, who bought the used copy, a fine one, at £67.

Thus, to those that have, the bargains shall be given.

Notabilia at the Sale.—Among the collectors and dealers I noted at the sale were Messrs. T. Allen, C. Nissen, R. Roberts, F. B. Smith, F. Penney, A. H. Caspary, F. J. Peplow, Th. Champion, Th. Lemaire, M. Burrus, Rachitoff, M. Galvez, W. Houtzamer, Van Schooren, Santa Cruz, Colin, Palmer, Fisson, Delmont, Reece, Visconte, Philippe.

Of the total 1,498,700 francs, Mr. T. Allen secured lots for British clients to the tune of over a quarter of a million francs, without tax. Mr. R. Roberts, Mr. F. B. Smith, and Mr. Palmer were also purchasers to considerable amounts.

Some Interesting Lots and Prices.—Five hundred and thirty-six thousand four hundred and five francs (without tax) represented the first day's total, June 13, 1923. The lots commenced with Alsace Lorraine, and a dozen lots of these fetched good prices, there being extensive specialism in those stamps in France. M. Burrus, who comes from Alsace, was in on a number of these.

The 4c grey variety, misplaced figure —the numeral being side-tracked—in pair with normal, and a 2c brown, all used on a Strasbourg letter, fetched 2,100 francs.

	Francs
20c blue, displaced figures (unused)	5,600
5c green, inverted network, unused	2,600
4c grey, inverted network, displaced figure	3,000

Argentines followed, and the rare inverted centres of 1899-1903 went cheaply.

	Francs
1 peso blue and black, used	1,450
5 peso orange and black, unused	2,600

Germans and German Post Offices and Colonies came next, the only startling item being the provisional overprints of Tientsin, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 80 pfennig, 2m. and 3m., mostly very fine, with gum — 11 stamps — fetched 10,500 francs. These are the atrocities which are discussed on pp. 415-416 of the green Gibbons.

South Australians, comprising about 70 lots, fetched an aggregate of £3,600 (with tax). I have already mentioned the 4d blue errors without surcharge, and other most notable item was a beautiful pair of the 1/- violet (S. G. No. 5), which fetched 10,300 francs. The set of thirteen, 2/6 to £20 of 1882-87, unused and "all guaranteed" unused and unwashed, etc., with gum, brought 15,100 francs. Lots 126, 127, and 128 were, for some unexplained reason, lumped together, comprising 607 stamps, including 182 departmentals, and brought 30,500 francs.

An Unique Tête-Bêche Variety.—Bergedorfs and Brazils provided no striking items, but there was a fine lot of Buenos Aires steamships. An unused 5 pesos bright orange went to M. Burrus for 10,000 francs, and the 1p+1p blue *tête-bêche* pair was bought for Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein at 32,000 francs (£522 with tax). This is probably unique and has not hitherto been known to collectors, although the possibility of such a *tête-bêche* pair being in existence has been known through a copy of the 1p blue with large margins in the collection of the late Senor Marco del Pont. This copy showed a portion of the adjoining stamp in such wise as to prove that the neighbouring stamp was inverted.

The Republic of Colombia, whose stamps have been for the most part left to the general collector, and have not yet found their quota of specialist students, was represented in about fifty lots, some of the prices of which are well worth recording:

	Francs
1859, 1st series, *10+10c yellow, *tête-bêche*	1,300
2nd series, *5+5c blue-grey, "	1,150
" *5+5c blue, "	1,350
" 20+20 blue, "	1,400
" 20+5 blue (error)	4,900
1862, *20c red	1,900
*1p lilac on azure	3,100
*1p lilac on white	410
1863, *The error 50c red in centre of a vertical strip of seven (six of 20c+one 50c), also a forgery of the 50c red	9,500
Cali, 1879, collection of 107, including nineteen blocks of five	3,000
Garzon, collection of 25	1,000
Medellin, collection of 97	900
Rio Hacha, collection of 91	750
Santander, collection of 538	1,200
Tolima, collection of 63	1,050
1871, 10c blue, laid, 10c blue printed on both sides, 10c blue *tête-bêche*; 1886, 20c yellow and 2p violet *tête-bêche*, and others (17 stamps)	1,250
1871-1903, collection of 60	850
Tumaco, 1901, collection of 25	2,050

The error "One Penny" on 6d green Dominica, a fine used copy (S. G. 175) sold for 3,750 francs, and a nice collection of 63 of this Colony brought 1,300 francs.

Two collections of Egypt, one comprising 177 of the 1866 issue brought 10,000

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francs, and the other, containing 626 stamps of 1867 to end, brought 6,900 francs.

The fine unused strip of seven of the rare 10c Confederate States with frameline fetched 14,500 francs.

Interesting U. S. items were:—

	Francs
1869, *15c, inverted centre	18,500
24c, inverted centre	2,300
*30c, inverted flags	31,000
1893, *4c deep blue, error	1,200
1901, *1c, inverted centre	850
*2c, inverted centre	5,400
*4c, inverted centre	1,250
Baltimore, 5c on white on letter	6,000
Brattleboro, 5c buff on letter	16,900
New York, 5c, pair, one with double-line variety	3,800
Pleasant Shade, 5c blue, used on letter	4,100
St. Louis, *5c on greenish	3,600 and 3,350
10c on greenish, used	2,000 and 3,100
*10c on grey-lilac	3,500
20c on grey-lilac	7,300
Athens, 5+5c violet, *tête-bêche*, used on letter	4,100
Unionville, a hitherto unknown stamp of the home-made variety, in pair, used on letter	16,000

Fiji, Hamburg, Hanover, call for no special comment, but the Hawaiians included another four "Missionaries":

	Francs
2c, Type II	109,000
5c, Type I	19,000
13c, Type I	15,000
13c, "H. I. & W. S." Type II.	13,500

An interesting collection of 411 unused Heligoland brought 5,200 francs, and a pretty little lot of 29 used, 775 francs.

A balance of the Philippines collection included many choiçe items.

	Francs
St. Christopher, *One Penny on 2½d blue, error PENEY corrected	2,800
*One Penny on 2½d, inverted	1,550
*Ditto sheet of twenty	1,450
*One Penny on 2½d, small characters	4,600
Serbia, 1872, *1+1p yellow, *tête-bêche*	50,000
1869—end, collection of 1,089	6,500
German Locals, a collection of 2,129	1,650
Tasmania, *4d orange, *laid*	2,250, 2,900 and 3,500

(There were 56 lots of from six to 280 stamps of Tasmania.)

Wurtemberg, 60 lots, including two entire sheets of six of the 70k lilac-red, and 70k violet, which realised 9,000fr and 9,100fr, respectively.—*Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.*

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Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—A communication from one of our valued correspondents asks for information regarding the old 3c green issue with advertisement printed on the back, similar to the New Zealand stamps of previous years. This brings to mind the fact that I have not seen these varieties mentioned for many days, and it is possible that a great many of our present collectors are not aware of the fact that the ungrilled 3c National issue were distributed with advertisements printed in black ink on the back. The few that I have seen had been printed so deeply that they looked as if this work was done previous to the gumming of the stamps, which is no doubt the case.

I have never seen any Government order or regulation authorizing these, but the bank note company must have had permission to do this. I have seen but two varieties and know of a third variety, but as far as I can learn no others appeared. The three known varieties have the following advertisements on the back, and the specimens which I have seen have been cancelled:

(1) Printed in four lines "TRY CHOATE'S ODONTO For the Teeth."

(2) "Read the New York LEDGER" in three lines.

(3) "DEVLIN The Clothier" in three lines.

Other varieties may exist and if any of our readers know of them I would certainly be pleased to have the information. Luff's wonderful work on the stamps of the United States makes no mention of these items.

Official information sent out by the Post Office Department under date of July 6th calls attention to the fact that two special pouches of mail matter will be made up in Washington for despatch to the President, where it is expected to reach him on the evening of July 26th at Vancouver on his return from Alaska. These are expected to leave Washington at 10.20 P. M. July 22nd and 2.30 P. M. July 23rd. Both pouches will be despatched by special hydroplane from Seattle to Vancouver, while the second pouch will travel between Chicago and Cheyenne on the regular air mail ship. This means that mail will travel from coast to coast in three days which we believe will be a record for full pouches.

Mr. C. C. Donaldson sends for inspection a current registered cover mailed from Buckhannon, W. Va., wherein the Postmaster cancelled the stamps with a small capital R. This is an unusual cancellation and of course is not in accordance with the postal regulation—the R being in magenta. Only recently the postal bulletin called attention of Postmasters to the fact that stamps should be cancelled with the special black ink furnished by the Department for the purpose, and that this ink should only be used in connection with the metal cancellers and not with the rubber stamp cancellers as the ingredients of the ink readily destroys the latter.

We wish to thank Mr. John T. Matzen and Mr. Michael Miller for notes of interest.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Of the new set with the portrait of Gen. Jose San Martin the Economist Stamp Co. submit the following values: ½c lilac, 1c buff, 3c green, 4c brown violet, 10c dark green, 12c blue, 24c brown, 30c claret.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 2d from a new plate on the script watermarked paper. Also the 3d of the same description but on old Crown CA watermark.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—We have received from Mr. F. D. Fuller the following new issues: 3c blue, Scott's A118, 10c blue, Scott's A112 and A121. Also the 2c Retardo, No. 519, with the small "r". Mr. Fuller also notes the following varieties: No. 365 in a very dark violet shade and No. 351 with the surcharge reading down.

MONACO.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the following new items from this country: 30c vermilion (Museum), 60c grey (Rock), 1fr black on yellow (Rock) and 2fr vermilion (Rock).

NICARAGUA.—The Economist Stamp Co. call attention to the 3c in the type of A24, which is now appearing in an olive brown shade.

The Economist Stamp Co. also advise of the 5c blue of the 1921 type with the overprint "R de C. Vale un centavo de cordoba" in four lines in black.

ST. THOMAS.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the following stamps with the added overprint "Dez centavos": Nos. 215, 216, 217, 218 and 219. The surcharge is in blue with the exception of the 115r on 200r and the 130r on 300r, which are in red.

SARAWAK.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the 10c in the 1918 type in grey.

URUGUAY.—The following new values of the current set have been shown us by the Economist Stamp Co.: 5m grey, 1c violet and 5c brown.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS.

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REMINISCENCES.

I was greatly interested in Edward Knapp's article on stamps and collecto of years ago. Like him, I commenc as a boy, not in the nineties but in 18 have dropped and taken up many tim in the sixty years. My first good albu was published by William H. Hill & S Cornhill, Boston, and was copyrighted 1868. A very good book, nice paper a lined off in red, was given to me as Christmas present in 1870. All stam in those days were stuck tight on t pages and often on the back of san Envelopes were cut round. Can y imagine such a condition today?

My collection is an old fashioned o seldom going into shades, perforation blocks. Canada, Nova Scotia and Ne Brunswick first issues were very co mon, a few cents buying any of the but we did not have the cents to pu chase, when we did have enough to se for a 25c package, it was sent to S. All Taylor or W. H. Trifet in Bosto When same were received our hea were filled with joy and happiness. T countries I collect are virtually comple from my standpoint, or as near as th ever will be. When I decide to comple another country I go to the old book, c out a page and start over again, a with as much joy as though I were still kid.

I wish I could impress on the young collectors of today how necessary it for them to keep at it, never stoppin just plug right along, taking what the can get, improve and add to later on a they may have a chance, during all th time always gaining in knowledge. Ho many are there in or around Portlan today who knew and have seen the won derful collection of those days of my ol friends Charles Cross, Sam Stevens Billy Howe, Fred Conant, Charlie Bank and many others I do not recall at th time, nearly all of the above have passe away and suppose their collections have too. Not a week goes by but some a added or poor copies are replaced wit better ones to my collection.

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the committee now arranging a world
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20c on 6c New Provisional	.16
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NATAL.

The Edwardian postage stamps of Natal constitute one of the most effective series issued during the last reign. Incidentally they include the rarest stamp of the Edwardian era. The pleasing and unconventional designs are understood to have been the work of a Pietermaritzburg artist, although the engraving of the actual dies were carried out by Messrs. De La Rue's engravers. It was also found necessary to modify the colour scheme originally projected owing to the impossibility of obtaining suitable inks of the desired shades.

The stamps were to have been ready for issue to the public on New Year's Day, 1902, but as the printers were at that time working night and day upon new postage stamp issues for almost all of the British dominions beyond the seas, they were unable to deliver them by that date, and it was not until August 4th of that year that the first values were placed on sale. The remaining denominations followed at intervals during 1902-03, as stocks of corresponding values of the previous issue became exhausted.

With the advent of the new issue the postage, telegraph and revenue stamps of the colonies were amalgamated in a single series, which accordingly bore the inscription "POSTAGE" and "REVENUE" and was available equally for any of the three services.

The higher values were, of course, chiefly required for fiscal and telegraphic use and in explanation of the comparative plentifulness of used copies it is stated that an official enquiry, held in the colony in 1905, elicited the fact that large numbers of high value stamps had been surreptitiously removed from out-of-date telegraphic forms by clerks entrusted with their destruction. Rigorous action was taken to prevent a recurrence of this abuse.

The Edwardian stamps were surface-printed by De La Rue & Co. in London in sheets of 240 as regards the values up to and including the 4sh sub-divided into four panes of 60, surrounded by continuous marginal lines and with Plate number "1" in all four corners of the sheet. The high values in larger format were in single panes of 60 (5x12) and were printed upon the old Crown C.C watermarked paper.

SUMMARY.

1902-03. Twenty values. Head of King Edward VII. Bi-coloured. Surface-printed by De La Rue & Co., London. Wmk. Crown C.A. (single). Perf. 14. Inscribed "Postage—Revenue".

Value. Colours.	Date of Issue.
½d dull green	4/8/02
1d carmine	4/8/02
1½d blue-green and black	?/9/02
2d red and olive-green	?/12/03
2½d ultramarine	26/6/03
3d purple and grey	4/8/02
4d carmine and cinnamon	26/6/03
5d black and orange	26/6/03
6d dull green and chocolate	4/8/02
1s carmine and pale blue	4/8/02
2s dull green and violet	26/6/03
2s 6d purple	26/6/03
4s magenta and maize	26/6/03
Larger format. Wmk. Crown C.C.	
5s blue and carmine	26/6/03
10s carmine and chocolate	26/6/03
£1 grey-black on ultramarine	?/12/02
30s green and violet	26/6/03
£5 mauve and black	26/6/03
£10 green and orange	26/6/03
£20 carmine and green	26/6/03

A small printing of the 1d value was made early in December, 1904, from Plate 2 with co-extensive marginal lines upon Single C.A. watermarked paper.

The 5d value is known with inverted watermark.

Between September, 1904, and December, 1908, eight values of the above-listed series were printed on paper having the new Multiple form of Crown C.A. watermark, but otherwise as before.

SUMMARY.

1904-08. Eight values. Design, etc., as before. Wmk. Multiple Crown C.A. Perf. 14.

Value. Colours.	Date of Issue.
½d dull green	?/11/04
(a) dark green	
1d carmine	?/9/04
(a) deep carmine	
(b) ruby-red	
2d red and olive-green	?/12/08
4d carmine and cinnamon	?/6/05
5d black and orange	19/12/08
1s carmine and pale blue	30/9/05
2s dull green and violet	10/3/06
2s 6d purple	7/12/04

The ruby-red shade of the 1d is scarce. It is said to have formed part of a small supply sent out to post offices in single panes of 60 as an experiment, for convenience in handling, but was withdrawn at the request of the post office officials. It having come to the notice of the authorities that fiscally-used stamps were being fraudulently cleaned and used over again, instructions were given for the use of doubly fugitive ink in connection with the printing of the higher values. Accordingly, the 30/- made its appearance in April, 1908, in new colours and upon chalk-surfaced, Multiple C.A. watermarked paper.

SUMMARY.

1908, April. New colours. Design, etc., as before. Wmk. Multiple Crown C.A. Perf. 14. Chalk-surfaced paper. 30s orange and lilac.

Ultimately it was decided to revert to a separate series of stamps for Revenue purposes, and on November 30, 1908, all combined "Postage and Revenue" stamps from 6d to £1 were withdrawn from circulation and the remainders officially destroyed. A Notice published in the *Natal Mercury* for Dec. 10, 1908, provided that until such times as the new "Postage" duties of 6d, 1s and 10s should be on sale "the combined 'Postage and Revenue' stamps of these values will be available at the public counters at Maritzburg and Durban for telegrams and cablegrams *only,* and for no other purpose."

Subsequently, the 30/- "Postage and Revenue" stamp was withdrawn from issue about June, 1909. Owing to its short period of currency, coupled with the fact that it was in little demand for postal purposes, this stamp has become the greatest rarity of the Edwardian era. Unused, it is worth today about £20 in the market, but in postally-used condition it is excessively rare.

On December 1, 1908, were placed on sale the first values of a new series of stamps from 6d to £1 face value, uniformly inscribed "Postage — Postage", but in other respects similar to those of the preceding issue. They remained current until the federation of Natal in the Union of South Africa, when distinctive postage stamps ceased to be issued by the component States.

SUMMARY.

1908-09. Seven values. New colours. Inscribed "Postage—Postage". Otherwise as before. Wmk. Multiple Crown C.A. Perf. 14.

Value. Colours.	Date of Issue.
6d purple	2/4/09
1s black on green	2/4/09
2s purple and blue on blue	1/12/08
2s 6d black and red on blue	2/4/09
5s green and carmine on yellow	1/12/08
10s green and red on green	2/4/09
£1 purple and black on red	1/12/08

The new colours, be it noted, conformed to the Universal colour scheme formulated by the Crown Agents and adopted by the Natal Government in 1908.

As from June, 1911, the current postage stamps of Natal became interchangeable with those of the other States of the Union of South Africa and could be used indiscriminately throughout South Africa, until the introduction of the general stamp issue for the Union in 1913. No fresh printings were made, however, subsequent to 1910.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

In the early days of 1905 the Government of Natal experimented in the provision of specially overprinted stamps for use upon Departmental correspondence, in lieu of the franking system hitherto in vogue. By this means it was hoped to ascertain the actual postal expenditure of each of the different Government offices. The correspondence of certain high officials, Cabinet Ministers, etc., continued to pass free under frank as before.

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As a rule War Provisionals owe their existence to War conditions: either military operations or blockade prevent the coming of supplies of stamps, or the occupation of enemy territory compels the use of national stamps or the overprinting of the enemy's own stock. The Provisionals of Spanish Morocco present the very special feature of being only incidentally War Provisionals; nevertheless, without the war against the Riffan tribes and Caid Raissouli, the Spanish Protectorate would never have thought of issuing provisional stamps.

Let us solve the puzzle and say that these stamps are War Provisionals for two reasons: a financial one and a military one. The war against the Riffans was adding a new and not negligible burden to the Spanish Exchequer, and in order to meet the extraordinary expenses from the War and Navy Departments, it was thought a reliable and fruitful idea to increase the postal revenues. To realize this view two means were put in use: (1) to increase the different fees for postage, registration, etc.; (2) to enlarge the number of contributors to this branch of the Exchequer.

Two kinds of people were, in fact, enjoying in Spain the privilege of free mail: the Members of Parliament and the officers and soldiers of the Army and Navy. If the first class comprised hardly more than four or five hundred persons, the second, on the contrary, was extremely numerous owing to the mobilization.

The Spanish Government, when obtaining the vote of the new postal law during the spring of 1920, forgot to take the necessary measures in order to meet the demand for new postage stamps, especially for 15 centimos stamps (rate for inland letters) and 1 or 2 centimos stamps (rate for printed matter). On the other hand, it omitted to ensure a large supply of stamps for the needs of the troops, and so it came about that shortly after the introduction of the new postal rates, the stock of new stamps was running low. The Mint (Casa de Moneda) was extremely busy producing the 1, 2, 15, and 20c stamps in order to supply them to all the post offices of the kingdom. After a few months the crisis was definitely avoided and the lack of new or low denominations was not felt in the peninsula.

But it was very different in the Protectorate. In peace-time inhabitants who make extensive use of the mails are but few, and the garrisons were not too numerous. Owing to the War there was a considerable expeditionary force in all the presidios, with all the Army services connected with a long campaign. As a consequence of the suppression of the right of free mail for officers and soldiers (which was put in force in May, 1920) it soon became difficult to supply stamps in sufficient quantities for franking the important mails coming from the African front. Nearly 50,000 men were concentrated around Melilla and the adjoining places. Soon the stock of 5, 10 and 15 centimos stamps was totally exhausted, and so it became necessary to issue provisionals. Had the Government maintained for the troops in action the privilege of free mail, these provisionals would never have existed, and had there been no war in the Protectorate the result would have been the same.

The Casa de Moneda was too busy supplying the metropolitan post offices to print stamps for the Protectorate, and it was only during the summer of 1920 that it produced stamps which arrived in Morocco at the beginning of October. So between June and October the Spanish Protectorate had to use extraordinary means for franking correspondence; so the five issues of provisionals are entirely justified.

First Issue. Provisionals on Postage Stamps.

As soldiers and officers usually sent but cards and letters, it was necessary to replace only 10 and 15c stamps. It was thought proper to use the existing stock of unexhausted stamps of the preceding issue, that of 1915, with the overprint "PROTECTORADO ESPANOL EN MARRUECOS." Accordingly the 20 and 30c values were to be overprinted twice, 10 and 15 centimos, and the original stamps perforated horizontally in the middle (perforation 11¼, that of the stamps being 13¼).

These stamps being already overprinted in their central part, the new value was placed at the top and the bottom. As to the colour of the second overprint, there was a trial with black ink on the 30c, but it was thought that the value-figures were rather illegible, and a dark red ink appeared more suited to the purpose and was finally used. The stock of available stamps being none too large, the sheet of 30c, already overprinted 15 centimos in black, was again overprinted in red, so that a whole sheet of 100 stamps presents a clear double overprint, an intentional double overprint without the least tinge of speculation in it!

On the contrary, the numerous varieties which appear in this issue and the following are by no means intentional. The printing was hurriedly conducted, and a certain number of errors were afterwards detected, either in the placing of the overprint or in the spelling of words and values. If these errors were detected on the spot, it seems probable that the lack of stamps was so great that the defective stamps were issued to serve as regular stamps; but it is more probable that in the hurry the numerous errors slipped by unseen or were considered as unimportant.

Of the 20c green, 108 sheets of 100 stamps were overprinted, giving 10,800 original stamps or 21,600 bisected stamps. These sheets were numbered on the back from 270 to 304, and from 628 to 700. Of the 30c green the number of sheets was as high as 271, giving 54,200 bisected stamps of 15c; the control numbers range from 226 to 260 and from 425 to 660. The existence of these numbers prevents the making of bogus provisionals.

With reference to the check list of varieties, it is necessary to point out the fact that two kinds of varieties exist, the one belonging to the provisional overprint and the other to the original overprint: "PROTECTORADO ESPANOL EN MARRUECOS." Of these last, we can only suppose their existence without giving an accurate number of the copies as in some printing these errors were corrected and we do not know to which printing the overprinted sheets belong.

All these varieties, except those due to the shifting of the sheet, may exist with the double overprint, red and black, on the 30c. On the other hand, it is highly improbable that any of these provisionals contained the error "PROTECTORADO" with inverted "R." an error which was corrected after the first printing.

Second Issue. Provisionals on Express Stamps.

Though Express stamps had been introduced in the Protectorate in 1914 they were of little use, and a large bulk of them was to be found at the post offices. It was resolved to use them as postage stamps of 10c after having them properly overprinted and bisected.

This issue is one of the most complicated, for, in order to avoid waste of time, these Express stamps were overprinted in two different places with two different overprints. The Spanish Express stamps being of a horizontal rectangular shape were to be perforated vertically in the middle, and being red were to be overprinted in black. Therefore the Delegacion de Fomento de Tetuan applied on them vertically the overprint 10 centimos, reading upwards, which adorned the 20c postage stamps. But the Papelera Africana was to overprint also a part of the supply, and it used a horizontal overprint 10 cts. on each side of the vertical perforation. Finally, it was found that this last kind of overprint was not easy to read, and a good number of sheets bearing the horizontal overprint were sent to the Delegacion de Fomento and receiv second overprint, reading downwards time.

On the other hand, the proportio errors is greater than in any other pr sional issue, and less than a third of sheet presents a correct overprint.

The total number of Express sta overprinted vertically 10 cént amounts to 282 sheets or 28,200 pa the control numbers being 120 to 200 281 to 480. As for the stamps overp ed horizontally their number is unkn but must have been very small as number of the same stamps with do overprint (vertical and horizontal) not exceed 51 sheets or 5,100 pairs.

Of course on No. 4 appear the s varieties with capital C, small and l O, and the combination with the er of the original overprint "PROTECTORA . . . But the Express stamp with the horizontal overprint was issued ing a short time, and perhaps through extreme shortage of stamps this type of overprint was rejected.

Third Issue. Special Stamps Used Postage.

With the third issue we come to a type of provisionals. The military civil authorities of the Protectorate expected the stamp famine to be temporary, and were ready to meet lack of stamps with temporary me hence the use of bisected postage sta But these were exhausted after a weeks, and it remained as the only source to admit telegraph stamps postal-order stamps for the frankin letters and cards.

Of these two kinds, the 5 and 10c the most employed, as well as the telegraph stamp. But of the last the stock existing in the Protect was insufficient to meet the strong mand, and it became necessary to use 30c perforated in the middle without special overprint.

The stamps for postal orders had put in use in the Protectorate in 191 year after the telegraph stamps. T were authorized for postage in the s mer of 1920.

Fourth Issue. Fiscal Stamps O printed for Postal Use.

Even the telegraph and postal-o stamps could not last long enough to low the Casa de Moneda to send f supplies of postage stamps to the P tectorate. Nearly all kinds of sta had been used on the mails . . . exhausted. There remained only fi stamps, and at last they were overpri for use as postage stamps.

These fiscal stamps were those ployed for the payment of Justice F long vertical stamps representing in ornamented frame Justice holding sword and a pair of scales; below the scription "TRIBUNALES ESPANOLES MARRUECOS" and the value. They w perforated horizontally in the mid and each half received the overp "CORREOS" (POST) and the new va 5, 10, or 15 centimos. The ink was red for the 5 and 10c (blue or gr stamps), and black for the 15c stamps).

Fifth Issue. Bisected Postage Sta Without Overprint.

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Bisected 30c, used as 15c, stamps were again issued for a short time in March, 1921; but in October, 1920, the Casa de Moneda sent fresh supplies of all the low denominations to the Protectorate, and so came to an end the Provisional Issues connected with the Moroccan War.—*Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

JUNE SUBSCRIPTION RECORD.

The record for June is very gratifying. The Fennell Stamp Co. leads for the month, with Jax and the Hussman Co. following with 19 and 18, respectively. The record for June is as follows:—

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C. E. Nickles	51
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EDWARDIAN POSTAGE STAMPS.

(Continued from page 373)

Postage stamps of the Edwardian series, ranging in value from ½d to 1s and bearing the distinguishing overprint "OFFICIAL", were distributed to the Departments concerned on January 1, 1905, but they did not come into general use until February 15th of that year.

After a few months, they were withdrawn from all save the Government Railways Dept., which had throughout made use of the largest quantities, chiefly in the ½d, 1d and 3d denominations. The remaining supply of 6d and 1s Official stamps, which were no longer in demand, were officially destroyed at Pietermaritzburg, in January, 1906. Six months later *all* overprinted Official stamps were recalled from circulation and destroyed.

SUMMARY.

1905. Jan. 1st. Official stamps. Overprinted OFFICIAL on contemporary Postage & Revenue types. Wmk. Multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14.

½d blue-green.
1d carmine.
2d red and olive-green.
3d purple and grey.
6d green and purple.
1s carmine and pale blue.

On or about June 1, 1907, these overprinted stamps were replaced by a series punctured with the letters "N G R" (Natal Government Railways), which were employed exclusively upon the correspondence of that Department, and were the only Official stamps current in Natal after that date.

Varieties may be found with the initials inverted, reversed, etc. The 2d showing the "OFFICIAL" overprint exists with this punctuation, as do also certain stamps of the Orange River Colony.

SUMMARY.

1907. June 1st. Official stamps. Punctured "N G R". Design, etc., as before. Wmk. Multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14.

½d dull green.
1d carmine.
2d red and olive-green.
(a) Overprinted OFFICIAL.
3d mauve and grey.
6d dull green and chocolate.
1s carmine and pale blue.

—*Philatelic Magazine.*

GEORGIA AND ITS POSTAGE STAMPS.

The Transcaucasian Republic of Georgia, embracing the erstwhile Russian Governments of Tiflis and Kutais proclaimed its independence on May 26, 1918, commencing to issue its own postage stamps twelve months later. In ancient history the country passed under the name of Iberia, but in the Middle Ages it received the title of Grugia or Georgia. Under the reign of Queen Tamara, who ascended the throne in 1184, Georgia rose to the height of its power. In 1738, however, King Irakli II. was forced to place his territories under the protection of Russia, and twenty years after Georgia was finally annexed to the Russian Empire. The national aspirations of the Georgian people received recognition at the hands of the Supreme Council in Paris in 1919. The Republic, however, was of short duration, for in February, 1921, the Red Armies overran the country, as a result of which a Soviet Government was set up at Tiflis, the capital, under whose control Georgia remains at the present time.

The first postage stamps to be utilised under the new regime were four values of the contemporary Russian Arms series, the sheets of which, for greater convenience in handling, were rouletted between the rows of stamps, in which form they were sold at Tiflis in May, 1918. The total issue is said to have comprised 200 copies of the 2 kopecs green, 100 of the 3 kopecs red, 400 of the 5 kopecs lilac, and 100 of the 1 rouble orange and brown.

Thenceforward until May, 1919, Russian stamps in imperforate state, as issued, continued to circulate in Georgia, supplemented by 1, 5, and 10 kopecs Savings Bank stamps, which served at first as Postage Due stamps, but from March to May, 1919, were used in prepayment of postage owing to the exhaustion of the regular postage stamps. Russian stamps used in Georgia during this period are, of course, only recognisable in used condition by means of the local postmarks.

On the anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic (May 26, 1919) the first values of a set of distinctive postage stamps, lithographed at Tiflis, were placed on sale. The design was the work of M. Chevarnadzé, a native artist, and included in a frame of intricate design, the curious device of the National Arms reproduced from an ancient hieroglyphic drawing and representing St. George crossing the Black Mountains. The patron saint is depicted on horseback surrounded by the Sun, Moon and Stars. The stamps were inscribed "La Georgie," with values in Arabic numerals.

The first printings were upon thin paper commandeered from the Imperial Government stores at Tiflis and were devoid of perforation. The sheets were composed of 238 stamps, and, in the case of the 40 kopecs value, twelve of the stamps were inverted, *i. e.*, the four last specimens in the third, fourth, and fifth rows, thus producing eight *tête-bêche* pairs in each sheet of this one value only.

Four values constituted the initial issue as follows:—

40 kopecs, scarlet.
60 kopecs, carmine.
70 kopecs, lilac.
1 rouble, brown-orange.

About July of the same year these four stamps, together with new values of 10 and 50 kopecs respectively appeared with the added convenience of perforation, applied by means of a single-line machine gauging 11½. Later printings of the 40 and 70 kopecs and 1 rouble denominations were on new and thicker paper.

July, 1919. *Perf.* 11½.

10k blue.
    (a) deep blue.
40k scarlet.
    (a) thicker paper.
50k green.
60k carmine-lake.
    (a) marone.
70k purple-brown.
    (a) thicker paper.
7r brown.
    (a) thicker paper.

A new design, representing the famous Czarina Tamara of Georgia seated with one hand grasping a lance and the other resting upon a shield emblazoned with the National Arms, was adopted for three additional high values, which were incorporated in the series in February, 1920:—

February, 1920. *New design. Perf.* 11½.

2r brown orange.
3r blue.
5r yellow.

A variety of the 2 roubles value exists imperforate.

During the course of 1920-21 new printings of all the Georgian postage stamps from 10 kopecs to 5 roubles appeared in new shades, and imperforate, as under:—

New Shades. Imperforate. Thick Paper.

10k blue.
40k orange-red.
50k deep green.
70k brown-lilac
1r orange-brown.
2r red-brown.
3r deep blue.
5r orange.

Many fanciful varieties of this issue are known, such as 10k printed sideways instead of upright; 40k with figure of St. George omitted; 1 rouble, centre inverted; 2 roubles with inscription inverted, etc., etc.; but their philatelic status is doubtful.

On December 12, 1920, the full series of Georgian postage stamps was sold for thrice its face value with the addition of a diagonal inscription in Georgian characters signifying "Day of the National Guard, 12.xii.1920," the proceeds being devoted to the equipment of the military force of the Republic:—

National Guard Issue. Dated 12.XII. 1920.

1r brown-orange.
19k blue.
40k scarlet.
50k moss-green.
60k carmine.
70k deep lilac.
1r brown-orange.
2r red-brown.
3r blue.
5r yellow.

To signalise the formal recognition of the independence of Georgia by the League of Nations, another commemorative overprint was applied to the national postage stamps (excepting the 1 rouble) again consisting of the date and a native inscription signifying "Recognition of the Independence of Georgia." The overprint was struck at the State Printing Office upon a limited number of sets only.

League of Nations issue. Dated "27.I. 1921."

10k blue.
40k scarlet.
50k moss green.
60k carmine.
70k deep lilac.
2r red-brown.
3r blue.
5r yellow.

Two days later the Bolsheviks entered Tiflis, and the Republican Government retired to Batoum, taking with it the greater part of the stock of stamps. Those that remained, amounting to some 9,000 sets, were impressed with the Soviet Arms (Star, Hammer, and Sickle), together with the date 19 25/11 21 in red, covering a block of four stamps and re-issued under the Soviet administration.

Soviet issue. Dated "25.II.1921" *overprinted in blocks of* 4.

10k blue.
40k scarlet.
50k green.
60k carmine.
70k purple.
1r orange-brown.
2r red-brown.
3r blue.
5r yellow.

About July, 1921, the face values of the Georgian postage stamps, from 10 kopecs to 1 rouble, were uniformly increased to 5 roubles by means of a handstamped surcharge, consisting of a large figure "5" beneath a single line inscription in Georgian characters:—

July, 1921. *Prov. issue. Handstamped.*

5 roubles on
    10k blue
    40k scarlet.
    50k moss-green.
    60k carmine.
    70k deep lilac.
    1r brown-orange.

Between July and December, 1921, Russian stamps in the Arms type, both perforate and imperforate, circulated in Georgia under Soviet rule. New stamps in the denominations of 100 roubles brown and 5,000 roubles deep green have, however, lately been placed on sale, the former showing a figure of St. George and the latter types of Georgian women:—

Soviet. Pictorial designs. Imperf.

100r brown (St. George).
5,000r deep green (Georgian woman).

A postal agency was opened in the Georgian Consulate at Constantinople on January 15, 1921, when the contemporary postage stamps of that State were provided, bearing a distinguishing imprint, consisting of the word "CONSTANTINOPLE" in English and Georgian, together with local values in Turkish currency, the whole enclosed in a rectangular frame, and flanked by printers' stock ornaments. The overprint was applied in red, black, or blue, and the issue was composed as follows, the figures in parenthesis indicating the total quantities overprinted:—

Georgian P. O. in Turkey. Overprinted CONSTANTINOPLE.

1p on 10k blue (900).
4p on 40k vermilion (1,670).
5p on 50k green (1,840).
6p on 60k carmine (1,185).
7p on 70k purple (1,280).
10p on 1r brown-orange (650).
20p on 2r brown (570).
30p on 3r blue (520).
50p on 5r yellow (610).

A few of the imperforate varieties were included, but the bulk of the issue belonged to the perforated series.

Owing to the overthrow of the home Government by the Bolsheviks, the Georgian Consulate at Constantinople ceased to function on February 26, 1921, when the overprinted stamps accordingly became obsolete.—*West-End Philatelist.*

A STAMP FLURRY.

Postage stamps may not be listed on the stock exchange, but they have their flurries and their bullish and bearish movements. The Chilean government recently put out a new issue of stamps to commemorate the fifth Pan-American conference. It was bought up by excited philatelists within one week of its appearance.

Some of the buying was done by bona fide collectors who wanted the stamps for the joy of having them. Other buying was purely speculative, purchasers standing in line to get whole sheets of the stamps, hoping to sell them to collectors later at a goodly profit.

The Chilean government was glad to get money represented by the prompt sale of its souvenir stamps, but it feared that some stigma might attach to itself as a result of their rapid absorption. So it proceeded to authorize a second issue of the same amount.

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BARBUDA 1923.

By Harry E. Huber.

In January last three values of the overprinted Leeward Islands series, issued July 13, 1922, exhausted, and as the new series in a distinctive design has not yet been sanctioned by the Colonial Office, a small further printing of the ½d, 2½d and 3d was requisitioned. These stamps were received in April, 1923, and are practically identical with the first lot, being from plate 10, die 2, and in the same colors as before. The blue of the 2½d, however, is not so brilliant, and the value tablet is in a very faded ultramarine; the yellow of the 3d is more brilliant, and on all three values the black of the "Barbuda" overprint is in dull black instead of glossy black of the first printing.

It had been expected that the 2½d and 3d would be in changed colors, in view of the increased postal rates effective 1st February, 1922. At that time the foreign letter rate was made 3d and according to the regulations of the Postal Union, that value should be printed in blue. Not only did the colors remain unchanged for both values, but yellow paper with the old multiple Crown CA watermark was used for the 3d. This is surprising as several stamps of the British West Indies have appeared recently on yellow paper, script watermarked—the 2½d and 4d of Turks & Caicos Islands, "Crown type" series, were issued so far back as November 20, 1922.

The 1d deep violet is the only color change in the Leeward Island series, and this stamp was issued at St. Kitts in August, 1922, but other values have been printed on script paper, i.e., ¼d, ½d, 1d red, 2d, 5d, 2s, 3s and 4s. The 2½d blue and 6d dull violet and red violet overprinted for Barbuda are of course on script watermarked paper.

Only a slight semblance of uniformity exists in the color scheme used for those values of the Presidency issues affected by the postal rate changes, and at this writing Antigua and the British Virgins have made no color changes at all. But in the other three Presidencies changes have been made. In the St. Kitts-Nevis double medallion series, there is the 1d deep violet, 2½d brown and 3d blue, and in the Tercentenary series issued January 2, 1923, the same colors were used for the borders of these three values, with the addition of red for the 1½d. In February, 1923, a new series appeared for Dominica, in double medallion type. The medallions in each value are printed in black, the borders appearing in color: violet (1d), red (1½d), gray (2d), orange (2½d), blue (3d) and brown (4d). On April 5, 1923, Montserrat issued 1d violet, 1½d red, 2½d orange, and 3d blue, all script watermarked.

In February, 1923, a new postal marking came into use in Barbuda for registered letters. It is a rubber stamp, applied in purple or red, in form being a horizontal rectangle, 50x18mm, with a large "R" at the left, to the right of which is "BARBUDA, B. W. I.—No. . . . ." in two lines.

The outbreak of alastrim in Antigua became so serious in January last, that the Barbuda authorities held a meeting and placed that island in quarantine. As mails from the outer world are received via Antigua, the mailboat from Barbuda had to lie in St. John's harbour, and receive mails, supplies, etc., from a shore boat which came out in charge of a port officer. The Barbuda crew much to its chagrin was not permitted to land and indulge in the delights of that gay (?) metropolis!

A census was taken in Barbuda in 1921, when the resident population was found to number 902 (males 342 and females 560. However, as a considerable number of young men and women are abroad in the U. S. A., and as this system of emigration has only existed in recent years, the comparison between the census of 1911 (871; 351 males and 520 females) and 1921 does not show the actual increase of population during the decade. It is a matter of considerable surprise that while in most of the Leeward Islands the bulk of the native population is Roman Catholic, in Barbuda it is entirely Protestant.

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Here is some more interesting copy from W. S. Boggs, No. 2 Hillside Avenue, Summit, N. J., Mr. Boggs says: "In reply to Major Bonesteel's inquiry concerning the varieties of the 2 cent, 1883, No. 210, Mr. Luff in his work mentions the supposed varieties of this stamp and (page 151) says, 'It has been claimed that there are two varieties of the two cent stamp, distinguishable by the presence or absence of a shadow below the shield, but these differences are entirely due to the amount of ink applied and to the condition of the plates.' The same is true of the Garfield stamps with or without cross hatching.

Another thing which I would like to call attention to is the two varieties of Continental papers. The first is a hard crisp paper which I believe was used during the first contract, April, 1873, to April, 1877, and the second was used from April, 1877, to February, 1879. It is a much more porous paper and lacks the snap of the first paper. It feels like the American soft paper but it isn't so thick and it is whiter. Also when viewed by transmitted light the mesh in it is not as plain as that of the American soft paper.

In your article in MEKEEL'S for November 11, 1922, you mention the straw paper but I do not find any reference to the American printing on hard, crisp, horizontally ribbed paper. Mr. Wiley in his booklet on the 3 cent green mentioned it as the 'Two-in-one' ribbed, but puts it under the Continental Company's product. Mr. Stevenson found a copy with the Amercian imprint and I have been fortunate enough to locate another with part of the imprint showing.

I meant to say concerning the Continental 'Soft Paper' that I have the 1c, 2c vermilion, 3c, 5c, 6c and 10c on this paper.

I don't know whether I have added anything new to your information, but if I have you're entirely welcome to it."

Thank you, Mr. Boggs. You have thrown some interesting light on an interesting subject that I intend to discuss in some detail in a number of future issues of this department as it is a big subject and worthy of the thorough consideration of every specialist. Would appreciate from members of this little fraternity all the information they can give on the subject of papers of the National, Continental and American printings.

Henry Merlo of Buskirk, N. Y., mentions several minor varieties on the 3 cent 1851-57-61-71 and 73 that sound interesting and, if he will send the specimens for my inspection I will be glad to describe any that seem worthy.

I have a damaged duplicate of the most complete shift I have ever seen, the all-over shift on the one-cent, 1879, showing misplaced lines all over the stamp, which was described in the first issue of this department, that I will send for inspection to anyone interested enough to enclose postage for registration and who will return it the same way.

Have just located a large, colorless "22" in black block with extra line at top. Has anyone located any higher colorless figures than this? Mine is on the 2c vermilion, soft paper. Also, what is the highest colorless letter to be found?

Just found what seems to me to be an odd cancellation on the three cent National, ungrilled. It looks like a pitchfork with four tines but instead of having a handle it has a hatchet-like proposition at the base of the tines. Someone please identify.

Recently located three or four cancellations on three cent green Continental and American which are similar to the New York figures and letters in a circle with horizontal or vertical bars above and below, only the circles are blank—there is no trace of figure or letter or anything else within the circle. Is this common? Think I have seen it on the two cent 1883, which I do not collect, but do not remember ever finding it on the three cent green before.

Another cancellation I have found for the first time is a printed "X" about 11 millimeters high but a plain letter without serifs. Pen cancelled specimens are often found with a couple of heavy penstrokes crossing to form an "X" which look about like this of mine, excepting that mine is printed.

Another recent cancellation arrival is the two cent green, 1887, with what looks like a perfect figure of an elephant, trunk and all, standing. Has this variety been listed? Think I remember that it was listed by Ritchie.

GOVERNMENTAL AUSPICES.

The Post Office exhibit at the recent "Palace of Progress" as advertised on Philadelphia postmarks for some few weeks consisted of a small booth where correctly and incorrectly wrapped parcel post packages were shown. There was also a cancelling machine, a frame showing how illegible addresses had been deciphered and another frame displaying all values of the new series of stamps in blocks of 9—some with straight edges and rather poorly mounted with narrow strips of transparent adhesive tape at an angle across the four corners.

They had current stamps for sale, the only one of the new issue being the 2 cent, but used no special postmark other than that used at the central office as per sample enclosed. It was a appointing display from a phil standpoint. They did distribute the closed circular however.

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By R. F. Joyce.

It was in 1913 that Sir Heaton Rhodes, the then Postmaster-General, of New Zealand, asked me to remount his schooldays' collection of stamps. It was an interesting accumulation of priceless gems and forgeries securely gummed to both sides of the leaves of an old album. Being a bit of a philatelist I wanted to discard a number of torn and damaged specimens, but a copy had to be terribly mutilated before Sir Heaton would allow it to be excluded.

The collection found itself spread over three Acme albums, one of which being devoted to N. Z. This soon grew apace and had again to be remounted, but with its growth came interest and study on the part of its owner. I have had many pupils in the School of Philately but none so apt as Sir Heaton. The mysteries of a perforation gauge or finding a difficult stamp in the catalogue were soon overcome by his remarkably good eyesight, retentive memory for details, and the keen intelligence which the hobby demanded and received from him.

Then came the period of filling in blanks. Mr. Phipson, who at the time had one of the best collections in Wellington received some fine approvals from London and others came from a well known Sydney house (J. H. S. Ltd.), and Sir Heaton dipped freely. Having early acquired the habit of only buying stamps in fine condition he seldom or never made a bad investment.

In less than twelve months he was plating retouches and at the same time set about considering a new issue of stamps for New Zealand. The Edwardian stamps, so late in coming out as to be almost a posthumous issue were in need of replacement and Sir Heaton as the first philatelic Postmaster-General wished to turn out a creditable issue.

Taking the design of his favourite issue "the full faces" he had inserted a portrait of His Majesty in coronation robes, in the circle of the old New Zealand stamps. The work was very neatly done by the Govt. photographer but alack and alas, the result was a failure. The young Queen having occupied the frame so long, an optical delusion set in, and "Georgius Quintus, Rex," appeared no king at all. The effect was too effeminate and had to be discarded. Sir Heaton was not to be beaten however in his attempt to rejuvenate the early classics, and in his schoolboy collection there was a much-prized penny black of 1840. This with a few slight alterations supplied the groundwork of our present issue.

The war in 1914 saw Sir Heaton resigning his portfolio in the ministry, being a Colonel in the Canterbury Regiment, with past services in South Africa, so one next hears from him in Egypt and Gallipoli. At this time he was unable to pay much atttention to stamps but picked up a little Arabic as may be seen from the weird hieroglyphics he inscribes on his stamp hinges which tell him where a stamp came from, and perhaps the price paid for it. Being very modest he would hardly like these things to appear in plain English.

I next saw Sir Heaton in London. in 1918 on my return from France, and tried to persuade him to secure a fine collection of New Zealand belonging to a German who was interned at that time. Sir Heaton, who could have bought the collection for "a song" was not the man to take a mean advantage of even a "Fritzie" and it was not until after the war that the collection was submitted to him and the price now ran into thousands. This was one of the few good things Sir Heaton missed.

It was in London and mostly after the Armistice that Sir Heaton's philatelic education received its polishing. His office as Chairman of the N. Z. Red Cross and Patriotic Fund was situated within a few minutes' walk of the philatelic auction rooms, and many London dealers. I think he visited them all.

Apropos of the former I hope I shall be forgiven for telling tales out of school but one little incident was too good to forget. Our usual custom was to view auction lots a day before the sale and mark the limits of our bids in the catalogue, then if Sir Heaton could not get away I used to attend and do the buying. One day Sir Heaton went by himself and on his return I asked him what luck he had.

"I bought them all . . . but not at your prices though."

"What do you mean?" I asked, "those prices were the limit you had to go."

"Yes, but the other chap kept going higher, and I could not let him have them, could I? He was only a parson . . ."

One day we visited Mr. G. H. Dannatt, the founder and Secretary of the "Otterdale," the famous British stamp exchange club, and saw his magnificent collection of Chili. Sir Heaton was at once struck with the similarity of the early Chilians to the New Zealand and his collection now contains a few Chilians for comparison.

Mr. Dannatt speedily got Sir Heaton elected a member of the Royal Philatelic Society and I think he was an honoured guest at one of their meetings when Mr. Goodfellow shewed some hundreds of New Zealand 1855 London prints to prove his theories as to which were on blued papers and white.

Another afternoon was spent "up stairs" at Stanley Gibbons where Mr. Mann's fine collection was inspected. A visit was also paid to Frank Godden Ltd., where he saw a collection being written up by that artist, Mr. W. H. Hiscox, who has probably no equal in the world.

Returning to N. Z. in 1919 Sir Heaton found himself again in the Cabinet as Minister of Defence and Pensions, though if he had been P.M.G. we should have had some reason to be proud of our Victory stamps, and the Post Office staff would not have joined the Red Fed's Union.

Though New Zealand occupies the first place in his collecting it must not be thought he has no interest in other countries. He has a fine little collection of Sydney Views, some imperf. Queenslands and at least two pairs of No. 1 Tasmania on dated originals, and he hopes one day to visit Australia again to pick up a little more knowledge and additions to these collections. Then there are two small volumes of "Swans" and a highly specialised collection of G. R. I. Samoans which in some parts at any rate is without equal.

Another feature of his collection is a fine sense of *Balance,* a feature ignored altogether by many accumulators of stamps. I mean the type of collection which shews pages and pages of one catalogue number, while many others are conspicuous only by their complete absence.

Sir Heaton does not like parting with a stamp, but as soon as that stamp is proportionately represented he does not acquire unnecessary additions. A little while ago some one tried to press on him a strip of 12 No. 10, mint. Very fine, but Sir Heaton is not collecting N. Z. in mint strips of 12 and would prefer a pair of No. 1, especially as the strip contained nothing of special philatelic interest except perhaps as a monstrosity. Had they been "Sydney Views" or retouches he would have jumped at them.

In the short space of ten years, most of which time has been taken up in War work, and holding state offices, it can hardly be expected that Sir Heaton has had much time for philatelic research. Yet he identified the "Charles Skipper and East" wmk. on the '55 blue papers, and has done a great deal towards assisting other philatelic writers. When he retires from politics in the next year or two, what will be a loss to the New Zealand Government will be a world-gain to philatelists.

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Regarding his collection itself, I should enjoy the pleasure of supplying some notes on another occasion if permitted. One could not do justice to it in this article, sufficient to say that the only blanks I know of are the two bisected "shillings," and perhaps one or two of the un-official perforations.

His collection of entires and proofs alone is worth a few chapters; the collection is not yet mounted to his satisfaction and this work he is going to undertake himself. He possesses a highly developed artistic sense and very neat caligraphy, combined with the amazing store of knowledge he has picked up, which should make the collection the finest in New Zealand.

And what of the collector?

Sir Heaton is probably not far past the sunny side of 50. Son of one of the earliest pioneers, educated at home and on the continent, graduating at Brasenose, Oxford, he is a keen sportsman—fishing, shooting, and golf, being among his present day pursuits.

He is the owner of the finest country residence "Otahuna" in New Zealand, which has a magnificent garden containing many native and exotic trees and shrubs, and fields of narcissi in season. Horticulture was his hobby before taking up stamps, and many of the finest present day daffodils and jonquils had their origin at Otahuna. In the Hall are stag's heads with more pointers than one sees nowadays, while the surrounding station is the Stud farm which supplies the pure bred Polies and Romneys to the surrounding dairy and sheep farms. Impressed as one may be with the excellence of everything at "Otahuna" it is nothing to the charm of its owner.

Sir Heaton has that rare gift of making the shyest of strangers feel perfectly at home in his presence, and one goes away wondering if they have ever met a more perfect gentleman. Sharing his home and equally charming is Lady Rhodes, who though she is not a stamp collector takes such a keen interest in her husband's hobbies that if those Arabic characters on the stamp hinges were deciphered many of the gems would be found to have come from her.

"Out of the mouths of Babes and Butchers" . . . I have forgotten the rest, but a butcher from the local freezing works summed Sir Heaton up in rather glowing terms when the Ellesmere results were going up at the recent election.

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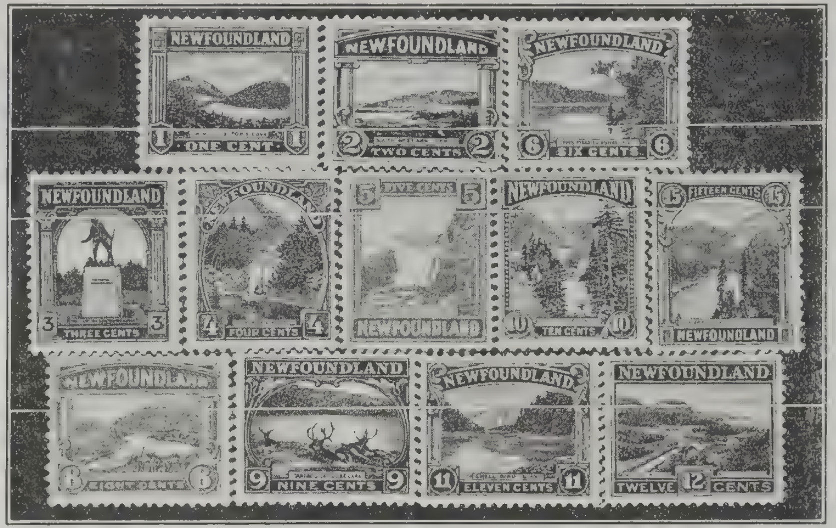

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The above reproduction of the new set, which has just made its appearance, is through the courtesy of The Home of the Postage Stamp. Mr. Huber's "story" will appear next week.

CONDITION, NEATNESS, ETC.

By Leonard A. Gibbens.

Perhaps this little article will not appeal to medium or advanced collectors, and they will consequently pass on to something more useful and interesting with some such remark as "Queen Anne stuff—doesn't interest me." Nevertheless, philately is a big lesson and there will always be newcomers into the class—the stamp magazines, etc.—to learn all they can about the hobby, so we will tender our apologies to the advanced collectors for thrusting an old story before them and proceed with a little chat to beginners and those kind readers who are willing to give us a hearing.

The recent Exhibition has taught many a collector a lesson as to neatness, arrangement, and the study of stamps, and has shown that the mere accumulation of stamps can never make the accumulator a philatelist.

A collection must be of a pretty high order to stand a chance of gaining an award, and competition was keen, which is nothing to wonder at, considering that amongst the exhibitors were many philatelists whose collections are the main theme of interest in life—both time and money being lavished upon them—and you may take it for granted that most of them thought twice before entering their collections, because as no doubt you are aware, the main points the judges have in mind when examining exhibits are, to jot them down in any order:—

1. Condition of the stamps.
2. Arrangement.
3. General neatness.
4. Method of writing-up and display.
5. Evidence of philatelic study.
6. Completeness.

and unless all these points were as near perfection as possible, no matter how complete the collection chanced to be, it would stand a small chance of gaining an award unless the remaining five points were well covered.

Money goes a long way towards success in stamp collecting, but money alone will never make a philatelist of an album space filler, an accumulator or a hoarder of stamp. *And a very good job too.*

The first point—condition—is without any difficulty, as it is quite a simple matter for every collector to pay due regard to this important point. Whether condition is studied with regard to securing an award, appearance of the collection or collecting stamps as an investment, it is equally important.

The novice is easily persuaded into buying so-called rarities, which are stated to be "almost given away," but how is the beginner, who knows nothing about condition and its effect upon values, to know that these so-called rarities (actually rare stamps, but torn, repaired, etc.,) are only offered at give-away prices because they are virtually rubbish, and as rubbish only fit to be burned? At some later date he is informed that the stamp he was so proud of and acquired so cheaply is not worth the amount in pence he put upon it in pounds, and the effect of "eye-openers" like this is very bad for our hobby.

But let me proceed. Unused stamps should be collected in the same state as when they left the printers, *i.e.*, their colours must be bright and not rubbed, full gum, no perforation teeth missing, or, if imperf., with nice margins on *all* sides. The stamps must also be well centered and in every way perfect. With regard to the former, some stamps it is practically impossible to get with the design exactly in the centre of the perforated edges and with a nice white border between the design and the perforations — Nova Scotia 1860-63, for instance—but I maintain that so long as the perforations do not touch the design the stamp may be correctly termed well centered. But, let me reiterate — and mark you—this only in the case of stamps known to have been carelessly perforated, or when the plates have been laid down with very narrow gutters between the designs. Nearly all stamps issued within the last twenty years can easily be found with that "nice white border" all round the design and between the perforated sides.

As to being perfect, by that I imply stamps not torn, thinned, stained, etc., or creased in any way. The same thing applies, of course, to used stamps, but with a little more stress on the fact that the copies must be clean.

A superb *lightly postmarked* copy of a postage stamp is a fascinating item—something to linger over and gloat over. Personally I am in favour of unused and look upon used stamps as spoilt, also the many different positions of the postmark tend to lead one's attention from the design of the stamp. At any rate it is not my intention here to debate upon the merits of used *v.* unused and vice versa. A postally used stamp has justified its issue. An unused stamp has
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collectors never will. One's own opini
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owever, most philatelists are neat ar as their collections go, and be- ers soon acquire the habit of order- s, as this is a part of philately's aing.

riting-up calls for a good amount of nvledge and one must know—or rely ne's store of common sense—as to to include and what to ignore; in I am of the opinion that writing-up art in itself, that is to do it well. the same time it is just another of tely's teachings, but harder to ner than that of say, neatness.

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e collector who cannot afford to give es a place in his collection, must ltogether ignore them, and in this a fair proportion of judicious writ- p, emphasised by some good illus- ns from a catalogue—auction cata- s are best, as they give photographs e actual stamps—will serve very in place of the real article. This d of representing rarities in a col- n is, I think, very much better than w of third rate copies of the actual p, which only serve to bring for- to the onlooker the extent of your ance in the matter of condition, t the same time they serve to point hat you command a slender purse, what perhaps is worse, they spoil ppearance of all the other stamps e same page.

ore replacing the cap on my pen let ndulge in a few "Don'ts." Don't your money on poor copies of *ystamp*, and if you have any dirty, nged, or heavily postmarked stamps, give them to somebody's little boy. over the carpet and put them at ack of the fire. When about to me writing-up, put all the stamps f harm's way before uncorking the t of Indian ink, and above all things fall into the space-filler's rut, wait opportunity, and select your speci- and—collect.—*Stamp Collectors' ightly.*

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CHAPTER III.

The Second Issue.

Late in 1903 a second issue of several of the values of the Queen's head type was made with the overprint "BRITISH SOMALILAND" at the bottom instead of at the top of the stamps. The following is a list of the denominations so treated:—

2½ annas ultramarine.
6 annas pale brown.
12 annas purple on red.
1 rupee carmine and green.
2 rupees yellow brown and carmine.
3 rupees green and brown.
5 rupees violet and ultramarine.

The 6 annas is on paper watermarked elephant's head while all the others are on the star watermarked paper. The 2½a, 12a and 1r stamps were printed in sheets of 240 and the 6a in sheets of 320 as explained in the last chapter and in all four values the two types appear though the arrangement differs slightly from that of the first setting.

As before the 240 subject sheets were overprinted at one operation and in this setting all the stamps in the upper pane, with the sole exception of the ninth stamp on the third row (No. 33), are type 1. In the lower pane the two types are distributed as follows:—

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

There are thus in each sheet 182 stamps of type 1 and 58 of type 2, while eleven horizontal and thirteen vertical pairs may be obtained showing the two types *se-tenant.*

For overprinting the 6 annas value the same procedure was followed as in the case of the first issue—the four right hand vertical rows of type being removed and the stamps overprinted two vertical panes at a time. In this value, therefore, all the stamps in the two upper panes are type 1, while in the lower panes the types were arranged as follows:—

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

In this denomination there are, thus, 256 stamps of type 1 and only 64 of type 2, while eight horizontal and six vertical pairs may be found showing the two types.

As in the case of the first issue the types are not constant on the large stamps—2, 3 and 5 rupees.

The variety with thick "D" in "SOMALILAND" occurs on the 2½a, 12a and 1 rupee stamps in the tenth stamp in the bottom row of the upper pane. It is also known in connection with the 6 annas value but I am unable to state its position in the setting. The first stamp on one of the rows is so badly battered that the "S" of "SOMALILAND" looks more like the figure "8" than a letter.

These appear to be the only varieties that appear with any regularity, though short, small, raised, dropped and widely spaced letters appear in great profusion. Sometimes, too, one of the letters "I" prints very very faintly or is merely represented by a dot but none of these appear with constancy and as they are due to a combination of poor type and poor workmanship they are consequently of little philatelic interest.

Specimens of the 3 rupees stamps may be found with the overprint distinctly curved, the letters at the ends of the words being higher than those in the middle. This variety is of some slight interest and was probably caused by the form containing the type not being locked tightly enough to keep the type from moving.

(*To be continued.*)

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Collectors have been aware that there is something astir in connection with the development of the air mail service and no doubt, some of them have been anticipating stamp news involving the issue of special stamps as a result of the improvements that are to be adopted. The papers have been explaining that innovations were to be made and that, for instance, special night flying mail service from New York to San Francisco is to be established on August 1st. Recently, the Chicago *American* interviewed John H. Bartlett, first assistant postmaster general, who with W. Irving Glover stopped off at Chicago on his return from the recent convention of postal clerks in San Francisco, who said: "Special airplane stamps in the dominations of 10-12 cents, 12-18 cents, 18 to 26 cents are in the process of making. The cost of the stamp varies with the distance the piece of mail must go. Mail bearing these stamps is immediately assigned to the airplane service, assuring its delivery in the speediest way possible." Particulars will soon be forthcoming and collectors will be pleased to know that special stamps will again represent this advanced branch of the service.

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From the Madrid *Filatelico* for May, 1923, we learn that *Le Figaro* and *Le Gaulois*, two Great French newspapers have established a philatelic section in their columns that has been appearing twice a week since the first of February. In connection with a prize contest held by the two periodicals, over 11,000 solutions were received. New contests are announced by the papers, with rewards of a trip to Burdeos and of vacation jaunts. We learn that a philatelic exhibition was scheduled for Burdeos in Spain, for June 15 to June 24, 1923. The collections of the state and of the city of Burdeos were shown out of competition and on the jury, we find the name of Stalins, delegate for Europe of the American Bank Note Company.

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At the meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, held on May 10, 1923, Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein of New York displayed his superb collection of the issues of Canada and we read in the minutes that Mr. Lichtenstein "described the varieties in their chronological order without notes." This great collection of Canadian issues is a source of pride to all of us and Mr. Lichtenstein is a foremost student of the interesting stamps. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. Lichtenstein.

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The editors of the *Smart Set* are running for president and vice-president on a rip-snorting platform whose planks are somewhat full of splinters. One of the promises made by the candidates is: they "promise on their sacred words of honor to leave the postage stamps alone and not to have the faces on them changed constantly, as at present." Here is where these babes in the political wood sit in the poison ivy. They alienate the philatelic vote and sign a testimonial to their own ignorance, by the same motion. Need we say that the faces on the stamps are not changed often and that from first to last, excepting a few special occasions, the countenance of the benign Benjamin has shone from the one cent. We do not change our postage stamps oftener than advisable and our record in comparison with that of many other countries is favorable. Stamp collectors recognize the desirability of new issues in moderation and are unanimous for an orderly sequence of newcomers and it is useless for any candidates to court the philatelic vote who offend collectors at the outset. The philatelic vote is no myth as it is, and as we wax in strength, the time will come when candidates will use all their blandishments in winning the support of us and hesitate to run counter to our ideas. We do not hesitate to say that the *Smart Set* ticket has throttled its chances for success by its absurd locution on the stamp question.

Within the month past, the postal authorities have issued an order regarding stamp cancellation, in which it is said that many postmasters "are using red ink for canceling postage stamps. In most cases this occurs where rubber canceling stamps are used." This practice is discountenanced by the department and postmasters are "cautioned to use only black canceling ink furnished by the department and to see that all stamps are fully and completely canceled." The ink intended for the steel cancelers should not be used on the rubber stamps as it will soon spoil the rubber, and black ink for use in canceling with rubber stamps is furnished on requisition.

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From Mr. William Jerrems, of Kansas City, Mo., we have received a copy of the *Telephone Review*, of June, 1923, in which there appears a remarkable article by Mr. A. W. Deas, "Answers to Questionnaire Found on Postage Stamps." A sub-head reads: "Get the Stamp Hobby and Learn About the World." Mr. Deas is pictured busily engaged with his stamp albums and the good example set by this officer of the telephone company is a good one. Mr. Deas submits ten questions, embracing history, geography, politics, coinage and natural history, all of which are to be answered by the study of stamps. One of the questions is: "What does a mud-puppy look like?" Mr. Deas' article runs at a merry clip and is easily a winner.

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From Burt B. Hyde of Afton, New York, we have received a clipping telling of the death of Congressman Mott at Oswego, on July 10, 1923. Luther Mott was forty-nine years of age since 1910 he had represented the th second district in New York. He Chairman of the New York cong sional delegation and his profession that of banker; and he had serve president of the New York State B ers' Association. We regret the unti death of Mr. Mott, whose brilliant tainments were evident in his you days when he was enthusiastic a stamp collector. We have enjoye personal acquaintance with Mr. since 1893, when he attended the vention of the old P. S. of A. at Chic He was present at the convention Niagara Falls in 1894 and was ele treasurer of the P. S. of A. for second time on this occasion. A banquet at Niagara Falls he mad sparkling speech in which he rel some of his humorous experiences treasurer. Eight years ago, at the nati republican convention in Chicago, Mott told of the pleasure that he derived from his stamps and how hoped to take them up again. One his daughters was collecting at that t The election of Mr. Mott to cong at an early age is a tribute to his ab and we feel that no eulogy is neces here of our old-time collector. Hyde who sent the news of the de of Mr. Mott was present at the conventions.

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We have received a newspaper clip telling of the interest in philately the Honorable Roy G. Fitzgerald, represents the third Ohio district congress. We quote: "He has the lar collection of the stamps of the Un States and other nations, in Dayton, perhaps in Ohio. He is one am many members of congress intereste the philatelic art." Mr. Fitzgerald an intimate friend to the Hon. Ernest Ackerman of New Jersey. In the terview, Mr. Fitzgerald is quoted saying: "The historic value of the sign on American postage stamps is haps the most highly developed of others." He tells of the range of p traiture on our stamps and shows the themes of the stamps embrace many subjects that one becomes pressed by the variety of them.

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Within a very few miles of the factory is some of the most beautiful secenery in the eastern part of the United States. Stroudsburg and the adjoining town of East Stroudsburg are close to the Delaware River just above the famous Delaware Water Gap and at the foot of the eastern slope of the Pocono Mountains. However, none of the grandeur and charm of the surrounding country is portrayed on the match stamps. The Henry stamp takes front rank with the least attractive of the Bureau productions and although to the enthusiastic stamp collector it may be a joy forever, in no sense can it be considered a thing of beauty.

The design is in the form of an upright rectangle of the standard 1c size. The central portion contains what is evidently intended to be a heavy wall of masonry pierced by an equally heavy arch, the keystone of which bears a small colorless letter K and strongly suggests the gloomy appearance of the Traitor's Gate which leads from the Thames River into the Tower of London, and where it is said only those condemned to death were permitted to enter. The space below the arch is occupied by rising (or setting) sun with two keys crossed and in tiny colored letters, paralleling the curve of the arch, "East Stroudsburg, Pa." A marginal label at the top of the stamp reads, "W. E. Henry & Co." and two curved labels just below "Keystone Match—Manufacturers." Near the bottom of the stamp below the arch is a ribbon engraved "U. S. Inter. Rev.," a marginal label at the bottom reads "One Cent." In each lower corner is a slanting oval bearing the numeral 1.

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

> First issued, Nov. 18, 1880.
> Last issued, Oct. 21, 1882.
> 210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
> 4,956,000 issued, all printed by the Bureau at Washington on watermarked paper.

The stamp was printed in red and in black and probably there was only one plate, but the writer cannot definitely state which color was printed first or how many stamps were printed in each color. The total issue was 23,600 sheets which, at $2.00 per sheet, would represent a tax of $47,200.00.

Possibly the Henry die was the first private die engraved at the Bureau, as the date of first issue is only a few weeks later than the date when the Bureau took over the production of private die stamps. The imprint reads "Engraved & Printed at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing" which the writer identifies as the third Bureau imprint. It occurs on all four sides of the sheet. Unlike many of the plates engraved at the Bureau the evidence available indicates that the pane lines are not continuous across the plate but extend inwards only an inch or two from the outer edge of the outer row of stamps. A marginal strip of three from the lower right corner of a sheet printed in black has been noted which bears the reversed italic imprint, which on the plate itself reads "Henry, W. E. & Co. No. 214."

The writer has also noted a single copy in red bearing manuscript cancellation "Oct — 80." If genuine this cancellation indicates that the stamp was from the first printing and was antedated. The red color varies somewhat in shade and there may have been more than one printing. The cancelled copy mentioned inclines more toward vermilion, whereas other specimens are usually a duller or else a darker red.

Evidently there were remainders of these stamps, or else a supply of unused specimens was purchased from the firm by dealers or collectors while they were current, because a few pairs and blocks both in red and in black are known.

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England and France were again at war—as usual. Napoleon, pressed by the need of money with which to carry on war, and realizing the impossibility of being able to hold Louisiana on account of England's invincibility on the sea, determined to sell the province to the United States, and the sale took place April 30, 1803.

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Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

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UNITED STATES.—In my Chronicle for July 7th mention was made of the wonderful mint strip of seven of the 10c Confederate with outlines that changed hands at the last Ferrari Sale. An unknown correspondent in the South now sends for inspection an illustration of a very fine used strip of five with two extra stamps that no doubt were part of the strip. The cancellation cannot be seen clearly from the illustration but it seems to be Milledgeville, Ga. I have written to the firm whose imprint appeared on the envelope inclosing the information and I am in hopes of learning more about this piece which is possibly a new find.

Under date of July 14th the Post Office Department sends out information regarding the performance of the Air Mail Service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923. It seems that during these twelve months the service was 96.73 per cent perfect which proves that aeroplanes are eligible to enter the same classification as railroad trains. Planes flying totaled 1,589,389 miles shuttling back and forth over the continent between New York and San Francisco. The performance record fulfilled the hope of the Air Mail Service for improvement of last year's record which was 95.52%. These figures are based on the number of miles travelled with mail against the number of miles scheduled.

Mr. R. H. Mason sends for inspection an unlisted variety of the 2c on 3c provisional envelope with the type III Chicago overprint. This is the first colored envelope that has come to my attention with this surcharge and the variety in question was used by a firm located in Valley City, No. Dakota.

1920-22, 2c on 3c Provisional Envelope.
Chicago (Ill.) Overprint.
Die A on blue, Size 5, Wmk. 19, L. B.

Mr. H. W. Porter also reports that he has located a copy of the current circular die 2c carmine envelope with a distinct triple impression. The same envelope is known with a double impression and I have also had the 1c green and 2c carmine impressed on the same envelope in addition to the 2c and 3c on the same cover. The latter is somewhat rare.

We have previously listed a number of South Carolina "Business Licence Tax" stamps printed by the American Bank Note Company and running in value from 21/64c to 30c. Mr. F. E. Heydon now reports that the same state has issued "Documentary" stamps printed by the same company in green. He has seen the 2, 5, 8, 10, 25 and 50c and understands that the higher values range from $1 to $30.

NORTH WEST PACIFIC ISLANDS.

By DOUGLAS B. ARMSTRONG.

Not a few War stamp collectors find difficulty in differentiating correctly the five settings of the distinguishing overprint applied to the Commonwealth postage stamps supplied for use in the former German territory of New Britain and adjacent islands, administered by the Australian Government under the general designation of the "North-West Pacific Islands." This is not altogether to be wondered at since the majority of catalogue lists are inaccurate and confusing, whilst information published in the contemporary philatelic press has been frequently of a diverse and contradictory nature.

A really comprehensive and authentic record of the various printings and consignments, recently compiled by that eminent Australian philatelist, Mr. E. D. E. Van Weenen, has at last provided a sound basis for the classification of these interesting issues. In attempting a simplified reconstruction of the history of the North-West Pacific Islands stamps to date the studies of Mr. Van Weenen and others have been freely drawn upon with a view to making this somewhat intricate subject easily understood by the people.

FIRST SETTING (24/11/14).

It was early in November, 1914, that Mr. J. B. Cooke, the Federal Stamp Printer, was instructed to supply a certain number of 1d and 2½d stamps of the Commonwealth, bearing the imprint, "N. W. Pacific Islands," for use in the occupied ex-German possessions. These stamps were to be taken to Rabaul, New Britain, by the newly-appointed Australian Commissioner for the Pacific (Colonel S. A. Pethbridge, C.M.G.). As it was a rush order the overprint was set up in five vertical rows of 8-point De Vinne Roman capitals, and a matrix impression taken in wax from which six replicas were cast to form an electrotype plate of 30 subjects. Three very distinct varieties of the word "Islands" occurred through the use of differently formed "S," viz.:—

Type a. Both "S" alike with uniform curves.
Type b. First "S" with bottom curve flattened out.
Type c. Both "S" with flattened bottom curve.

The first setting was composed as follows:—

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1st Setting.

This setting is only found upon the 1d carmine rose and 2½d indigo, forming a consignment despatched from Melbourne on November 24, 1914, consisting of 10,080 of the One Penny, and 8,160 of the Twopence Halfpenny in all. In this printing the margins were left

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SECOND SETTING (15/3/15).

Additional denominations of ½d, 2d and 3d (Kangaroo), and 4d, 5d, 6d, 9d and 1s, were included in a second consignment of "N. W. Pacific Islands" stamps despatched from the Federal Printing Office, Melbourne, on March 15, 1915.

The overprint was from a new setting with mixed types in the sixth row occasioned by the replacement of damaged stereos as follows:—

a a a a a a
a a a a a a
b b b b b b
c c c c c c
a c c c b c

2nd Setting.

The impression was in purple-black (showing through at the back) on the ½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 9d and 1s values, and in black on the remaining denominations.

Shades and quantities of the ten stamps included in this second printing were: ½d bright green, pale green (48,000), 1d carmine-rose, deep rose (24,000), 2d grey (12,000), 2½d indigo (14,400), 3d olive, green-olive (8,040), 4d yellow-orange, light orange-yellow (6,000), 5d light brown (4,800), 6d bright ultramarine (4,080), 9d violet (2,760), and 1s green (2,040).

Varieties exist of the 2½d on thin paper and the 3d without stop after "W" in the top row.

THIRD SETTING (OCTOBER, 1915).

This setting is very rare and was only used for a part of the supply of ½d stamps sent out in October, 1915. Only two sheets have been discovered so far. The first five horizontal rows are identical with the first and second settings, but the penultimate stamp in the sixth row is type "b," thus:—

c c c c b c

3rd Setting, 6th Row.

FOURTH SETTING (1/6/15—1/6/18).

The fourth setting differs from the third solely in the space between the horizontal lines, which measures 19mm. between the first and second and second and third rows, instead of 18mm., and 19½mm. instead of 18½mm. between the third and fourth and fourth and fifth rows.

All printings despatched between June, 1915, and June, 1918, appear to have been made from this fourth setting, with the exception of the 5d, which did not appear in the fourth setting until the printing of March 3, 1916.

It is impossible to give a summary of the totals of the consignments during the three years that this setting was in use, as no records are available subsequent to August 18, 1916.

The most prominent varieties of the fourth setting are: (1) large stop after "W"; (2) outline stops after "ISLANDS."

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FIFTH SETTING (1/6/18).

The fifth setting, distinguished by the fact that the "S" is uniform throughout, appears to have been brought into use in June, 1918, the earliest recorded date of use at Rabaul being July 5th of that year. It is still in use, and figures on the 1d violet and 4d ultramarine lately to hand. In all probability no further printings of North-West Pacific Islands stamps will be made, as a definitive issue of special design is in preparation and will be printed as soon as pressure of work at the Federal Printing Office permits.
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NEWFOUNDLAND PICTORIALS, 1923.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

As a representation of "The Fighting Newfoundlander" appears on the 3c value it was suggested to the Department that it would be most fitting if this denomination, if not the whole of the new pictorial series, could be issued on July 1, 1923, the 7th anniversary of the battle of Beaimont Hamel, where the Newfoundland Regiment suffered more heavily in proportion to numbers engaged than any other branch of the British Army. This day is now observed as Commemoration Day throughout the Colony, with appropriate religious and civic ceremonies.

But the stamps, coming not by a direct steamer but via New York, did not reach St. John's until the following Friday, the 6th, and then only 12 values, 1c to 15c, were included in the lot. The St. John's papers of the 7th announced their issue for Monday morning the 9th.

"Royal Arms.
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New Postage Stamp Issue.

The new issue of Postage Stamps will be issued by the Post Office on Monday next the 9th. One of each denomination from 1c to 15c will cost 86 cents.

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July 7. 1-insertion."

The designs of the 1c, 2c, 6c, 8c, 9c, 11c and 12c are treated in a horizontal rectangle (22x18mm), and the 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c and 15c vertically (18x22mm.).

The stamps are printed from line engraved plates, on unwatermarked paper, in sheets of 100 (10x10), with plain margins, except for a cross mark for quartering purposes in all four margins. The 1c, 2c, 5c and 12c are perforated single line 14, while the others are comb perforated—14x13½ for the horizontal designs, and 13½x14mm. for the vertical ones.

The photograph used for the vignette of the 1c was taken by Mr. E. Gaze; all others are by Newfoundland's foremost photographer, Prof. Holloway, who supplied the photographs used for the 3c (Cape Bonavista) and 24c (Salmon Fishing) stamps of the Cabot series, issued June 24, 1897.

The frame designs are for the most part very pleasing, those for the 2c and 8c being identical, as also those for the 6c and 11c. The position of the lettering (colorless) varies but little in the different values—"Newfoundland" at the top, the value in words at the bottom, with numerals in both lower corners. On the 5c and 15c however, the positions are reversed ("Newfoundland" at the bottom, value in words at the top, and numerals in the two upper corners), while on the 12c the value is expressed at the bottom as "Twelve (12) Cents." A descriptive title appears under each vignette in minute colored letters. As many of the values are used for fiscal as well as postage purposes, "Postage" is omitted from the designs.

The 3c value, "The Fighting Newfoundlander," is the only one of the series which does not show "water" in some form or other. This statue stands on a commanding site in Bowring Park, looking down the Waterford Valley, and on its pedestal is the inscription "The Fighting — Newfoundlander—Presented to the City—of St. John's by the Hon.—Sir Edgar R. Bowring." The statue which is of bronze is the work of Capt. Basil Gotto who knew the Newfoundland Regiment very well at Winchester, and the figure is modeled after a member of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, Corp. Thomas Pittman, D.C.M., M.M., who went across with Company "C." It has sometimes been called "The Bomber," which is not really correct, as the donor explained in his speech of presentation. "Even though the figure is in the act of throwing a bomb, that in itself does not make him a bomber, for in the early days of the war, men fought with rifles and often carried bombs as well."

The designs are, in general, very attractive, and while some of the colors could be improved upon (notably those for the 6c and 9c), the 5c, 10c, 12c and 15c are especially attractive, as to both design and color. The colors and designs of the new series are reminiscent of the Guy series of 1910-11, supplied by the same printers. Brown and orange were selected by the Department for the 10c and 12c values but the issued stamps appear in violet and magenta, respectively.

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Photographs by Doyle and Holloway are being used for the vignettes of the 20c and 24c stamps, respectively—and these two values, with the air mail stamps (10c and 15c) are expected to be in issue by the middle of August.

The air mail stamps are to be bicolored—the 10c green and black, and the 15c brown and black. For the former is being used the design of an essay sent out in Dr. Robinson's time, a view of the town and harbour of St. John's (looking out towards the Narrows), with an airplane in flight; while a representation of the Vickers Vimy machine at Quidi Vidi, just before Alcock and Brown started on their successful Trans-Atlantic flight, June 14, 1919, will appear on the 15c.

Stamps of the new series arrived just in time, for stock of several of the low values of the Caribou series was running low. On June 23rd but 55,000 2c stamps were in the vaults of the G. P. O., and at the beginning of July the 1c was being supplied instead, and the 2c reserved for use on receipts, etc. Had receipt of the new stamps been delayed for a month, it is quite probable that provisionals would have been necessary, for the 2c at least.

In April, 1923, Mr. Halfyard was appointed Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and on June 5th, Capt. Thomas Bonia, who had been acting as Minister of Finances, was sworn in as Minister of Posts & Telegraphs. Mr. G. W. LeMessurier still continues as Deputy Minister of the Department.

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12c magenta. Mount Moriah, Bay of Islands.
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20c deep green. Placentia from Mount Pleasant (Photo by Doyle).
24c sepia. Topsail Falls. (Photo by Holloway).

Air Mail Stamps.
10c green and black. View of Town and Harbour of St. John's.
15c brown and black. Vickers Vimy airplane at Quidi Vidi, June, 1919.

OUR REVIEW.

The 1923 edition of the old National Stamp Album, dedicated to the issues of the United States is a work of significant interest, as it illustrates the stamps of our country under the restrictions of the law recently passed. The cuts of the postmaster and semi-official stamps, shown, heretofore with impunity now are "defaced" with a line through each one of them but the thin white line does no damage and has the appearance of a crease in the paper. The big departure in this edition is the picturing of the minor differences in U. S. stamps with enough of the stamps as a background to make identification easy; and of the major varieties, the section shown easily gives the clue to the stamp. For example, five types of the one cent, two each of the three cent, five cent and ten cent of the 1851 design are shown while all the regular types down to April, 1923, are pictured in part.

The cuts of the perplexing dies of the U. S. envelope stamps are a boon; and now that the differences between the Reay and the Plimpton issues, for instance, may be understood at a glance, almost, we look for a spurt of interest in these issues that have been so long under a handicap. The advantage of the partial illustration of revenue stamps is apparent and we notice that the narcotic stamps in their irregular sizes are fitted to spaces. The illustrations of watermarks, surcharges and the like have their appeal and the names of the engravers of the different issues are in place. It is seen that the later imperforates are given space in single form when we should think that place for a pair would be more in keeping with modern ideas; and the three cent Victory stamp has its space in the album wrong end up.

It was about 1912, we think, when the previous edition of the National Stamp Album appeared; and that the present album is much in advance of the old one is not to be gainsaid. In fact, this new edition is an important factor in collecting the stamps of the U. S., in that it will encourage the collector who likes our stamps to give them semi-scientific attention, at least; and thus a step in the right direction is made. The edition of the album before us sells for $5; and the book is a presentable one in every respect. We welcome it as a fit home for the stamps of the United States. Scott Stamp & Coin Company, publishers: 33 West 44th Street, New York City.

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Mr. Stiles sends copies of the three cent green for examination, among which are the following varieties:

Vertical shift showing plainest in doubling of the top border line. In fact, that is about the only indication of a shift that can be found and, were it not for the fact that the variety runs constant through a number of such shifts in the writer's possession, he would be inclined to think it due to a smudging in the printing, paper shifting, or something of the sort. But the stamp does not show smudged elsewhere and I am inclined to believe this a shift. It comes on the three cent 1879, usually in a light green shade, and is not especially rare.

A stamp showing a number of diagonal lines running upward from right to left, superimposed over the slightly-curved diagonal lines that form the shading of the white waistcoat of Washington, over the 3 and the C of Cents. This is on the re-engraved three cent but I have seen similar lines on the three cent, 1870, and, I think, on others.

Another three cent, 1879, on which the right serif of the T in Cents is cut away from the rest of the letter by a line of color.

A double transfer on the three cent 1879 in which there is an added line of color in the U of U. S. at the upper left and a short double line in the shading of the shield, extreme upper right hand corner.

There are a number of others in Mr. Stiles' lot but those given are the most interesting. Incidently, there are a couple of nice cancellations in the lot submitted. One is in blue, showing the figure 3 (small) in a white space in a solid blue triangle, on either side of which are two bars, (1873). The other is a red (orange shade) New York—Apr. 1—on a pair of three cent, 1873.

Mr. Stiles mentions a couple of copies of the three cent which he once owned but which left his possession during a period when he temporarily lost interest in the hobby, one a pair of the National ungrilled showing double print, the two impressions being almost equally heavy and about one-half millimeter apart and the other a shift showing a straight horizontal line through the nts of Cents and the r of Three, with other shifts in the horizontal lines of the background. He considers the shift described by Major Bonesteel as very rare, having gone over hundreds of thousands of three centers without ever having seen it.

Frequently requests come to me for names of collectors who are interested in specialization in particular stamps. Also, certain other requests for various kinds of information. As a matter of fact, I cannot well spend the time to answer many letters and it should not be necessary. Any important requests for information will be taken up in this department and, as the names and addresses of specialists who furnish information of importance or make requests for specific information are given, anyone who follows this department regularly can easily get in touch with those interested in his specialty. In fact, this department seems to be forming a sort of a fraternity among those who specialize in the low values of early U. S. that may in time grow into some sort of a helpful organization. Personally, it seems to me it would be a mighty fine thing if a Specialists' Subdivision of the A. P. S. were to be formed. About all that this would involve would be a special grouping of names in the membership lists, giving more full descriptions than at present of the specialties indulged in.

Just one other thing: Many letters come to me that do not include return postage when there are enclosures. Return postage and registration fee should always be enclosed when specimens are submitted for examination.

ABYSSINIA.

By CHARLES G. WILSON.

There are no more picturesque stamps in the catalogue than those of the issue of 1919 of the Kingdom of Abyssinia. They are somewhat crude in execution but even a cursory examination of them, with their images of strange men and beasts cannot but excite the imagination and awaken interest in the land from whence they came.

Abyssinia, the modern descendant of the ancient Kingdom of Ethiopia, situated between the Red Sea and the British Soudan, is for the most part a plateau region 7,000 feet above the sea with bleak mountains rising from it. It is a land peopled by a warlike race of blacks, whose religion is a perverted form of Christianity with a Coptic rite older than that of Moscow and Rome. They live in their houses together with their cattle and chickens and a large assortment of bugs. They never wash and at an Abyssinian banquet the "piece de resistance" is raw beef, warm from the creature.

The world knew very little of Abyssinia until in 1884 the King Theodore, an adventurer who had seized the crown, threw into the royal jail Mr. Cameron, the British Consul. Sir Robert Napier invaded the country with a punitive force and captured Magdala, the stronghold of Theodore, who committed suicide rather than fall into the hands of the English.

The Abyssinians owe their independence to the inaccessibility of their territory to invaders as well as their own warlike qualities. Italy for long flirted with Abyssinia with a view to acquiring her lands. In 1889 she claimed a protectorate which Menelik, the Negus Negusti, or King of Kings, and the greatest ruler the country ever had, would not recognize. In 1895 Menelik opened hostilities with the Italians who were encroaching on him and he defeated them with great slaughter at the battle of Adowa and forced Italy to recognize the independence of Abyssinia.

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THE PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT.

Edited by FREDERICK W. ALLEN, 521 So. 4 St., Grand Forks, N. D.

The Washington Convention—Precancel fans will be interested in knowing that the Precancel Stamp Society will hold its second annual convention in conjunction with the A. P. S. at Washington, August 16-18. Collectors who are interested in this sideline will find much of interest. Mr. V. W. Rotnem, leading light of the precancel field, will attend, also many prominent collectors, including Mr. D. D. Berolzheimer from New York and Mr. H. S. Wheeler from Boston, possessor of the most complete collection of Aeroplane, Victory and Pilgrim precancels in existence. Mr. Ernest Smith of Topeka, Kas., will be present. Other precancel fans, whether or not a member of the clubs, will please inform me if they will be in attendance.

At this time it will be decided whether or not the I. P. C. and P. S. S. shall unite under the name "The Precanceled Stamp Society." This decision shall be left to the memberships of both organizations and will be made by written ballot. The results will be announced at the convention.

First P. S. S. Branch—The interest in precancels is becoming so intense that collectors are beginning to wake up to the feasibility of organizing branch societies. On July 7th, in Minneapolis, Minn., a number of enthusiasts met and organized "The Twin City Precancel Club." Mr. F. A. Smith was elected President for the coming year and P. J. Hojrup, Sec-Treasurer. Meetings will take place every two weeks throughout the year. Auctions will be held regularly. This club will petition to the P. S. S. to be recognized as the first P. S. S. branch. There is such subject matter in precancel collecting that the meetings are bound to bubble over with "pep," and therefore find a warm place in the hearts of Twin City philatelists. Any collectors in St. Paul and Minneapolis wishing for particulars of the society are urged to write Mr. P. J. Hojurp, 651 Huron Street S. E. Minneapolis, Minn., at once.

PRECANCEL REVIEW OF THE NEW SERIES.

To properly write a review of the new U. S. stamps a person needs a new dictionary and a new supply of adjectives; because the plain English language is too tame to cover such a beautiful set. To start with, the one-cent Franklin (which is now precanceled with a new type by New York, N. Y., and Chicago, Ill.), this picture compares favorably with the 1c U. S. of 1851; in other words it's the "showiest" 1c U. S. stamp we've had in a long time.

The 2c Washington is quite an improvement over that old 2c that we've had ever since "Heck" was a pup; still, I never did care much about a 2c stamp 'cause it was too darn plain looking.

The 3c Lincoln I could go into raptures over and to say that it's a fine picture of Lincoln doesn't half express it; I predict that this stamp will be specialized by the precancel fans as well as ordinary collectors. The 3c Fremont, Nebraska, is out and shows up beautifully.

Now to hand a bouquet to the ladies (or rather to one of them i.e., Martha Washington), as she appears in matronly brown on the 4c stamp. I know lots of folks will try to corner Martha, especially precanceled, because Martha Washington is a beautiful example of the engraver's art.

The 5c Roosevelt needs no boost, because it's destined to be a popular stamp, for he still stands as the biggest figure of the 20th century. "Roosevelt" the American. I expect to have a special precanceled collection of the Roosevelt stamp as he has never been on a stamp before. Just suppose a 5c Oyster Bay would come out. It would be some popular precancel.

The 6c Garfield is a wonderful improvement over the previous 6c stamps and 6c stamps never have been common. Newark, N. J., was the first town to use this stamp.

The 7c McKinley stamp will be a good stamp too, as McKinley was a much loved president. I well remember hearing both he and Roosevelt speak here in their presidential campaigns. The stamp is fittingly printed in black—a black beauty.

President Grant always impressed me very much, perhaps because of his heavy whiskers, so I presume the 8c will be characteristic of him, and if so it will be a showy stamp.

The 9c Jefferson I know I'm going to like as I always admired the 5c U. S. Jefferson of 1861 to 65; and Jefferson has always been accorded a high place in American history. Jefferson, Ohio, will look well on the 9c!

The 10c Monroe is the first 10c stamp that you could call pretty, that we've had in a long time. I never cared a great deal about our ordinary 10c stamp, perhaps it was too common.

The 11c Hayes is simply a dandy, it's such a pleasing color that I know it will be a favorite and then 11 is a lucky number anyway. Fremont, Ohio, has used this issue already.

The 12c Cleveland, I haven't seen; but 12c stamps have always been popular, so I'm sure this one will prove no exception to the rule. Cleveland, Ohio, 12c stamps will be of unusual interest.

The 14c Indian is a Jim Dandy. It will no doubt take the place of our 13c and I venture to say that there will be thousands of collectors chasing Indians before the year is over. I herewith catalog it at 50c each for rare ones, and double face for those not common and face for the common ones. Wait for an "Old Indian Reservation, Oklahoma" precancel on the 14c. Oh, boy!

The 15c Statue of Liberty will light up the collector's eyes with joy, as Mr. Ordinary Collector has been long tired of our plain old 15c stamp. New York City 15c will carry a local interest.

The 20c Golden Gate is a pleasing change from our current old 20c U. S. I have stood on the hill overlooking the bay at San Francisco and have seen the ships coming into the harbor and have seen them disappearing across the sunset's glow and it is a picture that painter would love to paint, and would go into raptures over the bea color contrasts and over the ships w seem so picturesque and wonderful on the ocean blue (and this is al this stamp). Oh, for this 20c wi pretty Frisco cancel.

The 25c Niagara Falls is unus nifty, being a pretty green, and pre celed it is a crackerjack. You k we've never had but one other 25c st and that was the parcel post issu predict a long life and a happy one this beautiful scenic display of Nat Wonders. Niagara Falls, N. Y., wi a choice item on this 25c.

The 30c Buffalo will be the one boy collectors will all like; anyt with an animal on pleases a boy. on the Q. T. I'm strong for an stamps myself. I don't care where are from either (but don't tell body). To many a western city t will be a direct connection when town's name appears over the buffal Old haunts depicted!

The 50c Arlington Amphitheatre is deed a fitting memorial stamp in rem brance of our soldier lads, and it indeed prove to be another link in m ory's chain of remembrance. Wash ton, D. C., will be especially fine on count of the sentiment linked with memorial.

The $1.00 Lincoln Memorial stam still another beautiful tribute of res to one of our greatest presidents.

The $2.00 is the Capitol Building, I wish it could have been placed o lower denomination stamp so e American boy could see it and un stand better what it is and where it Endicott, N. Y., is apt to be the user.

The $5.00 "America" stamp is g to be a much prized piece of paper, of course, like all high value stamps, average collector will have to save his pennies for a long time to bu copy. Precanceled $5.00 are going to rare—the only cities using the old se at present are Cleveland and Boston.

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e are holding at this office a letter ssed to H. K. Thompson, M. D., all be pleased to forward it upon of the proper address.

the advertisement of Erwin er on page 360 of the WEEKLY for 4, one offer was incorrectly printed. ne should have read as follows:— ce, 100 different used, bargain

r. C. Whitely, one of our Minne- subscribers sojourning a few in Maine, made a brief call at our nd office, just to see where the LY came from.

he Precancel Society will hold annual convention at Washington, on August 16 and 17. The first ss meeting will be held at 2 P. M., 16. Hotel Raleigh has been selected dquarters. Aug. 17 at 10 A. M. ection of officers and the I. P. d P. S. S. vote on the union will place. In the evening there will anquet, a precancel stamp bourse ossibly a precancel auction.

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ORONO MATCH CO.

By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

Of the two designs for match stamps used in the State of Maine the die which at first bore the inscription, Orono Match Co., is by far the prettier and well deserves the high place it has always held in the affections of collectors. It would be difficult indeed to find a more suitable design and perhaps that is one reason for the long continued popularity of the stamps produced from it.

The frame of the design is very similar to that of the Henry Stanton stamp of Syracuse, which was approved and issued a month later than the Orono stamp and there can be little doubt both stamps were designed by the same artist. An upright rectangle of the standard 1c size with irregularly curved edges encloses a central oval which bears an evergreen tree, presumably this is intended to represent one of the white pines with which the State of Maine abounds, and whose wood was so extensively used in the manufacture of match sticks. The upper part of the oval is inscribed "Orono" at the left and "Maine" at the right, while above and below the oval are two curved panels, the upper of which reads "Orono Match Co." and the lower "U. S. Inter. Revenue." In each upper corner is a slanting numeral 1 and in the lower corners are found "One" and "Cent" respectively. A shaded pearl fills out each corner of the design.

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Apr. 9, 1866.
First issued, June, 1866.
Last issued, Aug., 1885.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
6,992,140 issued on old paper.
5,360,360 issued on silk paper.

"This die was registered and all correspondence carried on in the name of Anson Allen. It was also subsequently used by the firm of Allen & Powers."

Probably there was only one plate which was made by Butler & Carpenter of Philadelphia and all the stamps on both old and silk paper were printed by them. The shade varies from a dull greenish blue, commonly found in Philadelphia printings, to a darker blue and occasionally copies may be found in the lighter shade on very thin paper. The stamp also exists in the bright blue characteristic of what may be an experimental printing on thick paper made about 1870. Quite possibly it also occurs on the experimental silk paper, although the writer has not noted such a variety. There are also several attractive shades on the silk paper ranging from a bright medium blue to a darker blue than has been noted on any printing on the old paper. Pairs and blocks of this stamp are anything but common and it is not known to have been used in multiple.

Neither of the Orono Match Co. stamps in the usual shades are scarce but copies on the old paper are rather more difficult to find in nice condition. Very fine copies are well worth the present catalog quotations which have not been changed since 1901.

The true ultramarine printing of 1869 on old paper is indeed a rare stamp and it seems doubtful to the writer if as many as half a dozen different specimens could be found. For ten years the stamp was listed at $12.50, which seems liberal indeed for a shade variety, yet there are so few opportunities to acquire a specimen in even ordinary condition that the quotation hardly reflects the price which anyone fortunate enough to own a copy, and cognizant of its rarity, would be satisfied to accept.

ALLEN & POWERS.

This firm is the successor "of record" to the Orono Match Co., and it is believed to have operated the same factory in the town of Orono, which is on the Penobscot River, a few miles north of the City of Bangor, Maine. The firm of Allen & Powers appears to have been in existence as early as 1865, and it is not unlikely that the Orono Match Co. was merely the name under which the firm of Allen & Powers operated their match factory for a time.

The data in the Boston Book indicates that this firm used the Orono Match Co. stamps before the die was altered to bear their name. The firm of Allen & Powers is listed in the Maine Registry as match manufacturers at Orono from 1872 down to 1884, inclusive. The following three years this firm is not listed in the Directory but the name of H. C. Powers, match manufacturer, does appear in 1888; the name of Allen & Powers appears again and continues down to and including the 1895 Directory. It does not appear after 1895. During the '80's many match firms were apparently doing business in Orono.

The design remains the same as that of the Orono Match Co. stamp excepting that the upper curved label now reads "Allen & Powers."

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Jan. 13, 1876.
First issued, Feb. 3, 1876.
Last issued, Oct. 4, 1882.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
6,401,510 issued on silk, pink and watermarked paper.

The Allen & Powers stamps probably were all printed from a new plate made by the National Bank Note Company of New York. This plate bears the first National imprint, the N. B. N. Co. monogram and the number, viz., "No. 27." All the stamps on silk and pink paper, and some of those on watermarked paper are National prints. The stamps on watermarked paper may be either National, American or Bureau prints and with our present knowledge very few of them can be definitely classified. The National prints on silk and pink paper, however, are usually about as dark as the darkest shade of the Orono stamp on silk paper, whereas the only copy which the writer can positively identify as a Bureau print is in a lighter and duller blue. As the American Bank Note Co. may have placed no distinguishing imprint on the plate while they were using it, about all that can be said regarding the watermarked stamps is that the darker specimens are probably Bank Note printings, while the lighter duller color is a Bureau printing.

The Allen & Powers stamp is occasionally seen in blocks on silk and pink paper, but no multiples have been noted by the writer on watermarked paper.

The stamps are not scarce and unused copies with full gum are to be found. The pink paper variety is from two to four times as scarce as either of the stamps on white paper, and was quoted at from 25c to 50c up to 1900, since that year it has held firmly at $1.00.

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The news of the issue of new air mail service stamps has been followed by an inundation of clippings on the subject of the air mail and incidentally, the forth-coming stamps, whose information in the aggregate would account for any and all issues of the special stamps in question. It is patent, however, that the stamps are almost ready for distribution and if they appear by August first, the date announced for them, readers will have the stamps at hand before this copy of the paper.

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We cannot make the practical side of the advancement of philately, in print, as attractive as the theoretical. Every philatelist recognizes that it is necessary for the well-being of the pursuit to recruit the boys and girls to its standard and probably would place this consideration first in the scale of importance to philately's future. Yet we do not see as much discussion of this topic as we should, even though it is granted that it is difficult to say anything new about ways and means to accomplish the end. It is one thing to say that something constructive in this way should be done and another thing to do it. Some of us encourage the young collector when it is convenient for us to do so but we are not likely to go to the length of sacrificing time and effort to lead the young idea to stamp collecting. We think that if we give away a few stamps to prospects and answer the questions of the beginner, we are doing our full duty. This is something to be credited with but when we see what men such as the Reverend E. M. Gearhart have been doing, we rejoice to know that while they go about their work unostentatiously, their results are certainly noticeable. Each philatelic adult should resolve to do his bit for philately by giving of his time and duplicates under the direction of men whose vision is large, for the planting of philatelic seed.

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The writer, Holworthy Hall, in a recent article, "The Place Pig-Alley," in the *Saturday Evening Post* for July 7th, uses philately as a simile or something. Judge for yourself: "When he was twelve his neighborhood had rocked with excitement at the rumor that there was a man somewhere who paid a hundred dollars for a barrel of canceled postage stamps." The consequence was that every boy thereabouts with the exception of Martin had begun to collect. "Well, the mystery of woman was just like that." The mystery and the barrel were rumors founded on fancy. "When you got through collecting, you came to life. So that Martin wasn't a collector." We are just as well satisfied that Martin isn't a collector; he would be a hard man to get the better of in a stamp trade.

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One of the members of the Adventurers' Club of Chicago is Major George F. Lee, ex-city-jailer, who was one of the officers of our troops in the China invasion at the time of the Boxer rebellion. His account of the postal operations of the American army that gave being to the special U. S. China postmark confirms, substantially, data previously given in this paper, particularly by General C. A. Coolidge. From Major Lee we heard a remark that we pass along as combining a bit of sentiment with a touch of fact: "The sight of the common American stamps by a wanderer far away from home and absent from his country for many months gives a sensation that is almost too divine for words. This is especially so if the travels of the man are fraught with momentary danger so as to make it an open question whether he will return with a whole skin. On letters from home, the stamps share that spirit of joy that the receipt of the letters give; and the stamps typify the essence of the American home and business or in other words, the sense of things at home as we wish to remember them."

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As for us, we cannot conceive of any other avocation, pursuit or institution that can match the number of loyal adherents to philately; and we take a bit of pride in their unyielding devotion to stamp collecting that is such as to throw them off their balance when their pursuit is attacked by a clumsy or by a clever critic. When derogatory remarks appear in print, we are almost certain to receive the clippings from readers, who ask that we cudgel the writers on general principles. This is all very well and we recognize the spirit of the collectors who do not like to have their favorite traduced or even insinuated against; but we must be reasonable in this particular. As philately becomes more of a dominant factor in the every-day concerns of the world, it will be subjected to more criticism in the way that a successful man attracts criticism that would pass him by as an unknown. We must keep in mind the admission that philately is not invincible to the extent that it can escape the shafts of wit, irony or what you will; and it must expect to receive a thrust now and then that will jar its sense of self-sufficiency; and for that reason we do not feel that it is wise to excite ourselves over the fulminations of the ignorant or the stupid, whose influence is negligible, after all. We make this explanation to account for our failure to belabor the author of the casual criticism of philately, although as a rule we have something to say whenever there is any relatively formidable attack on philately. We are always alert to repel boarders on the philatelic ship when their designs are dangerous but the crassly curious or the blustering boors need no rougher treatment than the soothing impact of the winging marlin-spike.

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at the Philadelphia office last May;
by a series of coincidences the publ
tion of the article has been delayed
now. When Mr. Cadbury sent in
contribution, he enclosed a copy o
leaflet, The Post Office, Here and Ev
where, which is distributed with
compliments of the Philadelphia
office. The folder is an interesting
ample of readable postal news and
we could "lift" many of the paragr
to advantage. We imagine that
government issued the circular for
tribution to the public on occasions
this kind; and we must say that
editor who compiled the matter is
who should have his salary raised.
if he will be a good fellow and ad
paragraph to his string, telling of sta
and collectors when he addresses the
people at fairs, festivals and feasts,
shall hail him as a benefactor.
speaking of "Five Thousand Miles
Two Cents," it is said that the sta
"might even catch a ride on the 'p
mobile,' a one-dog outfit operated by
ingenious postman, or on that craft
which, because the contract specifie
'power boat,' a mail carrier attache
horse."

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We have had some interesting lett
from readers who are abroad and it
somewhat singular to notice that wi
out exception those who are scouting
United States stamps say that it
almost impossible to find anything
superb United States on the accep
routes of travel. On the continent,
collector must constantly be alert not
acquire skilfully mended specim
which merchants, otherwise scrupul
enough, do not hesitate to palm off
customers. One of our corresponde
says that if he spent the same ti
traveling about in this country, he co
amass as many good U. S. at about
same prices as he succeeds in locati
in Europe. For all that, we think t
it is desirable that the tourist abro
have the philatelic string to his b
as he may find something there,—as w
as at home.

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The editor of the WEEKLY will spe
about a week in Washington during co
ventions and practically close up sh
for the time being. The news of t
meetings of the dealers and collecto
will be given to our readers at t
earliest possible moment and while the
seems to be no great questions for co
sideration, it is certain that work
serious kind will be accomplished.

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PART IV.—THE PARCEL POST STAMPS.

Chapter IV.

The Fourth Issue.

In 1902 it was decided to issue an entirely new series of parcels post stamps a special order announcing their issue being circulated from Brussels under date of July 25th, as follows:—

"A new set of Railway Parcel Stamps have just been issued; they are of a new design and are printed in two colors. The set consists of all the values now in use, as well as a 3frs, the issue of which was postponed.

The new stamps may not be made use of to frank packages weighing 60 kilograms, or under, nor mixed consignments, nor parcels, until the 1st October next. Requisitions for stamps sent in accordance to regulations on the 15th June last, will be executed by the Stamp Office, in part with stamps of the old design, according to the estimated requirements during the months of July, August and September, and in part with new stamps according to the estimated requirements during October to 31st December.

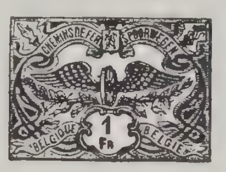
The new stamps may, however, be sold to the public on demand provided that a notice is affixed in close proximity to the counter to the effect that parcels accompanied by despatch notes bearing the new stamps will not be accepted for transmission previous to the 1st October.

It should be understood that after October 1st stamps of the old design should be used concurrently with those of the new until any remaining stock of the former is exhausted.

By order of the Director-General.
The Administrator,
(Signed) Garnie."

These stamps were all ready for sale on July 24th, the day before the above notice was published, and though the stamps were sold to the public if asked for, they were not good for postage until October 1st, 1902. The design for the centimes values, replacing those of corresponding denominations in the previous set, is exactly the same as the 1895 design except that the central disc containing the numerals of value and "CENTIMES—CENTIMEN" is now in one piece and is printed in a color distinct from that of the rest of the design. Mr. Fr. Poortman, of Malines, was responsible for the necessary modifications in the engraving though his name is no longer shown on the stamps.

An entirely new design was adopted for the 1, 2 and 3 francs stamps. In the centre is a winged wheel with branches of oak and laurel intertwined below, and, lower still, are numerals denoting the value above "FR". The surrounding frame is of a somewhat elaborate character and shows at the top "CHEMINS DE FER" and "SPOORWEGEN" on curved scrolls, divided by a small shield, containing the Belgian lion, surmounted by a Royal Crown. In the upper angles a hand is shown at left and a lion at right, while from each side of the ornamental frame containing the numerals of value a ribbon scroll projects, that at left being inscribed "BELGIQUE" and that at right containing "BELGIE". The wheel and value are printed in an entirely different color from that used for the frame.



On January 1, 1906, a new value, 1 franc 10 centimes, was issued, this being of exactly the same design as the previously issued franc stamps. In 1912 a 35 centimes value was added to the series; in 1913, 4, 5 and 10 franc stamps appeared; and, finally, in February, 1914, a 55 centimes stamp was placed in circulation. These are all similar in designs to the other centimes and franc stamps of the series.

One plate served for the frames for all thirteen of the centimes values and similarly one frame plate was used for all seven of the franc values though separate duty plates had to be constructed for each of the twenty different denominations.

The stamps were all surface printed on white wove unwatermarked paper and like the stamps of the two preceding series were perforated 15½ by 14½.

Of the values in greatest demand there were a great many printings. Thus of the 10 centimes there were eight printings between 1902 and 1909 and probably many more later, of the 50c and 60c there were ten printings by 1909, of the 70c, 80c and 1fr there were nine printings up to the same time, and so on. Consequently most of the values of this set provide more or less striking differences of shade both as regards the frames and central portions.

Gibbons' catalogue gives the 30c, 50c and 90c values as existing with double impression (presumably of the frame) and also records the 80 centimes as "double, one inverted" this also, we presume, referring to the impression of the frame. Mr. de Bont adds the 30c, 50c, 80c and 1.10fr entirely imperforate, the 50c part-perforate, and the 15 centimes doubly printed on the back.

The stamps of this issue are very plentiful in unused condition due to the fact that when the Huns overran Belgium large quantities were looted and sent into Germany.

Reference List.

1902-14. Engraved by Fr. Poortman. Printed in two colors. No. wmk. Perf. 15½x14½. Centre in second color.

10 centimes, brown and slate.
15 centimes, slate and violet.
20 centimes, ultramarine and brown.
25 centimes, green and vermilion.
30 centimes, orange and green.
35 centimes, bistre and green.
40 centimes, blue-green and violet.
50 centimes pale rose and violet.
55 centimes, purple and blue.
60 centimes, violet and red.
70 centimes, blue and red.
80 centimes, olive-yellow and purple.
90 centimes, red and yellow-green.
1 franc, purple and orange.
1 fr 10c rose and black.
2 francs, bistre and blue-green.
3 francs, black and ultramarine.
4 francs, red and yellow-green.
5 francs, orange and blue-green.
10 francs, olive and purple.

Varieties:

15 centimes, Doubly printed at back.
30 centimes, Double impression.
30 centimes, Imperforate.
50 centimes Double impression.
50 centimes, Imperforate.
50 centimes, Part-perforate.
80 centimes, Double impression, one inverted.
80 centimes, Imperforate.
90 centimes, Double Impression.
1fr 10c, Imperforate.

Chapter V.

The Fifth Issue.

On June 22, 1914, a provisional issue of parcels post stamps was issued to replace the last issue which was demonetised on account of the large stocks looted by the Germans. The provisionals were issued at Adinkerke (France) and were in use for only about five weeks. Very few were prepared and they were used almost exclusively on official packages, while the small number of remainders were destroyed at Havre in October.

These provisionals consisted of certain values of the regular postage stamps of 1912-13 overprinted with a winged wheel and the inscriptions "CHEMINS DE FER" and "SPOORWEGEN" in sans serifs capitals at the sides, the first named reading upwards and the latter of a steel hand-stamp and all varieties downwards. They were struck by means are quite scarce.

All values from 5 centimes to 5 francs inclusive were overprinted, the 10c, 20c, 25c and 40c being the variety with larger portrait, and of these the three first named values exist with and without the engraver's name.

Reference List.

1915. Postage stamps of previous issues overprinted in black. No. wmk. Perf. 14.

(a) Issue of 1912.

5 centimes, green.
35 centimes, pale brown.
50 centimes, grey.
1 franc, yellow.
2 francs, violet.
5 francs, plum.

(b) Issue of 1912-13, with larger portrait.

10 centimes, red.
(a) Without engraver's name.
20 centimes olive.
(a) Without engraver's name.
25 centimes ultramarine.
(a) Without engraver's name.
40 centimes, green.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—We have received a copy of *El Filatelista Hispano-Americano*, a monthly paper which is being published in Spanish in New York by Mrs. Maria E. Garcia, 122 West 90th Street. We understand that Mrs. Garcia, through her paper, is trying to cement relations between Spanish and American philatelists. We wish to congratulate her on her efforts, and believe she deserves the hearty co-operation of all lovers of our "hobby."

—A new advertising cancellation just received at the office of the WEEKLY reads as follows:—"Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Aug. 22-31." We have also received a similar cancellation from Wilmington, Del., which reads in four lines:—"Delaware State Fair, Wilmington, Aug. 27-Sept. 1."

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

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UNITED STATES.—Be sure and read this Chronicle next week, for there will be some very important and interesting information announced which will come as a great surprise.

The first two sections of the advanced sheets of the 1924 Scott's Catalogue were distributed on July 20th just about ten days earlier than the date that similar sheets were issued last year. The catalogue this year will show for the first time border cuts of all of the U. S. stamps enabling the amateur to readily classify his varieties. We also find that from 1902 on the stamps are entirely renumbered for the imperforated varieties and the coil stamps are now rightly listed as main varieties and are given numbers accordingly.

In the case of price changes we find that only here and there is a change made in the early issues, but from 1870 on practically everything moves forward and from 1894 on there is hardly an unused stamp that has not increased in price. We have always advocated twentieth century United States stamps as a "gilt edge" investment and the fact that most of the stamps which increased last year have again gone up, shows that we are somewhat of a prophet.

With the exception of the shade varieties the 1847 issue stands still. The commoner varieties of the 1851 issue advanced slightly, the biggest change being in the 12c which now goes to $9.00. In the 1857 series one or two stamps make slight increases, the 30c unused going to $20.00 while the 90c goes to $35.00, only slight changes occur in the 1861 issue. Quite a few of the grill varieties increased whereas in the case of special prints of all issues, practically every stamp takes a fair increase. The 6c 1869 goes to $8.00 unused and $3.00 used while the 15c type 1 goes to $25.00 and $7.00. There are slight changes in the higher varieties unused, the 90c going to $70.00 while it is priced $30.00 used. Practically every unused National Grill advances while several of the ungrilled increase. There are a few changes in the Continental issue, whereas practically every American print goes to a new figure. Almost the entire 1890 series increases without exception while the Columbian issue from the 15c on does the same. The 4c error now is priced at $125.00. With the exception of one or two of the cheaper varieties, every stamp in the 1894-1895-1898 issues including the Omahas advance and some of the advances are substantial. All of the Pan American series increase slightly with the 1c error going to $80.00. All of the 1902 to 1907 issues take fair increases, the 5c imperf. now being priced at $7.50. There is not a single unused stamp of the 1908 issue that does not go forward and in the case of the coil stamps some of the increases are very substantial, and we might state, rightly so. All of the blue papers through the 8c advance as does the 1910 series immediately following. The 15c which has always been a scarce stamp is now priced at $1.25. All of the Panama Pacific has been increased and the 10c perf. 10 which has been a difficult stamp to obtain goes to $1.00. From 1912 on it is difficult to find a stamp that has not been jumped and some of the advances have been fully 50 to 100%. The 5c error perf. 10 now goes to $12.00 while the perf. 11 reaches $7.00. Those who have filled up their twentieth century spaces can certainly be happy.

As for the Departments the changes have been slight for practically all of these advanced last year. I note the Executives with the exception of the 10c all increase. Several of the Interior take advances while the 90c Navy goes to $22.50. The hard paper low value War stamps all increase and most of them are doubled in price. Scott has realized that the 2c Postal Saving with the single line watermark is the rarer, and has consequently increased this price and reduced the quotation on the double line.

There has been quite a few changes in the Carriers as well as the Special Deliveries. In the case of the envelopes I note one or two increases, particularly the 2c on 2c errors of the 1920 issue going from $2.00 each to $4.00 each. The Shanghai local surcharges are priced at $1.00 each. A hurried glance over the revenues show changes here and there and it is particularly noted that all of the inverted centers which have always been popular take very substantial increases.

As a whole the new prices show the upward tend of fine U. S. and reflect current values as shown by auction sales and private transactions of the last year. The partial illustrations will no doubt add a greater interest among the younger element and will increase the collecting activities in the case of our issues.

SCOUTS AND STAMPS.

Thinking you might be interested in a stamp club which is flourishing in the city of Erie, Pa., I am writing you concerning it. I shall be very glad to give particulars to any group of Boy Scouts who may desire to organize along the same lines.

While serving a parish in Indiana, Pa., the idea of a Boy Scout Stamp Club gradually grew in my mind until I tried it out. In every way it was a success and so when I came to Erie and found a large number of men who had been stamp collectors, I determined to try it again.

About six months ago I issued a call for all Boy Scouts of the city who were interested in stamp collecting to meet me at Scout headquarters. Eight responded and we organized under the name "The Erie Boy Scout Stamp Club." That
membership of eight has grown t
and we now have quite a numbe
boys who are not scouts asking for m
bership. These will be admitted
as "Associate Members," only Scou
regular standing being eligible to
tive Membership."

We have fixed our meeting nigh
Friday evening of every week excep
months of July and August when
meet the first Friday evening of
month. The dues are 5c per week.

By asking our friends thru the Ro
Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs to save
stamps for us and having boys call
them once a week, we accumulate
a large stock of stamps and these
all mixed in a large box and at
meeting every boy present receives
ounces from the box. These he t
home and sorts over, being in h
bound to keep but one of each kind
less it be a block of imperforates).
he returns the remainder and they
put back into the box. Thus we
a continual stock of stamps from w
the boys add to their collections.
surprising to see some of the st
that come into this box. The boys
building up some fine collections.

At the meetings we hold regular ro
table discussions. At these sessions
boys bring their stamps and ask all m
ner of questions. After the reg
meeting they exchange and have a g
eral good time.

Once a month we hold a stamp
tion. The rules are that all stamps m
be mounted on slips of paper and p
erly listed and priced according to S
Catalog. The boy places his name on
slips and all stamps for the auction m
be in the hands of the Executive C
mittee 24 hours before the session.
lot may be withdrawn after being pla
on sale. No member can submit lots
bid on lots who is not paid up in
dues. Any member bidding on stam
and not lifting the lot if "knock
down" to him loses his right to en
stamps at future sales or to bid there.
We find these rules work finely
many of the old-timers would be s
prised at the spirit that enters into th
sales. Many of the boys settle th
bids thru the clerk by bidding in l
belonging to each other and then pay
the difference in cash. Each boy w
submits a lot in the auction places
lot which is sold and the proceeds
to the club treasury.

At our First Annual Stamp Exhi
held in June, 35 albums were ente
and the public interest was very ke
At this exhibit the prizes were offe
by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.,
New York, and by Mr. C. C. French
Erie, Pa.

These are just the main features
our organization but in addition I
glad to tell you that more than o
school teacher has come to me and ask
me how we are teaching the boys geo
raphy and history and saying that t
members of our stamp club outra
their fellow students in these branch
If any of this material will be of i
terest to your readers I shall be glad
have you use it and will be glad to gi
any information to any who may
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TAGE STAMPS OF BELGIUM.

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Chapter VI.

The Sixth Issue.

December, 1915, a permanent series issued, these, like the regular post- stamps and postage due stamps of mporary date, being engraved and ied in London, by Messrs. Water- Bros. and Layton. The centimes ps are all of similar design and in the centre a winged wheel and ches of oak and laurel in wreath , the tips of the wings partly ob- ting the wreath. Above is "CHEM- DE FER" and "SPOORWEGEN" wo scrolls; curved at the sides are LGIQUE," at left, and "BELGIE," ight; while at bottom is "CEN- ES—CENTIMEN" divided by a shield containing the Belgian lion. he upper angles are small shields, at left containing a hand and that ght a lion, while in the lower cor- are numerals to denote the required s. The franc values show a loco- ve as the centerpiece and while the es contain the same inscriptions and dic details as the lower values they uite differently drawn and arranged. e stamps were printed on white paper of a somewhat porous e. Field's catalogue says they were s printed, which is certainly in- ct; other authorities say they were ce printed but it appears to us more ble that they were printed by lithog- y. Their perforation is another r on which the catalogues are not erfect unison—Scott and Gibbons t state the perforation is 13½, e says the gauge is 14, while the few mens we have available at the mo- of writing all measure exactly 12!

Reference List.

5. Engraved and printed in Lon- y Waterlow Bros. and Layton. No Perf. 12 (?).

1 centimes, blue-green.
1 centimes, olive.
2 centimes, vermilion.
2 centimes, brown.
3 centimes, lilac.
3 centimes, grey.
4 centimes, orange-yellow.
5 centimes, bistre.
5 centimes, brown.
6 centimes, grey-violet.
7 centimes, green.
8 centimes, red-brown.
9 centimes, blue.
franc, grey.
fr 10c, blue.
francs, red.
francs, violet.
francs, green.
francs, brown.
1 francs, orange.

Chapter VII.

The Seventh Issue.

One of the first things the Belgians did after the Armistice was to issue new stamps and while the first supplies had to be printed in Holland it was not long before our gallant allies had their own printing establishment in Malines working again. As soon as the Stamp Printing Works were in a position to produce them a new series of Parcels Post stamps was issued to replace the London set.

The design for the centimes value is something like that of the London stamps but with the numerals of value in bold figures above the centre of the design as well as in the lower corners. The values are all shown as "0 FR 10" etc., the letters "FR" being in small capitals with a large period below. Owing to this extra designation of value the inscriptions "CHEMIN DE FER—SPOORWEGEN" have had to be removed and they are now shown on either side of the wreath.

The design for the franc values shows an entire train instead of locomotive alone. At the top "CHEMINS DE FER—SPOORWEGEN" are shown in two straight lines and at each side of the train are "BELGIQUE," at left, and "BELGIE" at right. Above the value is shown in bold numerals followed by "FR" with a thick line and large dot below.

The stamps were all printed on white wove unwatermarked paper and are perforated 14.

Reference List.

1919-20. Printed in Malines. No. wmk. Perf. 14.

10 centimes, pale blue green.
15 centimes, olive.
20 centimes, red.
25 centimes, grey brown.
30 centimes, mauve.
40 centimes, orange.
50 centimes, pale brown.
55 centimes, bistre.
60 centimes, grey violet.
70 centimes, green.
80 centimes, red brown.
90 centimes, dull blue.
1 franc, grey.
1 fr 20c, deep olive.
1 fr 40c, grey brown.
2 francs, vermilion.
3 francs, purple.
4 francs, yellow green.
5 francs, bistre brown.
10 francs, red orange.

Chapter VIII.

The Eighth Issue.

In June, 1920, some of the values of the preceding type were issued in new colors and with the designs re-drawn. In the case of the centimes values there is no shading between the wreath and inscriptions and very little between the wreath and wheel. The wings are entirely different in shape, the crown above the shield at bottom is quite different and the scrolls at each side are hardly shaded at all. Many other small differences will be found and the design as a whole is vastly inferior to that of the last issue.

The design for the franc values was also entirely re-drawn, the letters of the inscriptions are smaller, the numerals are smaller, and there are two thin parallel lines under "FR" instead of a thick line and dot, to mention only the most prominent differences. As in the case of the design for the lower values the re-drawing instead of being an improvement is distinctly poorer in conception and execution.

Not only are the designs inferior but the method of production is on a much lower plane and possibly the plates were made by a different process. The paper is of different quality showing less weave than before and is apparently of cheaper grade, and different gum is used.

The perforation is 14 as before and even this was carelessly done, nearly every sheet providing stamps which are not fully perforated so that it is impossible to separate them without damage unless recourse is had to scissors. It is usually the marginal stamps that show this imperfect perforation.

The 90 centimes and 10 francs stamps were printed in a pale yellow color and after being in circulation for a short time there were so many complaints as to their illegibility and the frequent cases of confusion between them that they were withdrawn and re-issued in claret and dark brown respectively.

Reference List.

1920. Types of last issue re-drawn and colors changed. No. wmk. Perf. 14.

10 centimes, carmine.
15 centimes, yellow green.
20 centimes, blue green.
25 centimes, ultramarine.
30 centimes, brown-red.
35 centimes, red-brown.
40 centimes, orange.
50 centimes, rose.
60 centimes, pale rose.
70 centimes, green.
80 centimes, violet.
90 centimes, pale yellow.
90 centimes, claret
1 franc, yellow brown.
1fr 20c orange.
1fr 40c yellow.
1fr 60c turquoise blue.
2 francs, carmine.
3 francs, carmine.
4 francs, emerald green.
5 francs, violet.
10 francs, pale yellow
10 francs, brown.

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Transcribed by ALDEN M. WHEELER.

23 March—This day received lot of adhesives from Master Henry of Los Angeles, in an auction he did hold and very fine, North West Pacific Islands, Kangaroo surcharges, 1, 5 and 10 shilling and 1 pound all mint and splendid, an old Bermuda, 3 fine Antiguas, one copy a bit frayed, this the only one not good, and five fine Bechuanaland all mint and Edwardian high values. Fool that I am, in these later, thru negligence, I do find the same stamp in two separate lots, and I do bid twice on it and as luck goes do receive both of these lots. A murrain on me for a dunce. The lot do cost me 3 pounds, 17 shillings, 7½ pence, and I do post my cheque without delay, and pleased and happy to have received so good a lot and my wife too pleased, and I thank God she be so, as I think always how bad twould be were she to be a hussy who would upbraid my extravagance in these matters and not understand and appreciate it and how much solace and joy such beauties do bring me, but happily, she is a merry lass, who do enjoy their possession and so was she ever, liking what I like, making joyful over ball games, the Playhouse, and all else that I do make merry over and so always are we in concord. All day at my tasks and reading in Mekeel's at my tasks and reading in MEKEEL'S Journal until sleep.

24 March—All morning at my tasks, and comes a post from Master Egner of Philadelphia, the wholesaler and from Master Roessler of Newark a pamphlet crying his bargains. Master Egner do submit me a list of wares for our shoppe and pleased me withal with his most courteous letter which come along with it. A most sweet thought this and I do marvel that in our business, so many do overlook the kindly feeling that such spirit prompts. The tendency is to be blunt and strike your wares at the buyer as one does fell an oxen with a mallet. So does the bustle and rush of our fast century affect our manners. After luncheon, which was most marvellous poor, in our Buick coach to Santa Barbara, some 78 leagues away, my wife driving, and I comparing Master Egner's list with catalogue of Scott and exclaiming with my wife over all that pleased us and decrying such items that do appear too high or the quality of which do seem to be slow moving goods. Come to the town we do walk about and do go to the post-office but cannot secure what we do seek, the 13 cent stamps all being gone. To the beach, while my wife do go about the town to seek women's finery, and seeing a great crowd going in a grounds, I do give the keeper two shillings and do go in, thinking to see a ball game, and very pleased and happy at the thought, but on getting in do find it to be a high school running and jumping contest, a sport that I did ever detest. I did see a half mile run and a 100 yard dash and when the speed of this was announced as 11 seconds, I did leave the place and part with my two shillings. This will teach me to ask another time and not follow like a very sheep and go with the crowd. To meet my wife after to the hairdresser where I did have my hair trimmed and shaven. He maladroited in fastening the apron around my neck, do stick a pin in my neck, making me mad. To the grille, where we do have oysters and crabbe, and so to the Playhouse, where did see Mistress Elsie Ferguson in a speaking play The Wheel of Life, at which we not pleased, altho she very good to look upon. And so a long drive home and to bed at two in the morning of a cold foggy night and very glad to have shelter and a home and thanks be to God for his manifold blessings he do shower on us.

25th March—Lord's Day—Lay late abed, and do loll about all morning. In the afternoon do play and we do beat the Santa Maria team, 4-3 in ten innings. I do score the winning run and this do in measure please me. At night to town and do see at the Playhouse a poor picture, which I will not dignify by naming. To bed and reading in MEKEEL'S, a good sound journal and one that I do love mightily, and so to bed.

26th March—Up betimes and to my office, where laboring all morning at my tasks and writing to this one and that and making great business and all of a rush of a Monday, what with the Lord's Day making two days in one and extra effort and diligence on our part must repair it. In the afternoon, comes the post bringing me messages from Master Harris of Boston Town, Master McLain of the same place and the Nassau Stamp Company, these latter of Gotham. All do offer me wares of varying value and so at night, my wife do help me and I do go over their selections and do pick out what items I do feel will please and tickle the palates of my customers and cause them to reward me for giving them good value and aiding them to build up their collections at slender cost for sound goods. I do not think one can prosper otherwise, altho many do think they can charge vast prices and do and do prosper for a time, but as time goes on, they fade and wither as a rose of yesteryear, and die. Only in the path of good value, and honest service lies lasting dealing life. And so till late working with my wife, poor wretch, who at last do make so much pother and fall so a-yawning and a-gaping that I fain do call a halt. The poor soul do weary me also with her simulations of weariness and so to bed, reading MEKEEL'S, and much joy do I take in Master Severn's screeds, which do contain much humor and much meat and very pretty and quaint and pleasant are they. Also the philatelic scholar, Bertram W. H. Poole, do thrall me. And so to putting out my taper and to sleep.

27 March—This a bright, fair day, with the sun a-shining and the birds caroling their lays as I go to my office and do labor all day at my tasks, very diligent and painstaking and making ready for the first of the coming month, when I do have great business, making my accompts for the past month and great to-do and much making of castings up of figures. At 4 of the clock do to the fields and play at ball, and in a practice game, I do please myself mightily, striking the ball once for a three-base blow, and twice again for single base blows. The other time, I do retire to the bench, by the umpire's bad eyesight, he do call three strikes upon me when the ball was delivered high over my head. This day I do send fair orders to Master Harris of Boston and Master Egner of Philadelphia, and would have given The Nassau Company of Gotham, one too, save they did give me only Roumania adhesives to choose from and I have plenty of this nation at this time. I think this an error to quote a man but one country, when he do a general line. I do grieve at not sending them an order, as they did indite me a fair speaking letter and did endear themselves to me with their courteous words. Lay long in my bath, and then to bed to read. I have almost finished the obsolete numbers of MEKEEL'S that a kind friend, Master J. Jones of Santa Maria, did loan me, and I do grieve to think that soon I will have none to pass my nights, a-chortling over. And so to sleep at ten of the clock.

28th March—All day at my labors and at night in our Buick coach to the town, where do dine on a lobster, which dish I did once inordinately love, but now, neither my wife nor I do care aught for it and so away from the Inn, disappointed and not too easy from the lobster. To Master J. Jones house, where I do look again at his collection, which he has been pricing for this week that I might see if I desired it. It an old one and containing some cheap but hard to get adhesives which I think will enhance my approvals and please my clients. Also he do have a great quantity of duplicates and many other loose in a box. He do now save only United States and I view his gathering of these last and they very beautiful and costly, at a rough estimate full 250 pounds. Very pretty. I do finally give him 8 pounds for his foreign varieties and he and I both well pleased. So home and until midnight, looking over what I did
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quite worn out and weary.

29th March—All day at my o
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Gotham for my wife and after l
of which a poor pork, very fat
greasy, she do summon me to our li
room and do present me with rare
hesivs for my collection, Hawaii, C
and Porto Rico, and this for my n
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POSTAGE STAMPS AND PROGRESS.

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In Denver nearly a dozen years ago Phil Engle declared that there was nothing under the sun which could not be used as a topic for a lecture on social revolution. He proceeded to prove his point by speaking for several successive nights using a different Mother Goose rhyme as the basis for each talk. Excellent indeed was his lecture on the evil effects of the unemployment existing at the social extremes, an admirable extension of the jingle—

Hark! Hark! The dogs do bark;
The beggars are coming to town,
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Equally edifying was his arraignment of the capitalist crime of "over-production" with the soup-kitchen and breadlines that rise as a complement to glutted markets, or—

"There was an old woman who lived in
a shoe
She had so many children she didn't
know what to do."

Our old friend Humpty Dumpty was used to demonstrate the fallacies of those political charlatans who would "bust the trusts" and restore individual competitive business in the large scale industries for when he once had fallen "All the King's horses and all the King's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again." And so it went night after night.

Phil proved his point. I hope to prove mine, which is that philately—the technical name given to the collection and study of postage stamps—furnishes the best possible means by which to fix in one's mind the economic and political changes that are taking place with almost bewildering rapidity throughout the world. I don't write this as an apology for being a stamp collector (the pleasure I get from my collection is sufficient justification for myself and I care little for the opinions of others) but I set it down as a matter of general information.

"Marx and Engels on postage stamps," methinks I hear some one sneer. Even so, my friend, and not on the stamps of Russia either. Caricatures rather than likenesses, perhaps, but Marx and Engels impressed into the postal service on the stamps of Hungary during the brief regime of Bela Kun, nevertheless.

The stamps of Russia mirror some of the changes that have taken place in that country within the past five years. The Imperial double-eagle and portraits of the Romanoffs were abandoned in 1918 for stamps showing a huge hand cleaving a chain with a sword, while in 1921 there appeared a series on which is shown the soviet emblem of hammer and sickle and the letters R. S. F. S. R. in Russian to show that the stamps eminated from the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic. On these last stamps one finds agricultural implements, sheaves of grain, anvil and sledge hammers, and on the 250 ruble stamp a harp, an open book, and a retort, to symbolize music, literature and science. Depreciation of Russian currency is forcibly brought to mind by another significant stamp issued in 1922 in three denominations, 5,000 rubles, 10,000 rubles and 22,500 rubles. The design of this stamp is a gnarled fist grasping a great hammer, the background being filled with smoke-belching factory chimneys, and on a curved ribband the Russian inscription "Proletarians of all countries, unite!" Attention is vividly called to the devastating Russian famine by stamps issued in 1921, proceeds from the sale of which were applied to relief purposes. One design shows boats on the Volga River transporting supplies to the famine district, while food is being dispensed to the starving from a storehouse in the foreground. Short-lived and almost entirely unused issues of stamps mark the passing of several of the counter-revolutionary military regimes in different Russian districts.

Poland, to commemorate the signing of a treaty of peace with Soviet Russia in 1921, issued three denominations of a stamp design showing a worker resuming the sowing of his fields after thrusting his sword deep into the ground, a rainbow in the background sending forth its promise of a better future. A later stamp shows a construction worker with a pick flung across his shoulder.

The economic note is being stressed more and more on the stamps of European countries, be they soviet, republic, or ostensibly monarchist. Roumania, for instance, has a stamp on which appears a plowman whose furrows are being directed by an angel of plenty. North Ingermanland has scenes of harvesting, reaping, plowing and milking, on its bicolored stamps. Ukrainia has a stamp, 1918 issue, of 20 schagiv value—whatever that may be—showing a worker bearing a scythe. Lithuania portrays a man sowing grain from a basket slung around his neck. Central Lithuania puts forth a peasant girl scattering grain and also a worker with his family standing beside an anvil in the foreground of an industrial district. Bulgaria has a peasant woman carrying a shock of wheat, while Luxembourg furnishes a factory scene.

In 1920 Bavaria dropped the old royal coat-of-arms and the royal portrait for stamps of three designs; one is a farm worker at the plow, another a planter, and the third a mechanic standing amidst cogs and wheels.

The German Republic, from the time when the National Assembly was convoked, discontinued the use of Germania— the helmeted and war-like female figure—and symbolized the reconstruction by means of a nude worker with trowel in hand laying the brick of a new edifice. Since then there has been a design with three workers beside an anvil, another of three miners at work in a shaft, a third with three farm laborers at their tasks, and a fourth with a plowman tilling the soil. Changes in stamps also show how complete was Germany's loss of colonies due to the world war.

With its issue of 1921 the stamps of Armenia began to display the hammer and sickle as part of the design to show that the soviet form of government had been adopted, and this also is true of the Republic Azerbaijan in 1922, whose 150 and 500 ruble stamps not only have the soviet emblem, but also shows two sturdy workers toiling with hammers at an anvil.

A powerfully muscled workingman with broken chains dangling from his wrists stands erect and defiant on the stamps of Jugo-Slavia, while the stamps of Czecho-Slovakia depict a woman who has broken the chains binding her arms; as yet neither of these countries has featured industry as have so many other countries in which changes in economic status and in the form of government have taken place.

Esthonia reaches far back into the past with stamps showing an ancient galley propelled by oars, and then by way of contrast issues a triangular stamp bearing an aeroplane. Nearly all European countries, by the way, are to be found issuing special stamps for use in payment for delivery of mail matter by their extensive and increasing aerial post service. Esthonian stamps also show a girl weaving at a loom and a man toiling at a forge.

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The awakening of China is shown by a stamp on which an aeroplane is seen flying above a medieval castle, by the disuse of the Imperial dragon, and by the issuance of a series of stamps showing a trading junk or else a worker in the rice fields. By their stamps many countries in Asia, Africa and Oceania show signs of breaking away from the glorification of royalists, militarists and politicians and an awakening to the fact that production is the main thing in society after all is said and done.

Coming to the Western Hemisphere we find in the more recently issued stamps of Brazil a herald of the changing world. These stamps show the importance of railway transportation, aviation, navigation, mechanical pursuits, and instruction or education. Argentine shows the farmer gazing across his plowed fields, French Guiana a picturesque native at his daily tasks, and Guatemala one of its great wireless stations. Even more typical are the stamps of Newfoundland which show mining by an actual underground scene, logging by a three ox team in a forest, fishing by a boating scene, and fur-gathering by a band of seals on a rocky headland.

But when we reach these United States and examine the issue of stamps which even now are replacing the old familiar Franklin and Washington series the result is disheartening. Think of Teddy Roosevelt on a five cent stamp! Others whose faces appear on the 21 new stamps are Martha Washington, McKinley, Garfield, Grant, Cleveland and Hayes. Just why Carrie Nation, Anthony Comstock and J. P. Morgan have been omitted from this gallery of second rate citizens is a matter for conjecture. The only sign of progress is in replacing the bicyle with a motorcycle on the new special delivery stamp, and at that it's a safe bet that delivery will be no more speedy than before. Even Austria has shown more of the spirit of the times by putting the royal eagle and the portrait of Franz Josef in the discard and coming to the front with a well engraved series of seven stamps in honor of the famous musicians, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Bruckner, Strauss and Wolf.

Great Britain, the first country to introduce officially the adhesive postage stamp, has made but few alterations since its first stamp of 1840, save to replace Victoria's face with that of Edward, and Edward's with that of George; but taken all in all the stamps of the various countries do mirror the changes in methods of production and social relationships with great fidelity. Archaeologists declare that from a broken bit of pottery they can build up a historically correct account of the customs and institutions of its period; a well informed philatelist can come near to performing the same feat from an examination of the postage stamps of a country.

The history of the world war might easily be reconstructed with nothing more as a guide than the stamps of the combatant countries, with their various over-prints showing the course of armies of occupation, with the disintegration of some states and the merging of others as shown by the bits of adhesive paper, by the plebiscite issues, the war tax issues, the charity and Red Cross issues, and last but not least by the extensive counterfeiting of German stamps practiced by the British government.

Economic determinism shown by a nation's postage stamps; Karl Marx and Frederick Engels stuck onto a love missive or a letter ordering the shipment of twelve gross of clothes pins; yes, even more than that—why, do you know, fellow workers, that there is a One Big Union postage stamp? On the 1893 stamps of Shanghai municipality, which until recently has had its affairs jointly mismanaged by nearly every nation but China, there appears a Latin motto which means all joined in one—*"In Uno Omnia Juncta"*—in ONE BIG UNION.
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The Perot Stamp ranks in rarity with some of the Postmasters Stamps of the United States, only seven or eight copies being known. Two copies of these stamps—one red, dated 1854, and one black, dated 1849—were sold at the last (5th) Ferrari Sale in Paris on November 15, 1917. The former used on entire, realized 30,000 fcs. plus tax (£540) and the latter 15,500 fcs. plus tax (£280); when one considers the rarity of these Postmasters, it is a matter of surprise that they realized such low figures. The history of these stamps is little known and the following details given by Sir R. Grey will be of interest:

In the year 1848 the late W. B. Perot, then the owner of the Par-la-Ville property, was the Postmaster at Hamilton and used as the Post Office a portion of the ground floor of the building on Queen Street, now the little Green Shop. In addition to his salary he received the prepaid postage on the Inland letters posted at his office at the rate of one penny per ounce, in cash, no postage stamps being printed, the same practice existing with reference to the other Postmasters and Assistant Postmasters, who were required to make an annual return of the amounts received by them for postage.

Letters posted in Hamilton were stamped with a circular postmark having "Hamilton" in the upper part of the circle and "Bermuda" in the lower part, both in capital letters, and within the circle the date in two lines.

"Postmaster stamps," so called, were issued by some Postmasters in the United States, on their own authority, in the years 1845, 1846 and 1847, and possibly Mr. Perot became aware of this and decided to try the experiment in Bermuda, but, not having any local means of having a die prepared to make stamps from, he utilized the current postmark. Strange to say, it was not until about the year 1900 that the philatelic world first became aware of the existence of the Perot stamp, and when this transpired a younger contemporary of Mr Perot, whose place of business then adjoined the post office, and who sometimes assisted the Postmaster, said that he well remembered the preparation and issue of these stamps, and that they were stamped by Mr. Perot on sheets of paper, a dozen on each sheet, and sold for one shilling per sheet, the purchaser cutting them out singly and affixing them on the letters, instead of paying the postage.

The stamps were prepared by removing the movable parts of the postmark die containing the month and the day of the month; and by Mr. Perot writing on each impression of the stamp "One penny" above the year, and his signature, "WBPerot," below the year.

It is believed that only two specimens of this stamp are known in England, one in black and the other in red. There does not appear to be any authentic information as to the number of these stamps now in Bermuda, but there is one at least, and it is quite possible that others may come to light in future.

Any persons who are in possession of old letters written in Hamilton in 1848 or 1849 would do well to make a careful search among them for a Perot stamp, and anyone lucky enough to find one should be careful not to remove it from the envelope or letter sheet to which it is affixed, and not to dispose of it out expert advice as to its possible

The first copy of this stamp chronicled was one found about Another was acquired by the late M W. Warhurst soon afterwards, and is surmised to be the black copy i Ferrari collection.

The specimen illustrated above found some years ago with about others among some old business c spondence, which belonged to an retired merchant, who carried on ness at St. Georges, the old Ber capital.

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Educational Departments.

Towards the end of the Nineteenth Century the old local school board authorities were taken over by a new Ministerial Department known as the Board of Education. It was not until the beginning of 1902 that overprinted stamps were brought into use for the voluminous correspondence necessary throughout the kingdom with the thousands of scholastic authorities. Five values first made their appearance in February, 1902, the ½d, 1d and 2½d of the new King Edward VII type, and the 5d of 1887, and 1sh of 1900 Queen Victoria type. The latter stamp had a very short life being replaced in December of the same year by the King Edward stamp, while in February, 1904, the 5d King Edward appeared for a few weeks before the whole of the series was withdrawn and destroyed. While neither the ½d and 1d values are by no means common, the other three values are veritable rarities.

CHECK LIST.

Educational Departments.
(Board of Education.)

1902, February, 19.—
½d green, King's Head.
1d scarlet, King's Head.
2½d blue, King's Head.
5d purple and blue, Queen's Head.
1sh green and carmine, Queen's Head.
1902, December 23.—
1sh green and carmine, King's Head.
1904, February 6.—
5d purple and blue, King's Head.

Navy Departments.

It is said that the British Navy abhors, like Nature, radical changes. The same terms of speech, orders, and forms of discipline are used in the Navy today as during Queen Elizabeth's and Nelson s time, so the wonder really is that in the short space of seven years after the sister service began to use official stamps that the Lords of the Admiralty condescended to follow suit. But they did so, and what is more surprising had twice as long a set as the Army, and two different overprints!

The first overprint brought out in March, 1903, showed the words "Admiralty Official" with a broad M on six values, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½ and 3d. In May of the same year the overprint was altered to a thicker type showing a very narrow M without the downstrokes coming to the base. All six values appeared during the same year, and had only a short life of a few months.

CHECK LIST.

Navy Departments.
(Admiralty Official.)

1903, March 12.—Strokes of wide M meeting at base of letter.
½d deep green.
1d scarlet.
1½d lilac and green.
2d green and carmine.
2½d blue.
3d purple on yellow.
Idem but heavier type, letter M narrow and down stroke meeting halfway.
1903, May.—
3d deep green.
1903, September.—
1d scarlet.
1½d lilac and green.
2d green and carmine.
2½d blue.
3d purple on yellow.

Revenue Departments.

The first proper general issue of British Official Stamps, the Inland Revenue authorities made the overprint originally for the use of local Surveyors or Collectors of Taxes, in order to properly check the periodical repayments for postage expenses on their official correspondence, which was naturally very large, affecting every adult person almost in the Kingdom.

The stamps were overprinted "I.R. Official" and three values (the ½d, 1d and 6d) made their appearance in the autumn of 1882. Two and a half years afterwards a 2½d and 1sh, 5sh, 10sh and 20sh stamps were added to the set, while the ½d was also affected by the change of color, as again five years

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There were three types of overprint used, a condensed thin type on the values to 1sh up to about 1894, when a heavier faced type was used, and a wide spaced thick heavy large type was used for the 5sh, 10sh and 20sh stamps. Defective L's occur, and the £1 green is known with a missing stop on the stamp lettered BB—BB, in the four corners.

It is said that large quantities of the 6d grey of the first issue were on hand right away until 1901, when the demonetising of all stamps was brought about by a Post Office Act in that year—but which was, however, repealed by Mr. Austen Chamberlain, the then Postmaster General in 1903, but again brought into action during the Great War, when all stamps prior to 1902 were demonetised.

All control letters are known on the ½d and 1d Queen Victoria issue with the exception of the O over N control of 1892.

CHECK LIST.

Revenue Departments.
(I. R. Official.)

1882, October 28.—
½d green of 1880.
1d lilac of 1881.
6d grey of 1882, plate 18.
1885, March 12.—
½d slate of 1884.
2½d lilac of 1884.
1sh green of 1884.
5sh rose.
5sh rose on blued paper.
10sh cobalt blue.
10sh ultramarine.
£1 (20sh) brown lilac, watermark Crown.
1888—½d vermilion of 1887.
1889—1sh green of 1887.
1890—£1 (20sh) brown lilac, watermark Orbs.
1891—2½d purple on blue of 1887.
1892—£1 (20sh) green.
1901—½d green of 1900.
 6d purple on red of 1887.
 1sh green and carmine of 1900.

King's Head Issues.

1902, February.—
½d deep green.
1d scarlet.
2½d blue.
1sh green and carmine.
5sh carmine.
10sh ultramarine.
£1 green.
1904, May—
6d dull purple.

Royal Households.

The management of the Royal Households, which are kept separately from the King's Privy Purse, are such State establishments as Tower of London, Buckingham and St. James Palaces (London), Windsor, Osborne (Isle of Wight), Holyrood (Edinburgh), Balmoral (Aberdeenshire), and until 1922, Dublin Castle. The control of the Royal Households are under the Lord Chamberlain, and are again sub-divided into offices under the Lords-in-Waiting, who always prepare for and accompany the King on his various movements of State; the Lord Steward, who is responsible for the various residences apart from the King's private estates, Treasurer, Comptroller, Master of the Horse, Captain of the Gentlemen at Arms, and the Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard. Thus it will be seen that there would be every need for a large postage account to be kept, though quite a modest official issue of two stamps was only made in 1902!

CHECK LIST.

Royal Households.
(R. H. Official.)

1902, February—
1d scarlet.
1902, April—
½d deep green.

Ministry of Commerce.
(Board of Trade.)

While this department never issued an overprinted stamp, from 1882 until May, 1904, when all official stamps were withdrawn, it issued no less than 38 different varieties by officially perforating its stamps with a Royal Crown and the letters B. T.

Naturally due to broken or worn teeth of the perforating machines, many of the stamps show varieties of the punctured official "Control." All are very scarce and in unused condition are practically unknown.

CHECK LIST.

Ministry of Commerce.
(Perforated Crown B. T.)

1882—½d green of 1880.
 1d lilac of 1881.
 1d Venetian red of 1880.
 2½d blue plate 23.
 1sh orange-brown plate 14.
1885—½d slate of 1884.
 1½d lilac of 1884.
 2d lilac of 1884.
 2½d lilac of 1884.
 3d lilac of 1884.
 4d green of 1884.
 5d green of 1884.
 6d green of 1884.
 9d green of 1884.
 1sh green of 1884.
1888—½d vermilion of 1887.
 1½d lilac and green of 1887.
 2d green and carmine of 1887.
 2½d purple on blue of 1887.
 3d purple on yellow of 1887.
 4d brown and green of 1887.
 5d purple and blue of 1887.
 6d purple on red of 1887.
 9d blue and purple of 1887.
 10d carmine and purple of 1887.
 1sh green of 1887.
1901—½d green of 1900.
 1sh green and carmine of 1900.
1902—½d deep green, King Edward.
 1d scarlet, King Edward.
 1½d lilac and green, King Edward.
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BRITISH HONDURAS POSTAGE DUES.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

When the Crown Agents, in September, 1922, announced that "supplies of 2c and 4c Postage Due stamps are being printed on white script CA watermarked paper" for British Honduras, only three British territories in the Western Hemisphere were using special stamps for the collection of postage deficiency. Trinidad was the first to adopt their use, and on 1st January, 1885, issued a series of 9 values, ½d to 1s inclusive; Grenada followed on April 18, 1892, with three values, 1d, 2d and 3d, adding a fourth, 1½d, on December 15, 1922; and Canada, on July 1, 1906, brought out special stamps of 1c, 2c and 5c values, for this purpose.

The stamps were received at Belize in early November, and on November 8, 1922, regulations were made governing their issue and use.

"POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Regulations, governing the issue and use of Postage Due Stamps, made by the Governor in Council under sub-section 1 of Section 5 of Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Laws (Revised Edition).

1. Deficiency in postage on letters and postal articles shall be collected by means of postage due stamps.

2. Postage due stamps shall be of such design and value as the Governor in Council shall decide..

3. Postage due stamps shall be issued to such postal officers as the Colonial Postmaster shall decide.

4. Postage due stamps shall not, under any circumstance, be issued to the public uncancelled.

5. Postage due stamps and taxed postal matter shall be kept in a place of security always.

6. Insufficiently stamped postal matter shall immediately on receipt be taxed by affixing thereto postage due stamps to the extent of double the deficiency of the original postage. The fewest possible stamps shall be placed on each article and promptly cancelled with the office date stamp.

7. Postage due stamps are not to be affixed to insufficiently stamped letters and other articles posted in the Colony for places outside the Colony. Such articles shall be impressed with the "T" stamp to indicate that they should be taxed at the office of destination.

8. Addressees, and in the case of returned letters, etc., the senders of taxed postal matter shall be notified as soon as possible of the receipt of such matter in the form of schedule "A" hereto annexed.

9. Postal officers entrusted with the custody of postage due stamps and taxed postal matter shall keep and render to the Colonial Postmaster a monthly account thereof in the form of schedule "B" hereto annexed.

10. Accounting officers shall debit themselves with the total value of unused postage due stamps received and take credit for such stamps affixed to taxed postal matter.

11. Under column 5 shall be entered the amounts representing the tax on postal matter received from other offices.

12. The amount of taxed postal matter dispatched to other offices for delivery and returned to Headquarters as undeliverable shall be entered under column 13 and the amounts collected and paid in under column 15.

13. Postage due collected at the General Post Office, Belize, and at the District Post Offices in the out-stations where there is a Sub-Treasury, shall be paid to the Treasurer and District Commissioner respectively.

14. In the case of payments at a District Treasury the receipts shall be forwarded to the Colonial Postmaster by the District Postmaster.

15. Collections at other District Offices shall be remitted to the Colonial Postmaster with the monthly accounts by means of unused postage stamps.

16. The Colonial Postmaster shall support by his initials the value of taxed postal matter returned to other administrations.

17. A special account of postage due stamps on dead letters, etc., that originated in the Colony, shall be kept at the General Post Office and credit taken for the value of such stamps destroyed in the presence of the Postmaster and an Audit Officer.

Made by the Governor in Council this eighth day of November, 1922.

Signed, E. A. BABER,
Clerk of the Executive Council."

These special stamps were brought into use on January 2, 1923, and since that date have been affixed to all short paid matter passing within the Colony. They are printed in black, in sheets of 60 (5x 12), and watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. There is no plate number, the marginal line is broken at the line of perforation, and the perforation is comb 14.

The design resembles that of Grenada's Postage Due stamps of the 1921 series, except that the central circle is slightly smaller (14½mm instead of 16mm), which allows the colorless line surrounding it to be continuous and not broken at the top and bottom. "British Honduras" and "Postage Due" in colorless sans serif capitals occupy straight labels at the top and bottom, respectively, and in the central circle is a large block numeral followed by "C." The usual conventional floriate ornamentation fills the four spandrels.

In Trinidad there is no restriction against the sale of "surcharge postage" stamps, but in Canada sale to the public is prohibited. For many years Grenada allowed their sale only in cancelled state, but this restriction was removed early in 1921.

Section 4 of the British Honduras Order in Council of November 8th, it will be noted, rules that "Postage due stamps shall not under any circumstances, be issued to the public uncancelled." But this was amended on February 21, 1923, to permit of their sale in mint condition to stamp collectors and dealers.

"POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Regulations, governing the issue and use of Postage Due Stamps, made by the Governor in Council under sub-section 1 of section 5 of Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Laws (Revised Edition).

Regulation No. 4 of the Regulations made by the Governor in Council on the 8th day of November, 1922, under subsection 1 of section 5 of Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Laws (Revised Edition) is hereby cancelled and the following substituted therefor:—

4. Postage due stamps shall not, under any circumstance, be sold to the public uncancelled across the counter. Their issue uncancelled will be made to philatelists by the Colonial Postmaster only on written application accompanied by their face value plus postage and registration when necessary.

Made by the Governor in Council this twenty-first day of February, 1923.

Signed, E. M. TIBBITT,
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Jan. 2, 1923.—Postage Due Stamps. Typographically printed by De La Rue & Co., Ltd. "British Honduras" at top, "Postage Due" at bottom, and large block numeral in central circle. Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. Perf. comb 14.

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF SOMALILAND.

By Bertram W. H. Poole.

Chapter IV.

The Third Issue.

At the same time that the Queen's head stamps with overprint at the bottom appeared the following values bearing portrait of King Edward VII were similarly overprinted:—

½ anna pale green.
1 anna carmine rose.
2 annas purple.
3 annas orange brown.
4 annas olive green.
8 annas magenta.

These stamps are, properly speaking, part of the preceding emission but owing to the difference in design they are usually treated as a separate set. Exactly the same setting of the type was used as for the 2½a, 12a and 1 rupee stamps of the Queen's head design and as all these King Edward stamps were in sheets of 240 the two types are shown on all denominations in the same arrangement, viz.:—all the stamps in the upper panes are type 1 except the ninth stamp on the third row, while in the lower panes the two types are distributed as follows:—

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

In each sheet of all six values, therefore, there are 182 stamps of type 1 and 58 of type 2, while eleven horizontal and thirteen vertical pairs may be found showing both types together.

The error "BRIT SH" is found on the 1 anna value occurring on the twelfth stamp in the seventh row (No. 84) of the top pane. Occasionally the ½ anna is found with only the faintest of faint dots in place of the second "I" of "BRITISH" but I have never seen a copy with the "I" absolutely missing.

In the ½a and 1a values there are interesting varieties on the seventh stamp in the sixth row (No. 67) and the fifth stamp in the seventh row (No. 79) of the lower pane in most sheets. In these there is a period in place of the letter "I" in "SOMALILAND."

In some sheets of the 1 anna the "I" of "SOMALILAND" is entirely omitted in connection with No. 79 mentioned above.

The variety with thick "D" occurs on all six denominations and may be found three times in the upper panes, viz.:—on the twelfth stamp in the eighth row (No. 96), and the eighth and twelfth stamps in the tenth row (No. 116 and No. 120 respectively).

Several varieties with broken type are known and one of these is perhaps worthy of special mention as it is constant and occurs in connection with all six values. This has the top of the "O" in the second word of the overprint cut away so that the name appears as "SUMALILAND." It occurs on the ninth stamp in the second row of the upper pane (No. 21).

The variety with battered "S" looking like a badly formed "8" also occurs, and there is the usual complement of short, small, raised and dropped letters, though none of them are of any particular importance.

Chapter V.

The Fourth Issue.

The overprinted provisional stamps described in the preceding chapters were replaced in 1904 by a set in a permanent type bearing a portrait of King Edward VII. There are two designs, one for the anna values and another for the rupee denominations and both are exactly similar to those for East Africa and Uganda and for British Central Africa (with the exception of the name and value tablets), which were first issued a year previously.

The set comprised the following denominations:—

½ anna green and grey green.
1 anna carmine and black.
2 annas purple and dull violet.
2½ annas ultramarine.
3 annas green and chocolate.
4 annas black and green.
6 annas violet and green.
8 annas pale blue and black.
12 annas orange yellow and black.
1 rupee green.
2 rupees purple and dull lilac.
3 rupees black and green.
4 rupees carmine and black.

The values up to and including the 12 annas are of ordinary size and show a profile portrait of the King, with head to left, on an oval of solid color in the centre. On the left and right of the portrait are sprays of laurel and oak leaves respectively, and above the head is an Imperial crown. At the base is "SOMALILAND—PROTECTORATE" in two lines, and in the upper angles are tablets showing the values. The rupee values are of extra large size and are similar in design to the smaller stamps except that the oval containing the portrait is partly lined, and a scroll, showing the denomination in words, is added at the top above the crown, the ends connecting the two tablets of value.

The stamps were engraved and printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., Ltd. of London. They are all perforated 14, the lower values being printed on paper watermarked with a Crown over the letters "CA," while the larger stamps show a watermark consisting of a Crown over the letters "CC." The stamps are all bicolored, the portrait being printed in the second of the two colors named in the above list.

The smaller stamps were printed in sheets of 120, arranged in two panes of sixty stamps (ten horizontal rows of six), placed side by side. There is a ju line around each pane and the plate n ber "1" is shown above the se stamps from each end of the top and below the corresponding stamp the bottom row. The jubilee lines not continuous, but are cut into len exactly corresponding to the height width of the stamps.

The rupee values were printed sheets of sixty stamps, arranged in horizontal rows of twelve, and t also had broken jubilee lines aro The plate number—"1" in each case- in the side margins opposite the ce of the first and twelfth stamps in top and bottom rows.

A separate "duty" plate had to made for each denomination but "head" plates served for the w series—one for the anna values and other for the rupee denominations.

The 1 and 2 rupee stamps are kn on toned paper but whether this distinct variety or one caused by clin conditions I am unable to say.

Chapter VI.

The Fifth Issue.

About June, 1905, all the anna va of the King Edward series describe the last chapter were issued on the p with multiple Crown and CA waterm No alteration was made in the co and the same plates were employed the only difference between this and previous issue lies in the watermark.

For the first printing ordinary p was used but in July, 1906, the 1 a appeared on chalk surfaced paper during the next few years all val except the ½ anna and 2½ annas w issued on this chalk surfaced paper.

The rupee values of the King Edw series were never issued with the tiple watermark.

Chapter VII.

The Sixth Issue.

In 1909 the 1 anna stamp of the K Edward design was printed entirely carmine, instead of carmine and bl to conform more accurately to Po Union requirements and at the same t a slight change was made in the colo the ½ anna, the new printing being blue green.

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CHAPTER VIII.

The Seventh Issue.

1912 the first values of a new series ng portrait of King George V, in of that of King Edward, made appearance, but so large a stock me values of the old design was on n that it was not until 1919 that ries was complete.

s set contains thirteen different de- nations and the colors of these are, slight shade variations, exactly like of the corresponding values of the Edward series they superseded.

designs are precisely the same the exception of the central por- The effigy on the anna values is ground of solid color but that on pee denominations is on a lined d.

arently the same plates were used a cases for the borders or, at any recisely similar plates made from me original dies. New head plates f course, to be constructed and as lues were printed in two opera- as in the case of their predecessors, ead plate sufficed for all the anna and one common plate did duty e larger rupee stamps.

All thirteen denominations were printed paper with multiple Crown and atermark and, again following the ent established by the King Ed- set, all values except the single ½a, 1a and 2½a were printed on surfaced paper.

CHAPTER IX.

The Eighth Issue.

921 the multiple Crown CA water- which had been in constant use e majority of British Colonial printed in London since 1905, perseded by a watermark of en- ifferent design. This new water- is also of the multiple type but wn is larger and more accurately ns to the design known as “Imperial” while the letters “C A” are in script type.

The Somaliland Protectorate sent an order for all values to the Crown Agents for the Colonies in the early part of 1921 and as the new paper had just come into use all these stamps show the new variety of watermark. The stamps of this Protectorate are the only example we can recall in which the entire series on the new watermarked paper was issued at once. In the case of most of the Colonies the sets have been issued piecemeal as new supplies of different values were requisitioned.

These stamps are exactly the same in design and color as those of the preceding issue, the only difference being that of the watermarked design in the paper.

The same plates were employed and all thirteen denominations were printed at two operations.

The advent of this issue completes the philatelic history of the stamps of the Somaliland Protectorate to date.

CHAPTER X.

The First Issue of Official Stamps.

When the first issue of provisional stamps for the Somaliland Protectorate appeared, those overprinted upon the Queen Victoria stamps of India, a series of five values was also issued for use upon official correspondence. These were the ½a, 1a, 2a, 8a and 1r Queen's head stamps of India overprinted “On H. M. S.” further overprinted with the name “BRITISH—SOMALILAND” in two lines. The two words of the latter overprint were so placed that they did not overlap the original overprint with the result that the two additions read “BRITISH On SOMALILAND H. M. S.!”

These five official stamps, like the labels for ordinary use of the same date, were overprinted in entire sheets of 240 stamps at one operation and a number of interesting minor varieties occur.

As regards the “On H. M. S.” overprint the only variety of note appears on the stamp in the bottom right hand corner of the sheet (No. 240), and is, of course, common to all the Indian official stamps of this series. On this stamp the serif on the right foot of the “M” is extended and joined to the period. It occurs on all five values though on some of the sheets of the 8 annas the serif is normal and the period is omitted altogether. It would thus seem that an attempt was made to remove the superfluous part of the serif, and the period was accidentally cut away during the operation.

All the other varities occur in the “BRITISH SOMALILAND” overprint. As I have already stated this overprint was applied to entire sheets of 240 stamps at a time and, it is interesting to note, the two types referred to in connection with the regular stamps are also found in these official stamps, notwithstanding the difference in the spacing between the two words. The upper pane consists entirely of type 1 while in the lower pane the two types were distributed as follows:—

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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
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There are thus in each entire sheet 217 stamps of type 1 and only 21 of type 2. Ten horizontal and seven vertical pairs showing both types together may be found.

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THE STAMP ILLUSTRATIONS.

In our issue of June 9, 1923, we printed the long article from the *Collectors Club Philatelist* on the subject that has for some time been engrossing the attention of collectors, the recent legislation that allows certain concessions in the illustrating of United States stamps, in comparison with the restrictions that heretofore surrounded the reproduction of any postal certificate. The article was one that told of the sequence of events in relation to the enactment as voted finally and was given in order that readers might have a compact history of the case. However, it has been brought to our notice that the article does a manifest injustice to Dr. Carroll Chase, who, as president of the American Philatelic Society issued a letter opposing the first bill, and in order that reparation may be made and at the same time, fuller opinion heard, we take the following editorial from the *American Philatelist,* which in its way is about as good an expression of editorial views as we have seen for a number of philatelic moons.

What a sorry mess this matter of stamp illustration has become! The first broad and constructive action for the benefit of all collectors and dealers has, through lack of harmony and vision, precipitated a seemingly endless controversy that is nullifying the slight advantages gained to Philately in the passage of the new law. A difference of opinion between friends is often a good thing—an active, even heated discussion of principles tends to clarify thought and leads to a firmer mutuality—but no such end is gained through personal abuse and unfair statement of facts. Ours is a sincere regret that at this late day, after all that has been said and done, that so prominent a local organization as the New York Collectors Club should permit the pages of its official Journal to bear such a warped and biased version of the “inside” history of the law, as appeared in the April issue of the *Collectors Club Philatelist.* The writer of that article would have it appear that the opposition of the A. P. S. to the original bill “misguided” collectors and if it hadn't been for the efforts of the “Collectors Club” the action of Dr. Chase “might have proved disastrous!” The inside “story of intense interest that is worthy of preservation in the annals of philately” resolves itself into a bit of horn tooting that supposedly derives its “intense interest” in belittling a man who unselfishly has given philately in this country the fruit of his exacting studies of U. S. issues and time ill spared from his professional duties to serve for two years as President of the A. P. S.

Quite a bit of indignation has been aroused over this article and we have been requested to give the true “inside” story in reply. We do not believe this either necessary or advisable, the record of the A. P. S. Convention at Springfield and the record of the last Congress are sufficient answer. The efforts of the A. P. S. officers and membership killed the original bill deader than a door nail, and the amended Bill, including the right to illustrate U. S., was directly due to the efforts of the A. P. S. Lookout Committee. Now why all this argument over the allocation of the “glory?” Collectors, dealers and publishers are everywhere questioning whether anything worth while has really been accomplished and are wondering the why of all this fuss. While we agree that the direct benefits are small, we do feel that a big thing was done in securing the recognition by Congress of Philately and it is farthest from our purpose to give the impression that this was accomplished solely by the A. P. S. or any of its officers. A great number of men contributed to the passage of the new law and while nearly, if not all, were members of the A. P. S., the greater number acted as individuals and not as officers of the Society. Solely by reason of a difference of opinion over the question whether or not it was advisable to press the demand for the right to illustrate U. S. stamps as well as foreign, these men did not join hands in a common fight but even pulled in opposite directions. Over that one difference of opinion arises all this turmoil which is doubly unfortunate because it was due to that difference of opinion that the preparation of the new law was hasty and without the thoughtful consideration usually given by a body of men working to one end and now it is still before us, constantly agitated for purposes secondary to the good of the hobby and leading to a weakening of the friendships so necessary to true co-operation. For our part, we believe, and would have our readers believe, that the principals, the men that worked to get a satisfactory illustration Bill before Congress, greatly deplore this aftermath of controversy and would much prefer instead of the paeans of glory sung in different keys a harmonious call for mutual co-operation to secure an improvement of the law. Some very slight changes would make it as satisfactory as anyone could fairly ask for and we believe these can be had if collectors, dealers and publishers act in friendly co-operation.

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EDITORIAL.

We are told that one of the big questions that will be discussed at the Washington convention is that of an international stamp exhibition in this country. It is all right to discuss so momentous a topic as this thoroughly in a preliminary way but it must not be forgotten that there is a philatelic exhibition society in New York that has been preparing ever since the date of the New York exhibition of a good many years ago, for the next one. Those who may sponsor the exhibition idea at Washington should be ready to tell just what the recommendation of the New York society is as it is certain that any action taken will be based upon the expectation of the New York society. We want to remind our young friends who seem to be so enthusiastic about wanting to put more pep into philately that "starting things" is easy in comparision with "seeing them through."

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No definite stamp information about the special issue for air mail service has come to us even though the first of August has arrived, but we shall not have to wait much longer for news as Washington is now in the hands of the philatelists, who will be sure to get the latest slant on any stamp developments.

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This coming fall there is to be an important exhibition at Toronto where a postal exhibit will be a feature of the occasion. As Mr. Edward E. Goodchild says, the stamp exhibit will be under the direct patronage of the postmaster general; and various designs made up of stamps will be shown. The various stages in the manufacture of stamps will be shown by pictures, and picked copies of well-centered specimens in singles, pairs and blocks will be placed on sale for the benefit of collectors who may visit the exhibition. From Mr. Goodchild we hear that there is a likelihood that Canada will have a complete new issue this year; and that the color of the current three cents has been changed to carmine.

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We quote from a letter that has come from a large foreign trade development company: "One of our advertisers, ———, Berne, Switzerland, who are stamp dealers, have a number of outstanding accounts in the United States, in small cities in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois,—places that we do not reach personally. It seems that this concern have in the past sent out consignments of their stamps without first receiving payment for same and in a great number of cases, the parties receiving the stamps have failed to make either sufficient remittance or no remittance at all." Our letter could not be said to have held out any hope of successful action but in all probability something will be said about the claims of foreign dealers against American dealers at the dealers' convention at Washington on August 13th.

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Our composure has been rudely disturbed by an editorial in the Chicago *Herald-Examiner* of July 27th, entitled "Stamp Magic." We have read many an attack on and libel of philately uttered by men who ranged in the intellectual scale from dolt to savant; and have been compelled to defend our doctrine when aspersions have been cast upon it, clothed in whatever habiliments they might have been. Usually, the case presents some angle that allows us to get a finger-hold on it and at least throw it back into the traducer's yard, but now we have an instance that transcends all understanding. As the Spanish proverb has it, truth and roses have thorns but by the same token the fictional is without hurt. We must laugh, however, to keep from crying, as the French philosopher has said, when we contemplate this unbelievably strange editorial in a paper that is usually alert, and say, poor flounder. Too, we are amused at the state of excitement into which the editorial has thrown some of our devoted correspondents and we dare not print some of their vehement protests. The writer of the editorial of fewer than two hundred words begins by saying that the old order changeth and that the youthful interests of a recent day are passé, having been exchanged for others. Stamp collecting is then lauded as the ideal indoor sport as "it had everything" and "above all, it was romance and developed the imagination." The mystic suggestions of the names of far-away countries are mentioned and the stamps said to present a panorama of the world. The writer is almost poetical in his tribute to stamp collecting and we cannot believe that one of his feeling and intelligence could be so out of step with reality as to say: "All gone now? Nobody thinks of stamps except as official receipts for postage? We can't believe it; but if it is true, it is a pity." Here, a writer who appreciates the charms of stamps, asks in a medium widely read if stamps as objects of collection are not now *non est*. The editorialist has no excuse to ask this preposterous question when a turn of the head almost would have shown him that philately was still extant. Stamp collecting is very much alive and we have never seen a summer before when the seasonal decline in interest was as slight as it is at present. With a sympathy for philately, a writer does harm to stamp collecting by his lack of everyday knowledge and his good intentions do not excuse the public parade of his ignorance. A friend who hands us one of the "Stamp Magic" clippings asks, in that confidence-inspiring tone that intimates that the worst tidings will be safe in his keeping, if told him, if it is not true that stamp collecting was on the skids. Our answer was that just now it was at its highest point in popularity and that the prospects of future growth were n better.

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Correspondents in China have sen particulars of the error, $2. on one lar Shanghai surcharged on U States, which came to light last Oct We give as follows, the letter rece by Mr. E. Busch of Shanghai from stamp agent on the subject of this sta "Post Office Department, United S Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, 14th, 1923. Mr. E. Busch, Archi and Entrepreneur, 60, Kiangse R Shanghai, China. Dear Sir:—In to your inquiry of June 13th, I car form you that as far as I know, one sheet of one hundred stamps charged to $2, Mexican, with double pression was sold. You should obs however, that an accident of this kin the manufacture of stamps is not al a matter of official record or cogniz and as the interest is solely tha stamp collectors, they sometimes more accurate data than do post- officials. Sincerely yours, (Signed) C S. Ford, Postal Agent." As Mr. B points out, this letter may be sai authenticate the double surcharge question; and Mr. Busch has sen photographs of the double surcharg blocks of different sizes. A dec error has been added to the list of a able stamps of the kind.

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From Mr. J. F. Duhamel, Washing we have received a sample of a little vice that seems simple and effec and we believe readers will get correct idea of how to make the tector. Mr. Duhamel says: "One your recent correspondents refers means for protecting stamps ag rubbing in the abum. I am enclosi sample and sketch of a simple effectual means consisting of a stri thin celluloid or gelatin as high as stamp and an eighth-inch wider at side. Bend back these one-eighth sides into wings to embrace the st and attach the hinge in the usual This protector may be slid over stamp or the wings lifted and the st dropped in. The pressure of the le will ensure the functioning of wings." A sketch is sent with the but so clearly does Mr. Duhamel vey his ideas that the drawing is necessary. Our friend is considera sharing his plan for stamp prote with others and some of our readers adopt the suggestion.

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V. R. POWELL.

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This concern appears in the New York State Business Directory as early as 1859 as a manufacturer of telegraph friction matches at 162 N. 4th Street, Troy, and is listed in the Troy or other Directories at the same address as late as 1868. Van Renselaer Powell died October 7, 1892.

The ownership of the match factory changed from Van Renselaer Powell to Bogardus & Griswold in 1869, and then to J. M. Bogardus in 1870, and to the Atlantic Match Co. in 1875.

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Sept. 26, 1864.
First issued, Oct., 1864.
Last issued, July, 1875.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
9,571,590 issued on old paper.
3,195,010 issued on silk paper.

"Mr. Powell's die was transferred to Bogardus & Griswold, and by them to M. C. Miller, both of Troy, N. Y., but no change in the die was made."

Probably the Atlantic Match Co. was the name under which Mr. Miller did business, while he was operating the factory.

The first plate, and probably the only one, was engraved by Butler & Carpenter of Philadelphia and all the stamps were printed in that city. The design is one of the most pleasing of all the match stamps and fortunately it is common enough so that every collector can own at least one specimen.

A central oval contains a profile of Washington facing left which is evidently taken from the Houdon bust and is very similar to the portrait on the 3c postage stamps of the 1851-60 series. The same portrait appears on two of the Fleming Bros. medicine stamps and on the large Jamaica ginger stamp used by Frederick Brown in Philadelphia. The Fleming Bros. stamps were issued early in 1863. It appears that the Portrait on the Powell stamp was taken from the die or transfer previously used for the Fleming stamps. A curved band surrounding the central oval is inscribed "V. R. Powell's Telegraph Matches. Troy, N. Y." The upper corners each contain the numeral 1 on a trifoliate panel enclosed in a circular disk and connected by a narrow label inscribed "One Cent." Acanthus scrolls at the lower sides enclose U at left and S at right and a curved ribbon at the bottom of the stamp reads "Internal Rev." The delicate acanthus ornamentation and graduated pearls outside the upper corners complete the design, which is in the form of an upright rectangle of the standard 1c size.

The stamps on old paper vary from pale to deep blue and one of the shades occurs on the thick paper of 1870. The true ultramarine shade printed in 1869 is very rare. The printings on silk paper are usually in dark blue, perhaps a trifle darker than the darkest shade on the old paper, but the silk paper variety is also found in a much lighter blue, which has a suggestion of ultramarine; the latter shade is not at all common.

Although the number issued on old paper was three times as great as the number on silk paper, the silk paper is nearly twice as common as the old paper and strictly fine copies on the old paper are apt to lead one a merry chase. The stamp on old paper is not known to have been used in multiple and no pairs or blocks have been noted; a few blocks are known to exist on silk paper.

In regard to the wrapper stamp used by V. R. Powell, the Boston Book states:—

"The stamp is printed on manilla tissue paper and is a wretchedly blotched piece of work * * * * It is also found upon a thicker whitish tissue paper and it is barely possible that this variety was used as an adhesive, although we very much doubt such being the case. It was, in all probability, printed by the American Phototype Co."

The present writer inclines to the opinion that the copies of the American Phototype Company's stamp printed on the thick white paper (Scott No. 5248b) were, in fact, used as adhesive stamps and chiefly for the following reasons.

The die proof of the black Powell was approved by Commissioner Joseph J. Lewis, May 6, 1865; the die of the large Macklin Shanghai rooster adhesive (Scott No. 5227) was approved May 8, 1865; the die of the large black Byam, Carlton & Co. adhesive (Scott No. 5146a) was approved in 1865 in all probability within a short time of the approval of the two other dies. Both the large Byam, Carlton stamp and the Macklin stamp were used as adhesives for several months, probably about a year, and the Macklin is known to exist on a thick whitish paper very similar to the Powell stamp under consideration. The black Powell on thin yellow tissue paper is more frequently found cut to shape, but a few copies, perhaps half a dozen, exist entire, whereas none of those printed on the thick white paper are known to exist with more than small margins.

For reasons which will be considered in the article on the Powell wrapper it seems more than probable that very few wrappers were used by Powell, and it may be that some of the black Powell stamps on the thin yellow tissue paper were also used as adhesives. The weak point in the above argument lies in the fact that whereas neither Byam, Carlton & Co. nor Macklin had any other private die adhesives at the time they were using the American Phototype productions, the small Powell blue Butler & Carpenter adhesive had been in use nearly a year and a half before the die of the wrapper was approved, and in all probability Powell was receiving the small blue adhesive stamps (Scott No. 5247) during the period when the wrappers were in use, and therefore had no apparent need of using the wrapper stamp as an adhesive. However, the difficulty in arriving at a definite conclusion when the stamps under consideration are so rare that only a very few copies can be found for study purposes is obvious. The writer knows of only five different copies of the large black Powell on white paper.

The old records of the American Phototype Co. would throw much light upon this question, but as the Company went out of business many years ago, it is hardly possible that any of their records are now in existence.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—From Mr. A. S. Davenport, Yonkers, N. Y., we have received the notice: "I am sorry to have to report the death of Albert Lawrence of this city on July 24, 1923. He was one of our old-time general collectors and was an enthusiastic collector of precanceled while his collection of revenue stamps was widely known. We younger collectors are very sorry to be deprived of Mr. Lawrence's company."

—"Weko," the collectors' correspondence club, we are informed by Adolph Gunesch, Chicago, vice-president, has a membership of over four hundred in this country while the world membership is eight thousand.

—A "flying mail train" on which the clerks will sort letters while dashing through space, night or day, is the latest improvement in airplane service according to the London *Daily Chronicle*.

—A man sentenced in Michigan for counterfeiting Canadian "excise" stamps was sentenced to five years in Leavenworth. Upon a review of his case, the court granted a writ of habeas corpus "on the ground that the offense for which he was committed did not constitute a violation of any law of the United States." That *oiseau* did not bother to use that fine thin line at that.

—Speaking of the death of Congressman Mott, our old friend W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass., writes that he was a member of the American Philatelic Society in the early days of the association and that he resigned in 1896.

—Passing through Chicago on his return from the London exhibition, Mr. B. W. H. Poole of Los Angeles says that the big occasion seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all the Americans there in particular.

—N. B. Paulson of Chicago will leave for a trip to Europe after the conventions at Washington have been disposed of.

—The *Wide World* contributes a fine picture of the Stamp Bourse at Paris to the rotogravure sections of the newspapers using its service. The details of the photograph stand forth clearly and with a bit of imagination one may sense the atmosphere of the place.

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—A piece of news that will come as a great surprise to our many readers is the fact that the Post Office Department is about to issue a new series of airplane stamps consisting of three denominations, each in different design. Through the courtesy of Messrs. Henderson, Glover and Eidsness I am furnished with this advance information, in view of the fact our readers do not receive this news until two weeks after being written, differing from the releases to the daily press which publishes the information on the same day.

The lowest denomination will be an 8c, a new airplane value, printed in olive green to correspond with the current series. The stamp will be similar in size to the current issue with the long dimension horizontal as the case of the higher values of the present series. Across the top we find "UNITED STATES POSTAGE" and at the bottom "8 CENTS 8," the two figures appearing in the lower corners. In the center we have a radiator of an airplane with propeller attached.

There will be a 16c in bank note black similar to our 7c. The lettering will be the same as the 8c with new values in corner and this stamp will bear the official insignia of the Air Mail Service, that is a design with sort of wings bordering on an oval bearing the inscription "Air Mail."

The third denomination will be a 24c brown, possibly darker than the current 4c Martha Washington. This will show an airplane in flight, the subject being a reproduction of a photograph of one of the latest models of the Air Mail Service planes.

These stamps will be printed in sheets of four hundred which will be perforated 11 and distributed in post-office panes of one hundred, and will be printed upon unwatermarked paper. The colors mentioned have not been officially approved at the time I write these notes so there is a possiblity of a change although it is thought at this time that those mentioned above will be selected. It is hoped to have the series available for sale on or about August 20, 1923, however, the date cannot be given at this time as final plans for night flying have not been fully determined. It is expected that some of these new stamps will be available for inspection during the meeting of the American Philatelic Society at Washington the week of August 13th.

Through the courtesy of Mr. L. A. Hill, Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing I am able to bring our list of plate numbers up to and including July 15, 1923.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class.	Series.	No. Subj.
14610-14613	10c	Ord.	1922	400
14614-14617	10c	Spec. Del.	1922	200
14618-14619	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14620-14623	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14624-14625	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
14626-14629	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14630-14631	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
14632-14633	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14634		Precancelling "Chicago, Ill."		50
14635		Precancelling "Chicago, Ill."		50
14636-14639	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14640-14641	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14642-14643	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
14644-14647	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14648-14649	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14650-14653	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
14654-14655	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14656-14659	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14660-14661	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14662-14663	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
14664-14667	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14668-14679	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14680-14683	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14684-14703	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14704-14707	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14708-14719	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14720-14721	3c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14722-14729	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14730-14733	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14734-14737	3c	Ord.	1922	400
14738-14753	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14754-14757	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14758-14765	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14766-14767	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14768-14775	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14776-14777	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170

The two plates 14634 and 14635 are used in connection with the rotary presses for precancelling the sheets of 1c stamps produced by this machine. As explained in a previous article this precancelling is done on the press at the same time the stamp is engraved and previous to the gumming and perforating.

It will also be noted in the above list that we have our first of the new design 3c sidewise coils, plates 14720 and 14721.

Mr. D. K. Dunbar writes and informs me that the State of South Carolina has now issued a further lot of documentary stamps consisting of seven values for cigars, fifteen values for smoking tobacco, five values for cigarettes, one for little cigars, two for ammunition and fifteen for candy, making a total of thirty-two denominations.

Your editor, because of his efforts in writing this chronicle has been elected an honorary member of the Erie Boy Scout Stamp Club and can assure you that the honor is appreciated.

AUSTRALIA.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 1sh rose and pale yellow green postage due stamp, perf. 14, on old Victoria paper double lined A and Crown.

BELGIUM.—M. P. Massez writes that the seventy-fifth anniversary of the issue of the first Belgium postage stamp will be taken as the opportunity for the issue of a new series of stamps, which it is hoped to have on sale in time for the opening of the International Philatelic Exhibition in Brussels next year. The design will include portraits of Leopold I (after the original die by J. Wiener), and of the present King, and the printing will be limited, doubtless
giving rise to fresh scandals, as in
case of the "tin-hat" series.

Rumour has it that a Belgium philat
club recently asked the Minister of P
to issue a commemorative stamp, impe
on the occasion of a local stamp exh
tion, as was done not long ago in L
emburg. We are glad to note that
Minister turned down the project
once. This sort of thing is not Phila
and collectors who encourage unne
sary issues are doing infinite harm
our hobby.—*Gibbons Monthly Circu*

BRAZIL.—A special stamp will sho
be issued to commemorate the indep
dence of Bahia.—*Gibbons Mont*
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CHILE.—Mr. Jos. V. K. Wells se
us a value of a new set of pict
stamps of recent issue. The one
is the 20c brown and black but
Wells adds that he has also receive
10c blue and black and 40c violet
black. The stamp submitted show
large building in the centre of the sta
with the name of the country beneat

CONGO.—Mr. Henry Hooreman s
mits for Chronicle four values of a
set of due stamps. They are 5c bro
10c red, 15c purple and 30c green.

COSTA RICA.—The Metropolitan Sta
Co., send us a set of three stamps
an entirely new design with the liken
of Jesus Jiminez in the centre. In
upper left corner is "1823" and the
per right "1923." Between "Costa R
Correos" in two lines. In each of
lower corners are the figures of va
with "Centimos" between. The col
are 5c blue, 20c red and 1 colon pur
Under a later date the same correspo
ent advise of the appearance of a 2c
brown and a 4c green. All of th
values have also been surchar
"Oficial" in black.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—Mr. W. A. H
derson tells us that a recent mail
ceived from the Falkland Is. was fran
with copies of the current 2½d sta
bisected diagonally, the copy in the p
session of our informant being p
marked South Georgia. Apparently th
has been a shortage of stamps in
islands.—*Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

GERMANY.—Mr. J. L. Riedel advi
that the following new values in the
mail set have been issued; 10mk mage
25m brown and gold and 100mk ol
and pink. Also that the 40mk gre
reaper type and the 400mk brown
500mk bright red of the figures in
centre type, have been surcharged
black for use as Official stamps.

IRAQ.—We have received from Mr.
Roberts a copy of the 3a blue of
new set.

LUXEMBOURG.—The 10 francs gr
stamp printed in "sheets of one" pro
to be a scarce stamp, the issue was
very small one and was sold out in
few days.—*Philatelic Bulletin.*

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We are indebted
Mr. Frank F. Wills and Mr. J. V.
Wells for sending the new set of stan
of this colony. The colors are as f
lows, 1c grey green, 2c red, 3c brow
4c brown lilac, 5c ultramarine, 6c gr
8c red lilac, 9c grey green, 10c g
violet, 11c yellow green, 12c claret,
blue.

SAN MARINO.—Mr. R. Roberts advi
of the following new issues of t
country, 1899 type, for internal u
new colors: 2c mauve, 5c sage green,
orange, 20c brown, 25c pale ultra,

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let; 1903 type: new values, 50c lilac, 9c blue and 90c brown.

RANS-JORDANIA.—On May 25th, 240 se of Palestine stamps were overprinted in three lines with an Arabic inscription signifying "Arabic Government of the East, Commemoration of Independence, May 25, 1923." The stamps are of the 1918 issue, watermark Royal Cipher, and of the 240 sets overprinted, 21 were distributed amongst Government officials. We think we have said enough to show that these stamps have no interest for collectors and are unworthy of catalogue rank.—*Philatelic Bulletin.*

PPER SILESIA.—Mr. J. L. Riedel reports that on May 1st all the stamps for the Polish territory were withdrawn and from the above date only the Polish stamps will be used. In April a new value, 300m light blue, in the miner type was issued but had a very short sale.

RUGUAY.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. have submitted for notice a set of stamps showing a native bird of the country in the centre. The values and shades are 5m grey, 1c yellow, 2c purple, c grey green, 5c light blue, 8c red, 12c blue 20c yellow brown, 36c green, 50c light gold, 1p rose red and 2p green.

OUBLE SURCHARGE SHANGHAI.

By E. Busch.

These stamps slipped through the U. Shanghai Postoffice in October last and with the exception of a few, all are in one hand. Taking myself a keen interest in China stamps, I went for information and got the following:

Only one sheet of a hundred has been given out, while about 30 stamps of this same sheet show no sign or very little of the double impression. Of the other 70, some show the double impression very distinctly, while some others show it not quite so well. As I saw only part of the sheet, I could not come to conclusion, how the sheet went through the plate. From the enclosed photo, you may understand and find it out yourself. The blocks shown on the photo belong to different parties, block 1 to the first man.

Of the 70, some of the ones which show no sign or very little of the double impression, had been used before the error was discovered; less than 20 have been canceled to order and the rest were left mint. The greatest part of these stamps is already in the hands of collectors. A few were sold at Tls. 15,—but the price raised quickly on account of the demand, to Tls. 30, and later to 75 Tls. I know that Tls. 90 has been paid recently for one mint and that the holder asks easily 125 Tls. now for the canceled Tls. 120 for mint.

OFFICIAL STAMPS GT. BRITIAN

(Continued from page 402)

5d purple and blue, King Edward.
6d dull purple, King Edward.
9d purple and blue, King Edward.
10d purple and carmine, King Edward.
1sh green and carmine, King Edward.

Office of Works.

(Government Buildings.)

Another large department responsible for the many buildings belonging to the Nation, Crown parks, and in time of war and National Emergency the Railway lands, buildings, dockyards, etc., for repairs other than come under the parview of the military and naval authorities. This department also in 1882 checked the use of its postal accounts by perforating them with letters, a Royal Crown and the initials O. W. or the initials H. M. O. W.

In 1896, however, it followed the example of the Army and Revenue authorities and overprinted its stamps O. W. Official. All are scarce and difficult to obtain.

Check List.

Office of Works

(O. W. Official.)

1882—½d green of 1880, perforated Crown O. W.
1d lilac of 1881, perforated Crown O. W.
1885—½d slate of 1884, perforated Crown O. W.
1888—½d vermilion of 1887, perforated Crown O. W.
Overprinted O. W. Official.
1896, March—½d vermilion.
1d lilac.
1901, November—½d green of 1900.
1902, April—5d purple and blue of 1887.
1902, May—10d purple and carmine of 1887.
Idem. Overprinted, King Edward Issue.
1902, February—½d deep green.
1d scarlet.
1902, March—2d green and carmine.
2½d blue.
1902, May—10d purple and carmine.

Official Parcel Stamps.

(H. M. Stationery Office.)

The issue of special official parcel stamps was for two reasons, primarily because of a check on the departmental postal expenditure, and secondly that in many cases the parcels of official stationery would be conveyed from the various depots in England, Scotland and Ireland by Railway and other companies under contract.

The information procurable regarding the different postal rates for parcels varies. One authority states that the 9d stamp was used for parcels under 3 lbs. weight in order to escape a percentage charged on parcels by the carrying Railway Company, while another states that 9d was for a contract rate for ordinary printed "dead rate" stationery, carried at a reduced rate, whereon the 1sh value was for ordinary postage on such items as registered valuable documents, and post-office stamped stationery. In any case for nearly two years these two values appeared to suffice for requirements, the registration fee of 2d on the necessary parcels of stamps being represented by the blue embossed circular stamp printed on the flap of the large brown cartridge official envelopes used for that purpose by the British Post Office.

The 1d lilac and 1sh green and carmine exist with inverted overprints. All "Govt. Parcels" stamps are hard to find in fine used condition on account of the large heavy rubber stamp used to besmear parcels, a metal cancellation being seldom used on account of likely damage to a parcel. Like the Army Officials they were generally obtainable "by ways and means" in unused condition.

An important prosecution took place early in the century over the sale by Government servants of the unused stamps, whereby in order to obtain them unused ordinary stamps were substituted for the official stamps. This was one of the main causes of the discontinuance of special adhesives, though at the conclusion of their "life" the authorities permitted them to be dealt in by stamp dealers. All remaining stocks were ordered to be returned on May 14, 1904, and they were officially burnt, hence probably the rarity of many of the values.

Check List.

Official (Government) Parcels.

(H. M. Stationery Office.)

Overprinted "Government Parcels."
1883, July—1sh orange brown, plate 13.
1883, August—9d green of 1884 issue.
1sh orange brown, plate 14.
1886, April—1½d lilac of 1884.
6d green of 1884.
1887, October—1½d lilac and green of 1887.
1887, December—6d purple on red of 1887.
1888, August—9d lilac and blue of 1887.
1890, March—1sh green of 1887.
1891, October—2d green and carmine of 1887.
1892, September—4½d green and carmine of 1892.
1897, June—1d lilac of 1881.
1901, April—1sh green and carmine of 1900.
Idem, Head of Edward VII.
1902, February—6d dull purple.
1902, April—2d green and carmine.
1902, August—9d lilac and purple.
1902, October—1d scarlet.
1902, December—1sh green and carmine.

STAMPS OF SOMALILAND.

(Continued from page 405)

The two stamps marked "o" in the above diagram belong to neither type due to erroneous spacing of the letters in the word "BRITISH." In the first of these, No. 88 in the lower pane, the letters "SH" are so widely spaced that the word measures a full 11½mm in length; while in the other, No. 94 on the same pane, the letters "IT" are too widely spaced and the word measures 11mm in length.

On the eighth stamp in the bottom row of the upper pane (No. 116) there is a thick "D" in "SOMALILAND" on all five values. There is a figure "1" in place of the first "I" of "BRITISH" on the fourth stamp in the sixth row of the top pane (No. 64) in all values, and on the second stamp in the ninth row of the same pane (No. 98) there is a comma instead of an "I" in "SOMALILAND."

On the 2 annas, the twelfth stamp in the seventh row of the upper pane (No. 84) has a period instead of the second "I" in "BRIT.SH," but in the other four denominations this letter is more or less distinct. These are the most noteworthy varieties but there are many others of less importance, such as broken "O" like an inverted "C" in "SOMALILAND," small and short-footed "L's," broken, dropped and raised letters.

According to *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* the total number of these stamps issued was:—

½ anna 30 sheets or 7,200 stamps.
1 anna 30 sheets or 7,200 stamps.
2 annas 20 sheets or 4,800 stamps.
8 annas 10 sheets or 2,400 stamps.
1 rupee 10 sheets or 2,400 stamps.

It would therefore seem that the catalogue quotations for these stamps are not only ridiculously low but entirely disproportionate. All values are exceedingly scarce in genuinely used condition and I question if any are to be had at the prices quoted by our generous catalogue friends.

There seems to have been little need for these stamps according to a paragraph in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* for April, 1905, which we quote below:—

"According to an officer who has lately returned from active service in Somaliland, these specially overprinted official stamps are more or less a farce, for they are only allowed to be used by one or two people and not on general official correspondence. He tells us that the Queen's head stamps surcharged "On H. M. S." were only used by four persons, while all other departmental correspondence went unstamped."

(To be continued.)

VACATION DAYS

¶ There seem to be none this year.
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2sh 6d, No. 27	1.25
5sh, No. 28	2.40
½d, No. 29	.10
1d, No. 30	.24
2d, No. 31	.60
3d, No. 33	.90
¼d, No. 36	.03
½d, No. 37	.06
1d, No. 38	.15
2d, No. 39	.45
2½d, No. 40	.24
3d, No. 41	.30
6d, No. 42	1.00
1sh, No. 43	1.00
2sh 6d, No. 44	1.75
5sh, No. 45	3.75
¼d, No. 46	.03
½d, No. 47	.03
1d, No. 48	.04
2d, No. 49	.06
2½d, No. 50	.10
3d, No. 51	.09
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A Few Y S Co Bargain Offers

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URUGUAY, Artigua issue, 3 var.*	.30
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(Mr. Bates will appreciate it if subscribers who send in specimens for examination will enclose postage for the return of their stamps. —Ed.)

A correspondent mentions the following-described shift in the two cent brown, 1883, No. 210: "Shows all letters of TWO CENTS and the figure 2 shifted, many of the letters of the top label shifted, a strong line like a recut running along the whole length of the tiny horizontal lines which form the edge of the frame at the right, this being supposed to be the right hand edge of the shield shifted over. The appearance of a double line is very noticeable." This is probably the double transfer mentioned by Mr. Flierl recently. Has anyone found this same shift on the two cent green, 1887?

"What is the value of a vertical pair of the three cent green, 1873, showing a red town, dated and a fine red star?" asks a correspondent. Well, here is an interesting question. The question of values is always interesting and, since the issue of Scott's Specialized United States the question of multiple values is ofttimes perplexing. Mr. Costales says in his foreword that prices are for the commonest stamp in each group and that odd designs, such as stars, numerals, animals, etc., are worth premiums, depending on the scarcity and clearness of the design. Prices quoted are for specimens in good condition. Very fine or superb specimens in most cases command higher prices. Taking this as a guide, let's reason out the correspondent's question.

Scott lists the three cent green, 1873, single copy with red cancellation, at $1 a pair, both stamps showing the red cancellation obviously would be worth $2, for you could separate the pair into two stamps and have $2 worth. However, pairs are much scarcer than singles in these issues and vertical pairs are scarcer than horizontal pairs, so it would seem that something should be added for this fact. In the opinion of this writer, 25 to 50 cents would be a fair valuation to add for the vertical pair. The catalogue lists the average copy of this stamp at two cents and a town cancellation at five cents or one and one-half times as much. But a red town! If the town cancellation shows sufficiently so that the name and state can be deciphered then it would seem that it would be fair to add one and one-half the value of a single red cancellation, or $1.50, making our present valuation say $2.75. But something should be added for the fact that this specimen is dated, for dated copies are much sought after and rare on these issues. Just to be reasonable we will add a very moderate amount for the date (provided, of course, that it is a year date), say 50 cents, making $3.25 in all. In my opinion nothing should be added for the red star cancellation as stars seem to be about the commonest cancellations in red and magenta. Some readers may disagree with this. If this pair happened to be one of the scarcer shades, this should add something to the value as given. Also, if the copies are in perfect or superb condition, perfectly centered, bright color of the stamp, clear impression and bright red color of the cancellation, etc., and with the cancellations so falling on the stamps that they do not obscure important portions of the design, and further with all or almost all of the cancellations showing on the stamps then the value should be boosted considerably, say for an absolutely unique specimen to $4 or $4.50.

But, then, after having arrived at the theoretical value of the specimen the reader should make certain reductions, taking demand into consideration. Practically all specialists collect colored cancellations but not all of them are keen about adding pairs, strips and blocks to their collections. In fact, some would reject a specimen on this account. Some cancellation collectors are not so fussy about condition either, so that the market for a superb specimen would not be relatively so much greater than the demand for ordinary ones. Color of the stamp and location of the cancellation would not make so much difference with the great body of collectors. Neither would the importance of the combination of a town, date and star mean so much to all collectors. Therefore, we must make an arbitrary reduction from our theoretical value to get somewhere near the real market value of such a piece. Personally I feel that such a piece should be worth from $3 to $4.50, depending on conditions of the sale and the requirements of the buyer. That is to say, if the collector wants to make a hasty sale he should expect to get about $3 of almost any collector but if he wants to spend the time to find a buyer who really needs the piece for his collection he might get the higher price.

There, that should start something. Collectors who are interested, send in your opinions on this subject.

MAILS FOR NEWFOUNDLAND INCLUDING LABRADOR.

WASHINGTON, July 17, 1923.

Owing to the many complaints received concerning irregularities observed in the mails dispatched from the United States to Newfoundland, postmasters will give the widest publicity possible to the fact that the postal service of Newfoundland, including Labrador, is separate and distinct from that of Canada, and with the exception of the 2 cents an ounce rate applicable to letters, articles in the regular mails for Newfoundland, including Labrador, are subject to the international Postal Union rates and conditions.

Parcel-post packages for Newfoundland, including Labrador, are subject to the special prohibitions and restrictions set forth under the item "Newfoundland (including Labrador)" on page 201 of the July, 1922, Postal Guide and may not be insured, but may be registered.

PAUL HENDERSON,
Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

FLY NIGHT AND DAY.

With the establishment of night flying it will be possible to send a letter direct from San Francisco to Chicago or New York, or the reverse. Letters which were marked "via air mail" were formerly given preference in the air mail advancing system, but there was no guarantee that the letter would make its entire journey by plane.

Since the post-office department is anticipating a considerable use of this fast service by the public, it is regarded as probable that the establishment of through service from coast to coast will be accompanied by the announcement of the use of a special airplane stamp.

Such a stamp would be sold at a price which would compensate for the fast service, and would guarantee transportation by plane.

Two purposes will be served by the establishment of through transcontinental air mail service. The public will receive the fastest mail service known to man over extensive distances, and, secondly, another step will be made in the United States' pioneer work in the field of aviation, a task which is one of the chief reasons for the establishment of air mail service.

Last year the air mail personnel won recognition for the greatest achievement in American aviation by flying 2,000,000 miles on the transcontinental route for an entire year without a fatal accident.

Night flying, if it is successful, will be another feather in the cap of the post-office department air service. Even though every precaution is being taken to safeguard the fliers whose duty it will be to travel at night, the hazards of this work are not to be minimized.

A loyal group of fliers, whose courage has been steeled by many an exploit, will undertake the experiment, and if it can be done by man they will do it.—Chicago *Herald-Examiner.*

SUPER SWISS COLLECTION.

We have received from Mr. E. Lo
of Zurich, Switzerland, a dozen sh
showing pictures of some of the rar
that were included in a most remark
collection of the stamps of Switzerl
The collector who made this collec
brought to bear on his work, a phila
equipment that deeply impresses one
from a letter that accompanied the
productions, we quote:—

"All the Swiss stamps issued s
1843 up to the latest items, some
and many mint have been caref
mounted into 18 volumes, on entires
fragments, singles, in pairs, blocks,
and entire sheets with the rarest
most interesting cancellations.

The very first item which draws
attention is a complete sheet of the
Zurich 6. It consists of 10 strips
10 copies each and reconstructs an
tire sheet with full margins. After
we encounter a whole number of Zu
4 and 6 on entires, some halved, sin
etc. Then we come to the only kn
entire original sheet of the dark g
Geneva with intact margins and bes
this a strip of five of the Geneva s
Eagle with the entire part of the
sheet. Continuing we find the Ba
in many copies (including a pair) V
4c and 5c—of this latter a mint bloc
12 and a complete reconstructed shee
100 with many rare cancellations as
as the Neuchatel. A mint block of
the rare Winterthur concludes the
section of this marvellous collectio

In the second part the Federal Pos
represented by entires and complete
constructed plates of the Ortspost, F
Locale, Rayons I, II, III, with so m
different cancellations and shades
it is almost impossible to describe t
One of the most interesting entire
a letter stamped with two each of
framed and unframed crosses P
Locale, and another one with two
sected yellow Rayons II *"se tenant."*

Thus we arrive at the issues of 185
where the Imperforates pass our ey
all their varieties of thin, medium
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(Under this heading, opinions and observations submitted by readers may be printed, but the WEEKLY assumes no responsibility for the utterances of the correspondents whose letters are given space.)

TO THE EDITOR:—

Every now and then we are offered by "salesmen" from Europe, wholesale stamps of Armenia. In a case, very recently there was offered to our concern a very large lot of Armenian stamps. Looking it over, we find in this lot (not less and not more) 750 copies of 100r surcharged on 5r (Scott's No. 232) of which have been issued only 100 copies; my information is based on the official letter of the Ministry of Post and Telegraph, indicating the number of issue of different Armenian stamps. This letter is the answer to my inquiry, when in Armenia in 1920, I purchased a few copies unused and have been successful to "find" some 3 covers with this particular stamp on. When back in U. S. from Armenia, I sold in 1921 seven copies to Mr. John Klemann. To no other dealer I have ever sold this item in U. S. nor in the whole world. I wonder where and by whom the 750 copies were fabricated and I wonder more as today I learn that some one bought the whole lot for $45.00 (sic). I sincerely hope that the party who bought the lot will be able to recover his money and invest it rather in the Brooklyn Bridge, which everybody in New York knows can be bought for a ten dollar bill. A few more words about Russian pre-revolution stamp reissued by the Soviet Government of Russia, especially the issue of 1909-18, and which are offered on the market at from ⅕ to 1/10 catalogue value. These reissues are printed from the original plates; they can be easily recognized by the following signs, which were the secret of the process of printing by the Tzar Government, issued before the revolution of 1917:

The lozenges which are seen on the face of the stamps, have been applied *directly on paper, Before* the printing from the plate, whereas on the stamps of reissue the lozenges (which is a secret solution) have been applied *After* the printing.

To the reader I leave to decide, what the difference is between a surcharged stamp when the surcharge appears *under the cancellation*, and when the surcharge appears on the cancellation.

Respectfully yours,
SOUREN YOHANNESSIANTZ.
NEW YORK CITY.

TO THE EDITOR:—

The First Assistant Postmaster-General is the Hon. John H. Bartlett of Portsmouth, N. H., former governor of New Hampshire. While he was Governor one of his staff officers was Major Robert P. Johnston of Concord, N. H., and the Major is also a stamp collector of long standing. At a gathering of a few kindred spirits who happened to meet in the lobby of the hotel at Concord the First Assistant Postmaster-General was mentioned, and Major Johnston ventured the opinion that the Hon. Bartlett was well enough known to have his mail reach him with no address on it except his picture. So a letter was written and a cut of the First Assistant pasted on it together with a stamp. There was no address at all on the envelope. True to form the postal service ran, and within a few days a reply came back that the letter reached Mr. Bartlett with no delay whatever. A good ad for the Post Office Department as well as for Mr. Bartlett.

ROBT. P. JOHNSTON.
CONCORD, N. H.

The following resolution was offered the Washington Philatelic Society.

Be it resolved: That the Washington Philatelic Society hereby recommends to the American Philatelic Society that a permanent jury or committee of five members be appointed by the president each year whose duty it shall be to carefully inspect and consider each new or old issue of postage stamps of any and all countries to determine if the same is necessary or a fraudulent or deceptive issue for pecuniary gain only and not for actual needs.

And that said jury or committee forthwith recommend that any and all such unnecessary, fraudulent and deceptive issues be branded as such and ignored by American collectors and eliminated from reliable catalogues and albums, and that this brand of fraud on those stamps be announced by all American dealers in making sales of stamps so designated and condemned by said jury.

And that the above resolution be presented to the American Philatelic Society by one of our members with recommendations deploring the disgrace of these unnecessary issues are imposing upon philately and the danger of associting these fraudulent issues with legitimate financial interests and the swindling of youthful collectors.

The above resolution is under consideration in the Washington Philatelic Society and speaks for itself. The committee will be empowered to determine if the Postal Convention is the supreme authority in deciding what is what.

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J. F. DUHAMEL.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MARYLAND LOTTERY STAMP.

By F. E. HEYDON.

Lottery ticket 150x45mm, thin paper; stamp at left 20x45mm, with state arms at top, "D. A. McPhail" in label at left and "commissioner of lotteries" in label at right, the first colored on white ground, the second white on colored ground. "Permitted" in oblique curved scroll is just below center. The rest of ticket occupied by inscriptions of the lottery ticket, bistre on white paper. Over the date "1859" in rectangular frame to left of center is an oval handstamp in black inscribed "Maryland Lottery Stamp." The stamp at left bears a control number differing from that of the lottery ticket. Have any of your readers seen other stamps of this character?

FIVE MILLION.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Night air mail service will be realized by August 1, John H. Bartlett, first assistant postmaster-general, here to attend a state convention of postal officials, said Monday.

That transcontinental all air mail routes, with a night flying program made possible by the developments in lighting and other features of night aviation, would soon be in effect was seen in the department's order for 5,000,000 special air mail stamps. Mr. Bartlett said the stamps will go into the hands of the engravers in a few days and the first may be issued by August 1. The stamps will be in three denominations. Cost experts are now working out the exact amounts to be charged for the service. The lowest denomination of stamps will be between 10 and 12 cents; the second between 14 and 18 cents, and the third between 22 and 28 cents, he said.

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CANADIAN CANCELLATIONS.

By EDWARD E. GOODCHILD.

Probably at no previous period has the question of cancellations and stamp collecting in general received greater attention or been more discussed than at the present time. Persons, who heretofore felt restrained from commenting on these subjects are now freely offering suggestions and plans which they believe to be in the best interest of Philately in general. All this is good for the pursuit and must have a beneficial effect.

Take the subject of cancellations on the Canadian issues. Collectors appear to be all at sea in regard to their scarcity and value. Many will tell you they can easily be forged and ask, why collect cancellations? Yet, the very same collector will invest money and willingly pay $2.50, say for a Nova Scotia No. 11 used, which he can obtain for $1.00 mint and still he runs the risk of the smudge or cancellation being forged.

After a very careful study of Canadian issues and having regard to the fact that the various values of the early Canadians, or for that matter, all Canadian issues, corresponding with like values and periods, as those used in the U. S. A. were, and are used in far smaller numbers, one is forced to the conclusion that the collector of Canadian cancellations will be placing a very conservative valuation on his specialized cancellations, if he applies the quotation of the U. S. A. cancellations.

The cancellations of the small Queen Canadian issues of 1869-72 are without doubt the most sought after at the moment and at present within the reach of the average collector, I therefore, for the purposes of denomstrating my point, take the 3c Scotts No. 34 catalogued at 15c. This stamp undoubtedly shows more varieties, etc., of cancellations than probably any other Canadian stamp. I feel I am justified in stating the collector will be safe in taking the following values as a basis for exchange or other purposes. These being approximately the same prices as quoted for the coloured cancellations appearing on the 3c U. S. A. of 1870.

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One should take particular care in going over this issue not to confuse it with the 1882 issue whilst to the experienced eye the difference can be readily seen, to the novice the later stamp which can be obtained for a dollar or so a hundred is often confused with this stamp.

Whilst, I do not claim the following to be absolutely correct, I give for the benefit of fellow collectors my observations as to how I have found special cancellations to exist, all showing on stamps. The rarest, the Crown and registration cancellations. In order named: Dead letter office, Paid, Wayletter, Full Figures of Year, Senate Crown, Towns in Colour, Maple Leaf, Floral Designs and Colours.

In conclusion it will be interesting to read what Scott's specialized catalogue says on the subject of cancellations. Prices, it states, "are for the commonest types in each group. For instance, a red cancellation on the 3c (U. S. A.) 1861 issue priced at $1.25 would be for the commonest red cancellation that could be found on this stamp, which, in this case would be the cork or block type. Odd designs such as stars, numerals, animals, birds, etc., are worth premiums depending on the scarcity and clearness of the design."

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Several of the new meters are already in operation throughout the country, Ottawa and Toronto being among the first cities to take up the idea. The device has been under consideration by the Postmaster-General's department at Ottawa for about three months, and it is just recently that the seal of approval has been set on the machine by the authorities. The machines already in operation are said to be assisting wonderfully in the dispatch of mail, and with their general use it is expected that there will result a saving of thousands of dollars annually in the making and dispatching of postage stamps.

Each machine is furnished with a permit number and the operation of the meter is under the direct control of the department. In addition to cutting down expense and labor, the device should prove a great factor in rendering homes happier. Wives who previously were obliged to depend upon their husbands to stamp and mail their letters with the result that they generally reached their destination anywhere from two weeks to a month behind time may now install a postage meter, slip the letter into the proper place and frisk gaily around the corner to the box without having to part with a cent of the house-money; for the postage meter is run on the same principle as the gas or electric light meter and bills in connection therewith are settled in a similar manner.

Since the establishment of the Philatelic Agency at Ottawa the department has been inundated with orders from all parts of the world for the new one dollar postage stamp; and with the introduction of the meter system, many more thousands of such orders are anticipated, as there seems to be no doubt that many stamp collectors will wish to retain copies as a souvenir of the first, and possibly the last Canadian stamp of this denomination to bear the effigy of the King. E. E. Goodchild, well-known philatelist of Montreal, who has just returned from a trip to Ottawa, and who made known here the action of the postal department in connection with the postage meter, has himself received letters from many points, including England and Egypt, commenting upon the establishment of the Canadian Government stamp agency.

Mr. Goodchild stated yesterday that the plan inaugurated some months ago in the postal department at Ottaw having all members of the staff change views as to the betterment o service in the interests of the p is meeting with great success, and eral original and practical plans are der consideration at the present tim the Postmaster-General, which if into operation, are expected to materially in reducing the cour deficit, by saving thousands of do —Montreal *Gazette.*

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"Previous to 1829 the matches in use consisted of a slender stick with a pointed end, which had been dipped in sulphur; and they were lighted by touching them to a spark struck into tinder by flint and steel. In that year, however, what was known as the 'Instantaneous Light-Box' was invented. It consisted of a small tin box containing a bottle, in which was placed some sulphuric acid, with sufficient fibrous asbestos to soak it up and prevent its spilling out of the bottle and a supply of properly prepared matches. These consisted of small splints of wood about two inches long, one end of which was coated with a chemical mixture prepared by mixing chlorate of potash, powdered loaf-sugar and powdered gum arabic, the whole colored with a little vermilion and made into a thin paste with water. The splints were readily inflamed by dipping the prepared ends into the sulphuric acid. These were succeeded by the lucifer, or loco-foco match, which was ignited by friction; and that, in turn by the Congreve, which was similar to the sulphur matches now in use; and this, shortly afterwards, by the present parlor match."

The story of the invention of matches and the beginning of the manufacture of friction matches in America is well set forth in an article that appeared in the Boston *Sunday Globe,* about 1910, during President Taft's administration.

"Probably No More Sulphur Matches *They May Be Taxed Out Of Existence.*

The recommendation by President Taft in his recent message in which he advises that phosphorus no longer be used in the manufacture of the common match means ultimately the passing of the old sulphur match which was first made in this country in Chicopee, then Springfield, in 1834.

In accordance with the President's recommendation the bill now in the hands of the committee on ways and means provides for a tax upon all manufacturers of white phosphorus matches of $1,000 a year and a further tax of 1 per cent upon every 100 white phosphorus matches which must be put up in special packages bearing internal revenue stamps. The objectionable match will thus be taxed out of existence.

However, while it is true that now because of the careless methods in vogue in many of the large match factories of the country employes are exposed to phosphorus poisoning this in no way reflects upon the value of the invention and the value of the sulphur match originally, and D. Monroe Chapin of Chicopee St., descendant of old Deacon Chapin, one of the founders of Springfield, who in 1834 discovered how to make a match that would light, must be classed as one of the greatest benefactors of mankind.

Miss Chapin, of Holyoke, a niece of D. Monroe Chapin, and a daughter of Bryant Chapin who was associated with Monroe in the business, says the invention was entirely accidental, as Miss Chapin has heard her uncle relate.

One day, while experimenting for the fun of the thing, he accidentally discovered that he could make a fire by putting a little white sulphur on the end of a stick and striking the stick on a hard substance. He commenced to make a few of these sulphur pointed sticks which he disposed of to his neighbors who were tired of using the old tinder box apparatus.

He did not take out any patent and the discovery was open to all, consequently he did not make the fortune that he might have made, although he came to do a big business and took in a lot of money.

The business was really started by Frederick Chapin, the father of D. Monroe and Bryant Chapin, who furnished the capital and built for his sons the two small buildings on Chicopee St. where the manufacture of matches was carried on. The two buildings were built close together and the doors on the side faced each other and were not more than a yard apart, and with a small brick wall connecting, making it easy to carry across the matches.

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The firm name was Chapin & Phillips, and their 'loco-foco matches,' named presumably because they were manufactured in loco-foco times, became celebrated throughout the country. With commendable energy the firm soon began running wagons all over New England. These wagons were covered and shut up like a box in which the matches could be compactly and safely packed.

Two large two-horse wagons were constantly on the road, and Miss Chapin recalls that her father, Bryant Chapin, once told her that on one of his trips to Providence and Newport he cleared from his matches the sum of $700. The business was certainly a profitable one for Chicopee, and at one time 16 girls from Chicopee and four men, besides the proprietors, worked in the factory. Constant improvements were made in the machinery in order to keep up with the increasing demand for the matches. The crude machinery for sawing the wood in cards ready for the dip was improved and perfected by the late L. C. Allen, for so many years connected with the Springfield armory.

The wood sawing was first done at Chicopee, but pine wood growing scarce a branch sawmill was established at South Hadley on the farm of the late Abner B. Abbe, the chemical preparation of processes still being located in Chicopee St.

As it was not considered safe for the matches to come into contact with each other they were made in cards or combs in the following manner: First, straight-grained two-inch pine plank, after being smoothly planed by hand, were sawed into lengths of five inches. Then by a single-blade circular saw they were sliced up into cards, a scant eighth of an inch thick. Then by a gang of 11 finely adjusted saws the ends of the cards, in question, a dozen or so at a time, were slit into the form of a comb with 12 teeth each, about 12 inches in length. Then the cards were sawed into in the center, leaving a half inch back to each comb. Then the combs, a dozen at a time, were dipped into a melted brimstone and afterward each separately into the phosphorus composition.

In the packing a long strip of paper three inches wide was placed upon the packing table, one card of 12 matches was placed on this paper and a turn made; then another card and so on until 12 cards or 144 matches were included in the package. Carefully folding down the ends the package called a bunch was inclosed in a printed wrapper. The matches sold at various prices and a single bunch of 144 matches would often bring the price of a shilling."

[*Note*: The "shilling" referred to was probably the New England shilling which was not a coin but was a monetary expression. Six of these shillings made one dollar. The expression was common to manufacturing towns throughout New England and was a very convenient way of reckoning the wages of labor. The wage was reckoned in shillings per day but was paid in dollars per week. A workman earning five shillings per day was paid at the rate of five dollars for each full week of six days. The actual value of this non-existent coin was 16⅔ cents.—C. W.]

"Chapin & Phillips finally sold their machinery and business to the firm of Byam & Carlton of Boston, who for several years kept up the manufacture and sale of these matches as the Chapin & Phillips match, finally dropping the name for what was known as the Boston match, in universal use for years, which retailed everywhere for a pennv a bunch. The only difference between the Chapin & Phillips match and the Boston match was that the cards of the latter were separated instead of being connected at the base, that a less amount of lumber was used in their manufacture, and that for a penny the consumer was given only half as many in a bunch as in the days of old."

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Ezekiel Byam is listed in the Boston Directory of April, 1848, and in the rear of that Directory, on page 38, he advertises, "Card, Block and all kinds of Round Wood & Paper Box Matches." In 1856, the firms of Byam, Pearson, Carlton & Co. and Byam & Pearson are mentioned. In 1861, the firm appears as Byam, Carlton & Co., manufacturers of patent friction matches at 116 Union and 580 Commercial Streets. From and after October 1, 1863, the address was 96-100 Friend Street, this factory being an important part of the Diamond Match Company and the Boston Directory for 1881 lists the Diamond Match Company as manufacturers of Byam, Carlton & Co. matches at the Friend Street address.

The first adhesive stamp used by this concern was printed by the American Phototype Company of New York, but was not listed as an adhesive in the Scott catalog until 1902, although it was recognized by Sterling as an adhesive as early as 1888, and is so listed in his catalog of that year. Its true character was not generally recognized until after the publication of the Boston Book in 1899.

The design forms a large upright rectangle measuring about 41x75mm and was adapted from the central portion of the first (or second) of the Byam, Carlton wrappers. These also were American Phototype Co. productions. The central disk bears the portraits of Messrs. Byam and Carlton facing left, and is surrounded by a circular band inscribed "U. S. Internal Revenue" above and "Proprietary" below. This band in turn is surrounded by a circle composed of sixteen pointed sections. Each section contains the figure of a man holding a match. The curved line in the upper part of the stamp reads "Manufactured by Byam, Carlton & Co." and similarly below is "96 Friend Street, Boston." In each upper corner is a large numeral 1. The lower left corner contains "One" and the lower right corner "Cent." The corners are filled out with scroll work and flourishes. This part of the design is nearly square and is surrounded by a fine frame line. Above the

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mdle rectangle and forming the top of he stamp is a rectangular block with a anting numeral 1 in each upper corner ar inscribed in two lines in curved catals "U. S. Internal Revenue—P prietary." A narrow panel at the ha of the block reads "One" and "Cent." W hin this block and outside the ends o it the design is filled in with scroll wk. Another block below the central reangle forms the bottom of the stamp ar is inscribed in four lines "Manufaurers of—Wax Tapers, WaterPof, Card,—Block, Wood, & PaperB—MATCHES." Matches is in large Rnan capitals. A fine line of color enches the central rectangle and the two bks, completing the design.

he Boston Book gives the following la:—

e approved, 1865.
rst issued, 1865.
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tal number issued, 8,400,000.

The following extract from a letter to Butler & Carpenter from Byam, Caleton & Co., dated April 2, 1866, and re rring to their small, steel-engraved stap, which was then being prepared, is rong proof that this stamp was used as n *adhesive only*.

t is to take the place of the small-sid made by the Am. Phototype Co., wh you told Mr. C(arleton) they had no right to make under your contract.' * * *

The weight of the above lies in the statement that Butler & Carpenter claimed that the Phototype Co. had no right to make this stamp. They everywhere admit that they had made arrangements with the Phototype Co. authorizing them to print *'stamped paper,'* but they are equally decided in asserting that *no one but themselves* was authorized to print *any kind of an adhesive stamp.* (See correspondence over the John J. Macklin Stamp.)

The above, in our opinion, is *prima facie* evidence of the manner in which this stamp was used and classes it with the adhesives without the shadow of a doubt."

The stamp is phototyped in black upon white tissue paper and evidently was made so large in order that it could be fastened around a package of matches. In January, 1918, a New England collector wrote to Mr. W. O. Wylie of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and sent him part of one of these stamps, stating:

"The enclosed is the central rectangle of the Byam, Carlton & Co. match stamp (Scott No. 5146A). Examining the back you will find by the paper adhering to it that it was used as an adhesive upon a wrapper of manilla paper in which the matches were enclosed. This is the stamp which has been variously classed as an adhesive and wrapper, and which the Boston Revenue Book states was used as an adhesive on *boxes* of matches."

Probably the chief reason for the rarity of this stamp is its large size. There is nothing beautiful about it and the thin tissue paper upon which it was printed would make it difficult to remove without tearing and it is quite evident that few were saved as curiosities. The writer has been able to trace about a dozen different copies.

The Sterling quotation of $10.00 in 1888 was quite moderate for such a rarity. Previous to 1902 the Scott quotations were $8.00 to $15.00, if one can be certain that the wrapper stamp on white tissue paper referred to was really the adhesive under discussion. The present quotation of $75.00 was established in 1902 and the few copies which have changed hands since that time have usually brought a goodly proportion of this price.

1c Black.

(Engraved by Butler & Carpenter.)

This adhesive is an upright rectangle of the standard 1c size. In the center is a circular disk containing the portraits of Messrs. Byam and Carlton, facing to the right, and surrounded by a circular band inscribed "Manufactured by Byam, Carlton & Co." above and "96 Friend St., Boston," below. A small colorless panel at the top of the stamp is inscribed "Matches" and the upper corners are occupied by colorless characters on a heavy shaded ground, "U. S." at left and "1 Ct." at right. Triangle spaces below this inscription are occupied by small foliate ornaments. A curved ribbon at the bottom of the stamp is inscribed "Inter. Rev. One Cent" and above the ends of this ribbon are "U" at the left and "S" at the right.

From the artistic standpoint this is one of the least meritorious of the Philadelphia productions. Being the only match stamp (except the large American Phototype stamp used by the same firm) upon which two portraits appear, it is indeed a unique design, but there is little else to recommend it.

Although the quantities issued were quite large the stamp was used to only a comparatively limited extent, because only a small portion of the matches made by this concern (about 10%) were taxed by the use of adhesive stamps.

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, May 17, 1866.
First issued, May, 1866.
Last issued, Dec. 4, 1882.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
13,445,070 issued on old paper.
8,325,333 issued on silk paper.
8,211,000 issued on watermarked paper.

The first plate was made by Butler & Carpenter and all the stamps on old paper, as well as part of those on silk paper, were printed in Philadelphia. Probably there were two more plates, of which the first may also have been made in Philadelphia. The third plate was probably made either by the American Bank Note Company or by the Bureau and in all probability was used only for the watermarked paper. The later printings on silk paper and the early printings on watermarked paper were made by the National Bank Note Company of New York. Printings between the early part of 1879 and October, 1880, were made by the American Bank Note Company, but there is yet no method by which these can be distinguished from National or Bureau printings. Copies bearing pane lines or Bureau imprints were printed by the Bureau, but most of the copies on watermarked paper do not bear any such distinguishing marks. The greater part of the Bureau printings were used by the Diamond Match Company after the Byam, Carlton firm had been acquired.

None of these 1c stamps are known to have been used in multiple and pairs are scarce. A few pairs and strips in part perforated condition are known to exist. These are imperforate horizontally and are believed to be Bureau prints. Whether they were connected to facilitate the use of several 1c stamps in multiple, or were merely an error of perforating is not known. The Standard catalog has listed the part perforate variety since 1902 but no price has been quoted. The variety is scarce enough, however, to command a few dollars per pair.

Fine copies on old paper are rather difficult to find. Sterling quoted 50c for this variety in 1888, while the Scott prices were 75c from 1894 to 1898 and 60c from 1900 to 1904. The present quotation of $1.00 was established in 1906 and is quite reasonable for a well centered copy without defects. The silk paper has been quoted at 10c almost constantly since the late 1880's, but so few fine copies have been obtainable at this price that for a dozen years or more it has certainly been too low, and the 1922 quotation of 30c is far more reasonable. Watermarked paper is quite common and was quoted at 5c until 1900. That year the prices of many stamps were stiffly cut, but this quite common variety was increased to 8c and in 1901 it was jumped to 15c, which too liberal quotation was maintained until 1922, when the price was cut to 10c. To quote the watermarked paper at 15c while the silk paper, which is several times as scarce, was quoted at only 10c was absurd.

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In response to requests sent out from the department at Ottawa for suggestions from employees as to ways and means of creating a greater demand for postage stamps, novel and varied ideas have been received. From an Ontario way-station comes the suggestion that if the Postmaster-General really desires to create a demand for postage stamps other than for domestic postal purposes, that the gum on the 1c values be flavored with aniseed for the children, and that on the 50c and $1 issues flavored with what was termed "a little hard stuff." The man responsible for this original suggestion expressed the conviction in presenting it that the result of such an innovation would be that the department would be unable to cope with the demand in Ontario alone for the "hard" flavored varieties.

Another suggestion offered was that Canadian scenery which can be reached by travelling on the Canadian Northern or Government-owned railways, be depicted on postage stamps, the view taken being that in this way a state-owned paying proposition could be made to help out a state-owned non-paying proposition.—Montreal *Gazette.*

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In connection with this discussion of the science or art of specializing in low values of United States stamps before 1890, it may be well in this department to set down some of the laws passed by congress and rulings made by the post-office department affecting the postal rates. The laws and rulings to be mentioned in these preliminary articles are all in print in various philatelic works and in old numbers of the philatelic press and their treatment in this department will be more in the nature of a brief review for the benefit of the newcomers to the game who have not had a chance as yet to search out for themselves all the information of this kind essential to a thorough understanding of postal usage. A secondary object is to assemble in this department for ready reference information that is now scattered through various works. These reviews of postal laws and rulings will be printed from time to time, as is convenient, and readers are asked to forward at any time additional information of this kind for publication, together with their own comments on the results of such laws and rulings on the use of low value stamps of these days.

Following the use of the five and ten cent stamps of 1847, Congress approved on March 3, 1851 an act reducing and modifying the postage rates, effective on June 30, 1851. By this act, all manuscript, that is written, letters took a three cent stamp if prepaid and a five cent stamp if not prepaid, for a distance not exceeding 3,000 miles within the United States, and for any distance exceeding 3,000 miles, double these rates. Rates for letters conveyed wholly or in part by sea, or to or from any foreign country, for any distance under 2,500 miles, were ten cents for a single letter and twenty cents for more than 2,500 miles, excepting where such rates had been otherwise adjusted by postal treaties or conventions with such foreign countries. The above rates were for letters or parcels (parcels containing written information or asking for it) not exceeding half an ounce in weight. The same rates in addition were charged for each additional half ounce. However, it is not clear to the writer whether these rates went upward in the same ratio for letters exceeding two ounces in weight, and he would appreciate it if some expert on postal rates would clear up this question for this department.

Drop letters, or letters for city delivery, were charged at the rate of one cent each and letters advertised as remaining over or uncalled for in any post-office were charged an additional cent. The rate on newspapers, handbills, engravings, pamphlets, etc., coming from the publishers, which were not paid for by stamps, cost one cent an ounce under 500 miles and one cent for each additional ounce between 500 and 1,500 miles, with double rates beyond this latter distance.

It is interesting to note that the three cent pieces, which were occasionally used for cancelling stamps, were coined to facilitate the payment of these rates.

To meet these rates, the one and three cent stamps of 1851 were printed. Likewise, the twelve, but that does not fall within the scope of this chronicle of low values before 1890.

In 1855 it was enacted that the rate on single letters, or per half ounce, should be ten cents for distances beyond 3,000 miles. This made the rate from the east to California ten cents for half an ounce.

At the same time it was provided that letters might be registered, the registration fee being five cents, on each letter or packet.

On March 3, 1861, an act became effective requiring the payment of ten cents postage on letters mailed from any point in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains to any state or territory on the Pacific, and vice versa.

March 3, 1863, Congress approved a law making the rate for drop letters two cents, without a carrier's fee. It also limited the registration fee to 20 cents. It was at this time that the two cent Black Jack was first issued.

In transcribing the above, which is abbreviated from the formal language of the acts of Congress, the writer realizes that he is putting himself open to the charge of errors. Also, that the information contained will be A B C stuff to the advanced specialist. Therefore, he craves corrections on the one hand and indulgence on the other. As has been frequently emphasized, this department is not so much for the advanced specialist as for the amateur specialist, the newcomer, and also to arouse interest of general collectors in specialization in the lower and cheaper values of the issues before 1890.

Beginners frequently say: "Where can I find quantities of these old stamps to go over?" Quantities of these stamps, or at least of some of them, are easy to get but unpicked thousand lots of most of them are scarce. However, they are to be found and what is required more than anything else is patience and a little ingenuity on the part of the searcher.

Here is one tip. Try the small and more or less unknown dealer. These dealers advertise in MEKEEL's and other stamp magazines, but they usually advertise late issues, or the classes of old stamps collected by the general collector, knowing nothing or little of cancellations or minor varieties.

Write some of these small dealers and ask them if they will send you any quantities they may have of your favorite stamps for you to go over, taking your pick at so much for every stamp you find. Ask them to set the price per stamp. In this way you will be able to pick up many fine specimens for the specialized collection at from one to five and ten cents each, that is, speaking of the cheaper varieties.

If a dealer puts a reasonable price on his stamps the collector will take more copies than he otherwise would. It is up to the dealer to use his best ju ment as to the price to be fixed. example, taking a lot of five thousa three cent greens. Say the dealer p the price at five cents each. The coll tor might, if it were a good lot, fi 100 copies that he would pay a nic each for. The dealer would get $5. two cents each, the collector might eas take 500 out of the same lot and t dealer would get $10, for then the c lector could afford to take many stam that he did not need for his collecti but which he would use for traders a duplicates to sell later. It is altogeth a matter of judgment for the dealer set his price at either a reasonable or prohibitive figure.

Personally, I feel that when the pr is reasonable the collector can afford accumulate large numbers of duplicat as any nice copies of minor variety cancellation interest are good trade and will have a market value that w be constantly increasing as the years on and as subsequent issues of Scott specialized catalogue are enlarged scope. Also, the buying of large qua tities from such lots encourages th dealers to send further lots and one ca never tell in this game when the gre rarities are going to be picked up. is comparitively easy to accumula good value at low prices from such lot especially if the collector is not advers to accumulating duplicates. For ex ample, in the past two or three week I have picked the following stamps th I can remember without reference to th stamps themselves from approximatel 10,000 stamps in six or seven differe lots:

Stitch watermarks on two cent Brow Jacks, 1870 and 1873, three cent 1870 an 1882, one cent 1870 and 1873. Severa fine shifts on the one cent 1870 grille and ungrilled and the one cent 1873, an on the three cent of various issues; strip of three one cent blue 1873 show ing a fine shift on one stamp; two fin blue shields, one on the one cent blu and the other on the three cent gree two or three black shields. Don't, U/S M on one cent blue, probably a dozen ab solutely superb copies of ribbed paper various values, etc., etc., etc. The marke value of just the stamps mentioned her is far greater than all I have paid for th

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-A. A. Wasserscheid informs us that has seen a new cancellation from ckton, Mass., which reads as follows:—"Brockton Fair 50th Anniversary ober 2-3-4-5-6."

-A recent visitor to Chicago was L. Brodstone, of Superior, Nebraska, for so many years has published the *latelic West and Camera News.*

-Our managing editor, Mr. Wylie, has been on a long distance jaunt, about due at Beverly on his return tr.

-We wish to say in positive tones that progenitors of the programme of the vention of the American Philatelic iety at Washington deserve thanks giving us so handsome a souvenir. hosts of the occasion, Washington Baltimore philatelists, begin the convetion happily by presenting members this interesting and elaborate pictoal guide to Washington. Able hands neered this beautiful manual.

-News has been received that J. A. Pirce of Chicago, one of the earliest stamp dealers in this country and a of philatelic prominence in his day, so severely injured by a street car he died as a result several weeks rwards. The casualty took place ly a year ago and while we had d that Mr. Pierce had passed away, news could not be substantiated at time. We shall have something fur to say of this philatelic veteran.

-A subscription has been sent in by a er asking that we send the fifty ets to the *Philatelic Courier.* Unless one can tell us where the *Courier* his habitat, we shall be forced to trn the money to our trusting friend.

-A dealer who goes after the boy and advertises only in the juvenile ications shows a letter from a "cusr" in answer to one from the dealer ing why certain approval sheets had been returned, in which the boy ced the insinuation that he was ing them by saying that "they were worth keeping."

-A new advertising cancellation has received at the office of the WEEKLY San Angelo, Texas, reading as fol in four lines:—"All West Texas sition, San Angelo, Oct. 8-13, 1923."

-The following new advertising cantions have been received on mail essed to this office:—from Worr, Mass. "New England Fair, Worr, Mass. Sept. 3-4-5-6" and from bus, O. "Ohio State Fair. Aug. 7 Sept. 1, 1923."

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All unused. Odd lot of 20th Century just received. What do you need?
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For MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

JAMAICAN 8d PICTORIAL.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

On April 1, 1922, the inland parcel rate was raised from 3d to 4d for each pound, the limit of weight being 11 pounds, or 1,000 cu. inches, 3 feet in length and 1 foot in width or depth. The demand for 4d stamps was so great that by the end of April, not only had the remainder stock on the old CAM. paper (issued January 21, 1921) exhausted, but also that on script watermarked paper (issued December 5, 1921), and the 2d in multiples had to be used almost exclusively. The 1s was similarly affected, and until November, 1922, no 4d or 1s stamps were to be had.

There being found a very pressing need for a stamp of the 8d value, for parcels of 2 lbs. weight, steps were taken almost immediately to secure such a stamp, and in September the Crown Agents advised that "a design for a new 8d stamp is being prepared." The stamps were received in the island in March, 1923, but to date have been withheld from issue for some unknown reason.

The stamp is from line engraved plates, in keeping with other values of the pictorial series (excepting the ½d and 1d which are typographed), and has for its central design a representation of the War Memorial Cross, in Memorial Square, Kingston (with the eastern block of the Public Buildings in the background), which was unveiled and dedicated on Armistice Day (November 11th), 1922.

The cross is of stone rising from a base and steps of the same material, and placed in the center of a square paved enclosure surrounded by dwarf walls which have openings on all four sides, and paths leading up to them. The total height from the pavement to the top of the cross is 29 feet, and the bottom step is 16 feet square. The second step bears in low relief the words "Their name liveth for evermore." The octagonal base which is 10 ft. 6 inches in height, has a wreath carved on the eastern face, and on the carved ribbon above is cut the dates "1914-1918." The upper portion of the base has eight panels, in four of which are inserted marble slabs, and on that facing the east is the inscription "In Memory of the men of Jamaica who fell in the Great War."

The stone and marble are from quarries in the parishes of St. James and St. Thomas, respectively, and £3000 was expended on the memorial and laying out the square.

An attempt was made at the same time by the Postmaster for Jamaica (Ellis Wolfe), to increase the rates on other postal matter, and in the *Gazette* of March 16, 1922, the following notice appeared:—

"NOTICE

From and after 1st. April, 1922, the following important changes in the postage rates on letters and post cards addressed to places abroad will come into effect:—

1.—The letter rate for the British Empire will be two pence (2d) for the first ounce, and penny-halfpenny (1½d) for each additional ounce.
2.—The letter rate for all Foreign Countries (except the United States) will be threepence (3d) for the first ounce, and penny-halfpenny (1½d) for each additional ounce.
3.—The letter rate for the United States (not including possessions of the U. S.) will remain as it now is, namely, 2½d for the first ounce, and 1½d for each additional ounce.
4.—The post card rate for all places abroad (irrespective of address) will be penny-halfpenny (1½d) for each single card, and threepence (3d) for each reply paid card.

The local rates of postage remain unchanged.

Signed, ELLIS WOLFE,
Postmaster for Jamaica.
16th March, 1922."

The Legislative Council was in session at the time this notice appeared, and the increases were immediately challenged by the elected members, they claiming that the Government had no power to increase the postage rates, as that meant additional taxation—and the proposed new rates were never made effective.

The political constitution of Jamaica consists of a Governor (Sir Leslie Probyn, K. C. M. G., 1923), a Privy Council, and a Legislative Council. In the latter are the Governor, who sits as President; five ex-officio members; ten nominated (or Government) members, and fourteen elected members (one for each parish in the island). Financial matters are controlled by the elected members, and if nine of them vote against any financial measure, it is automatically thrown out. The members on the Government side (nominated members) cannot vote.

Ever since 1914, the United States Post Office Department has been endeavoring to secure reciprocal 2c letter postage with Jamaica and other countries of the Western Hemisphere, but Jamaica still finds it impossible to agree to the proposal. However, when the Department suggested late in 1921 that letters from the States be accepted at 2c per ounce, though those *from* the island continue to be charged at 2½d, Jamaica raised no objection, and on December 27, 1921, the following announcement was made from Washington:—

"WASHINGTON, December 27, 1921.

Effective January 1, 1922, the domestic postage rate of 2 cents an ounce, or fraction thereof, will apply to letters mailed in the United States destined for Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, *Jamaica* and Martinique.

Section 19 on page 120 of the annual Postal Guide for 1921 is modified accordingly.

Signed, E. H. SHAUGHNESSY,
Second Asst. Postmaster-General."

Jamaica, with Bermuda, and far-off Falklands, are now the only British territories in the Western Hemisphere charging a higher rate on letters to the United States than to Great Britain and British possessions.

FIVE YEAR RENEWALS.

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EDITORIAL.

We reprint the following lines that were written by Mr. F. G. Browne of Oak Park, Illinois, a philatelist of many years' standing and whose literary antecedents will be understood when we mention that his distinguished father founded the *Dial* in Chicago, many years ago. The tribute appeared in Tantalus' column in the Chicago *Tribune*.

"THAT'S GOOD! GO ON!"
(HARDING'S LAST WORDS.)

"That's good! Go on!"
The Angel's flaming sword
Struck, and the weary soul, released,
Winged a swift way to Heaven's portals.
Celestial wardens awaited its approach—
No challenge at the gates, but welcoming arms outstretched,
And kindly greeting:
"You fought the fight; you kept the faith:
That's good! Pass on!"

F. G. B.

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A reader has sent the following question: "When was the first stamp club started in this country? I should like to refer to the date in a talk that I am to use before a Sunday school club." The receipt of this inquiry brought the realization home that we had no information in mind on the subject. After searching through files of old stamp papers, we conclude that the first organization of stamp collectors, on a serious plane, was effected on March 21, 1867, in New York City, when eight collectors met and formed the New York Philatelic Society. It was voted to hold meetings on the third Saturday of each month "to exchange views in relation to all matters pertaining to the welfare of members and to bring before them anything of interest that may have happened *ad interim* concerning or in any way relating to their benefit. The necessary articles of association being drawn up, and duly signed, the meeting then adjourned." The dues were two dollars and fifty cents a year and life memberships twenty-five dollars. If any real society antedated this one, we beg to be corrected.

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From Mr. H. C. Barr, of *Vogue*, New York, we have received the following line from F. P. A.'s column in a New York paper: "No, Perilla, the new issue of air mail stamps is not made of fly paper." Mr. Barr adds: "To think that the lay press should have carved this out ahead of our own WEEKLY."

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Dr. Carroll Chase who was among the first to introduce the three cent of 1851 to fame and who succeeded in plating the stamp is now dividing the molecule into atoms, as he intends to concern himself with a single shade of the three cent. Dr. Chase tells us: "I am making a serious attempt to gather additional material in the form of pairs, strips and blocks of the three cent, 1851, in the orange brown shade only, so that I may complete several plates which are almost done. If you have any such, might I borrow them with the understanding that I will take good care of them, return them promptly (paying postage and registration both ways) and give you such information as I can about them? Any help that you can give me will be very greatly appreciated." Dr. Chase's address is: 1170 Dean St., Brooklyn, New York.

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Readers of the WEEKLY who are in Europe are writing to tell of their experiences abroad; and from a letter sent by Mr. Henry A. Meyer, we quote: "Prices in Switzerland and Italy average a little cheaper than in America. In Germany, the prices are ridiculously low if you can pass your self off for a native. Old covers are to be had occasionally but they are rather high. Common opinion notwithstanding, I bought more advantageously in Hamburg than anywhere else. I bought a certain classic rarity cataloguing $100 for one million marks which represented on that day about $8.25; the copy is superb." Mr. Meyer tells of the accommodating post-office clerks who respond nicely to the requests of collectors for blocks, sets, postage dues, etc. "At one Italian town after I had made my wants known by motions, the young man said, 'Ah! por la coleccion!'" Our correspondent adds that he saw more counterfeits in one day in Florence than in all the rest of the twenty years he has collected.

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A beginner who confesses that he is nearly sixty years of age writes to ask why the Omaha stamps in blocks are so scarce, in comparison to the Columbian issue which came five years before. The Columbian stamps were speculated in by many collectors and entire sheets of the stamps were laid away to await the day of greatly advanced prices. As a rule, the holders wearied of the wait and the stamps came on the market in a procession that covered a good many years. The Omaha issue came at a time when the speculators did not feel encouraged to invest heavily in the stamps and as a consequence, the set in plate-number strips met the ambitions of the buyers. It must be remembered that in 1898, the collecting of blocks of four was not as common as latterly and the collector who asked for blocks of four, of the dollar value, Omaha, was the exception. Plate-number collecting absorbed the energy of those who had to have a specialistic fling and the subsequent popularity of blocks of four was only shadowed in 1898. Here and there, h
ever, there were collectors who wa
blocks at that time and to them we
indebted for the supply, limited as it
of these blocks; and we knew of
collector who got a block of the
dollar because the design of this bl
stamp was so striking.

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The fact that we are so ready to
our hat almost reverentially to Ja
Stephens, the Irish genius, whose pr
to say naught of his poetry, is a ma
of delight, makes us feel that he can
mean that the punches he gives us
not playful even though he makes us
stars. However, we have been deal
with the critics of stamp collecting
some weeks and we cannot shirk fr
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of Tavern in the Town, he says: "M
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at all. They collect postage stamps
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sitting round a fire with other girls,
ing chocolates and seeking for rep
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door? and why does a chicken cross
road? They are miserable creatu
whom I will not further mention." H
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our admiring eyes smack us so wanton
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abandon that some men who have mo
colored hair smoke like a furnace.
fact the percentage of smokers amo
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damage wrought to stamps by str
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cigars and cigarettes of philatelists
they pored over their specimens w
available, we should be appalled at
loss. As for the girls, chocolates a
conundrums, we have heard it charg
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reek of tobacco and the mouse color
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single quotation that we have given
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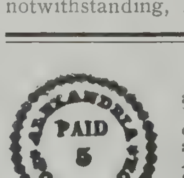

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PART IV.—THE PARCEL POST STAMPS.

Chapter IX.

The 1921 Issue.

In August, 1921, a new value, 55 centimes, was added to the current series the design being similar to that of the other centime denominations. Shortly afterwards a demand for a higher value than 10 francs led to the issue of 15 and 20 franc stamps, the design being similar to that of the other franc stamps then in use.

Finally, for no reason that we have been able to discover, the colors of the 1fr and 5fr values were changed. The 1fr which had hitherto been printed in buff was issued in red-brown and the color of the 5fr was changed from violet to pale rose.

Reference List.

1921. Same types as before. No wmk. Perf. 14.

55c yellow.
1fr red-brown.
5fr pale rose.
15fr deep rose.
20fr dark blue.

Chapter X.

The Engraved Issue.

In its issue dated February 26, 1922, *Derniere Heure* announced that a new series of parcel post stamps would shortly be issued to be printed in *taille-douce* and comprising the values 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 and 20 francs. It was further stated that these would be issued to the various Belgian railway station offices just as soon as supplies of the current issue were used up.

The first values to appear were the 2 and 3 francs which were issued in May, 1922. The central design shows an uncolored upright oval containing the Belgian lion on a shield surmounted by the royal crown. This is flanked by the familiar flying wheels of the parcel post stamps which, with the shield device, form a transverse oval. This center part is reminiscent of the first issue. At the top is "CHEMINS DE FER," at the bottom "SPOORWEGEN," at the left "BELGIQUE" and at the right "BELGIE," all these inscriptions being in uncolored letters on ornate labels. In the four angles are circular discs of color on which numerals denoting the value are engraved at left and the letters "Fr." at right. These stamps are all recess printed, quite a new departure for the parcel post issues, on unwatermarked paper and are perf. 11½.

The 2 and 3fr were the first to be issued, as already stated, and these were followed by the 20 francs on June 20th and the 4 and 5 francs in August. The 10 and 15fr values had not appeared at the time of writing but will probably be issued before long.

We are not told where these stamps were produced but judging by the paper and perforation they were apparently manufactured at Haarlem, Holland, by Messrs. Enchedé & Sons.

Before concluding this chapter it is interesting to note that about the time these stamps were issued the Belgian Government announced that three fully equipped printing machines had been installed at the Government Printing Works in Malines to replace those destroyed in the bombardment of that city early in the war and that they would be used forthwith for the production of the low values stamps, from 1c to 40c inclusive, of the regular postage series.

Reference List.

1922. Recess printed at Haarlem, Holland, by Messrs. Enschedé & Sons. No wmk. Perf. 11½.

2fr black.
3fr brown.
4fr green.
5fr claret.
20fr blue.

Chapter XI.

Cancellations.

In 1891 the Belgian Administration was much concerned owing to the fact "that certain persons have endeavored to make use of cancelled postage stamps, after having removed the cancellation marks by means of chemicals." To obviate any second use of parcels post stamps a lengthy circular was published in November, 1891, instructing that the stamps be cancelled "carefully and fully, using a greasy ink." The parcel post stamps were not stuck directly on the packages but on a despatch note and when the packages were delivered this despatch note was retained. It would therefore seem that if the stamps were carefully obliterated in greasy ink and the tags retained by the government there was little chance of fraudulent re-use. But to make doubly sure employés were also instructed that before delivering a package to its intended recipient the despatch note should have a corner torn off "in such a manner as to tear away one corner of the stamp." Furthermore even the contingency that several stamps might be on the same despatch note was covered and in that event employés were told they must fold the despatch note in such a manner "that the fold may pass down the middle of each stamp, and a small portion should then be torn off." Some time later the practice of tearing the stamps was discontinued.

Nearly all the parcel post stamps are quite plentiful in used condition and this is accounted for by the fact that the despatch notes to which the stamps are affixed are retained by the government for a certain time after which they are sold as waste paper. The paper dealers who purchase this waste see to it that the stamps are all carefully cut from the despatch notes and these are sold by weight to dealers. Consequently most of the stamps used eventually find their way into the philatelic market.

Several sorts of cancellations are found on these stamps of which the most desirable are the ordinary circular cancellations used in the regular post-offices. Other sorts are described by Mr. de Bont as follows:—

"Then there are octagonal cancellations, which are really used for telegrams; on parcels such cancellations are applied in composite offices where postal, telegraphic and railway business is transacted.

Stamps cancelled at railway stations have also various obliterations. Up to 1900 a hexagonal stamp was used. Later on this obliteration was superseded by one which was rectangular in shape, and of a size approximately the same as that of the stamps.

During the past twelve months (this article was published in 1909) a new cancellation has been used at railway stations; it is also rectangular but is smaller in size, and the two lower corners are cut away. It was made by order of the Administration, in order to prevent the fraudulent use of cleaned stamps.

Different railway companies also use different obliterating stamps. The largest company, the Nord Belge, used a three lined stamp inscribed 'NORD BELGE,' the date, and the station where posted.

The Termonde-St. Nicholas Company, which has now been bought up by the Belgian State Railways, used a stamp consisting of the name of the station where posted only.

The remaining companies use a rectangular stamp, which is sometimes with and sometimes without a frame."

The End.

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UNITED STATES.—I have official information from the Post Office Department stating that the tentative colors first selected for the three new aeroplane stamps are not the final colors, and that the new emissions which will be issued around August 20th will be in the following colors: The 8c will be printed in the green of the 25c current series; the 16c in the blue of the 14c Indian Head, while the 24c will be in the carmine of the 20c Golden Gate. It is expected that the night service of the aereoplane mail will start during the week of the 20th and the stamps will be issued at that time.

Through the courtesy of Messrs. Henry Hammelman and H. W. Porter we are in a position to advise that the new 1c and 4c coils, for which plates were made per our list of several weeks back, have been placed on sale. The 1c stamp is the design of Franklin similar to the regular flat plate variety, while the 4c is made from the same die as the flat plate with illustration of Martha Washington. The stamps are printed in the same colors and have been issued in sidewise rolls of five hundred stamps. These are perforated 10 vertically, imperforated horizontally and are printed on unwatermarked paper.

1923, Rotary Press Coils.
Imp.xPerf. 10
1c green, Franklin.
4c brown, Martha Washington.

In looking over a number of the 6c Columbians of the issue of 1893 I discovered a very distinct and sharp double transfer which occurs on the 62nd stamp of the lower pane from plate 104. Almost the entire upper portion of the stamp is double and this is one of the finest examples that we have of the double transfer variety.

A number of months back a find of an old correspondence was made in Kansas City and the lot contained quite a number of split varieties, that is stamps cut in half and used for half of their values. As a responsible party was present when the find was made which by the way was addressed to Leavenworth, Kans., it had all the earmarks of being an entirely legitimate virgin find. I however, have recently learned through the handling of a couple of these covers that they were evidently made and planted by someone in order that the fakes might be given a good name. I understand that one of the covers that was found and which was in one of the large collections sold some few months back, consisted of a half of the 12c black, issue of 1861 used as 6c. Other covers which turned out to be fakes consisted of a 2c black Jackson with vertical half cancelled in what looks to be "Orrion, Mo." on March 11th. There was also a single copy with left vertical half attached of the the 2c, 1869, cancelled "New York"—"Feb. 17—6 P. M."

There was also a piece of cover which came from another source which was probably traceable to this find containing the upper right diagonal half of the 2c black Jackson cancelled on a small piece of orange cover "New—York Aug. 21" within two concentric circles. The cancellations in all cases were in black.

Philippines.—Mr. John H. Vale sends for inspection a copy of the 12c orange with portrait of Lincoln, perf. 11 on unwatermarked paper. This value has recently been placed on sale, the perforated 10 stock having been exhausted.

BRAZIL.—We learn that a 200 reis stamp, printed—perhaps appropriately—in carmine, has been, or is about to be, issued to commemorate the centenary of the entry of the Brazilian army into Bahia (July 2nd, 1823), which subject will be depicted—cavalry, infantry, etc., passing under a triumphal arch—on the stamp.—*Stamp Collecting.*

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The Economist Stamp Co. inform us that the 2c and 4c postage due stamps on script watermarked paper have appeared. Both are in black.

CYPRUS.—Mr. R. Roberts advises of the 18pia same colors as before but with script watermarked.

DANZIG.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise of the appearance of a 200mk orange and 500mk grey and red of the new design. Both values have been overprinted "D M" in black.

GERMANY.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 50mk stamp of the Miner type in a blue green shade. Also a 300mk of the design with figures in the centre in a dark yellow green.

HOLLAND.—Our Amsterdam correspondent, Mr. K. Beelenkamp, informs us that, according to an official decree, the 1 cent (red) and 1½c values are about to be surcharged as 2c provisionals, and the 3c, 5c (red), 12½c, 17½c, 22½c as 10c provisionals. The post-offices have been instructed to sell these only in small quantities.—*Stamp Collecting.*

INDIA.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 3a in blue.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the following new items of this colony; 6d lilac on white, 1sh emerald through, 2s6d on blue and 5sh on new yellow paper, all script watermarked.

MONACO.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of a new 50c stamp in blue. It is somewhat larger than usual and shows the front likeness of one of the nobility. Below is a view of one of the government buildings. The stamp is engraved and in sheets of 25.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie says:—"A correspondent writes us under date June 29, 1923: 'In the three post-offices of the principality there is only one 25c stamp with the portrait of Prince Louis. The Monagasques have a few of them, for which they want 1fr 50 each! Nevertheless, there is no doubt that this has been printed in great quantit a fresh stock is a foregone concl It is time an end were put to these speculations, and the postal would be well advised not to stamps on sale until there is a suf supply to meet all requirement *Stamp Collecting.*

MONTSERRAT.—We have just re from Mr. R. Roberts the 5sh on watermarked paper.

NICARAGUA.—The Economist Co. have shown us the 1c of the series, No. 407, with the surcharge Postal" across the centre of the sta red.

SALVADOR.—Mr. Emil J. Rall cal attention to two new overprints. 6c of the 1921 issue has been surch "5" over the figures "6" and also upper centre with a short black lin literating the word "Seis" at the The 2c of the same issue has the f "10" surcharged at the top with bars at the base covering the f and word of former value. The print of this value is red.

CHINA'S AERIAL ADVENTURE

A correspondent in China who is informed on the subject writes us b to tell of the seemingly inglorious of China's attempted conquest of th for postal communication. He

"The Chinese Post Office inaugu an aerial service about two years ag issued a special set of stamps in co tion with same as every collector k but after one flight it was disconti owing to the objection of some s army official in Tientsin who feared the airplanes would prove to be a easy means of using bombs against

These airplane sets on flown c rose in price to about $20.00 each. On 23rd last the postal aerial service w sumed between Peking and Tientsin several wideawake dealers in this c try in possession of advance inform have recently received full sets on f covers posted direct to them.

If, as stated by the N. C. *Dly. N* this service is not very successful lectors would be well advised to se a set of the Chinese airplane stamp fore they are again (this time doub permanently) withdrawn from sale.

The North China *Daily News* of 7, 1923, speaks of the "aerial breakd of China," as follows:

"The extravagant plans of the a nautical bureau in the Chinese Gov ment have practically vanished in air, the immense sums of money spe airplanes, spare parts and equip have been wasted and the bureau has become the plaything of the lord, Tsao Kun, according to Capt H. Dolan, former instructor in avia in the employ of the Chinese gov ment. Captain Dolan has finishe two-year contract in the Chinese ser and has just left *en route* to Hono with his wife, where they intend stay for several months. Mrs. Dol parents have large sugar interests Hawaii.

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four foreign instructors can be ed as wasted," he said to a repre ve of the *Japan Advertiser*."

North China *Daily News* adds ntribution to the subject:

To air routes exist in China at , one from Peking to Tientsin e from Peking to Peitaiho. They t very successful as there is no to maintain them. The govern has exhausted the Vickers loan kept the aviation school running time in addition to buying equip and now all the money comes from un, who is very conservative.

mercial flying is impracticable, er, as the pilot runs the chance of some tuchun confiscate it as hat he needs' to protect his own Captain Dolan says. Neither e nor foreign capital can be at , as no guarantees against theft made. For the same reason an business men are closing up d moving out of China, he says, ed that the political situation is s and that it will remain in its disgraceful state for years."

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

AUSTRIA, THE 1923 CHARITY SET.

By Otto C. Reymann.

When the Austrian Government announced two years ago its intention to issue each year a special series of postage stamps for the benefit of its welfare work, collectors all over the world were delighted with this news. They knew that Austria true to its tradition would produce stamps of beauty and artistic value that would be a welcome ornament to every collector's album. How well these hopes and wishes were realized, the first Charity set presenting seven of the most famous Austrian Musicians, issued in 1922, has shown us. This set was liked by all collectors fortunate enough to obtain it and now we have before us the second 1923 Charity set, surpassing easily in beauty of design, colours and execution all the stamps that have come out of so-called Neurope during the last few years. It was a happy thought to depict scenes of beauty and historical interest from the different provinces which constitute the Austria of today. Undoubtedly this new series was suggested by the popularity and great demand of the magnificent landscape set issued for Bosnia and Herzegowina in 1906 and reissued in 1910 with slight additions as the birthday set. As no doubt the new stamps will be in great demand by collectors all over the world, it is hoped that a few notes bearing on this issue with a short description of the scenes depicted will be of interest, the more so as some are of world-wide fame and others are probably shown to the public at large for the first time.

The issue consists of 9 values, 100, 120. 160, 180, 200, 240, 400, 600 and 1000 Krone with a face and franking value of 3000 Austrian crowns. This corresponds to the present rate of the postage required for a single weight letter destined for foreign lands including the registration fee. The price at which these stamps were sold by the post-office is six times their face value or 18,000 crowns per set. This equals at the present rate of exchange about 25c in U. S. currency. The difference of 15,000 crowns is the amount devoted to welfare work by the Austrian Government. It will be noted that the cost to the collector will be very small, therefore making it possible even for the man of modest means to call a set of these beautiful stamps his own.

The stamps were placed on sale on May 22nd, 1923, and the last day on which they were obtainable at the post-office was June 23rd, 1923. They had franking value only during this time and could be used for internal as well as external mail. It appears from press notices issued by the Government that this charity set was not on sale at all post-offices, but only at the main offices in each capital of the nine provinces represented on the stamps and at that a special room was designated in each post-office building, generally on the second floor away from the stamp windows where the public is used to making its purchases of ordinary stamps. The Postal Department let it be known through announcement in the daily press that mail franked with these Charity stamps should not be deposited in letter boxes on the streets, but preferably be delivered at the receiving windows in the post-offices themselves. This request was made in order to insure light postmarking, and careful handling during transit.

The special issue printed on Japanese paper and bound in suitable folders was withdrawn from sale when it was found that the orders accumulated in advance of the date of placing the issue on sale were so great in number that the available supply was greatly exceeded. It was decided to effect their distribution by drawing of numbers among all the applicants. According to official information only 3 special sets went to Upper Austria and 7 to Carinthia. The post-office price of each special set was 250,000 K ($3.60) and orders had to be booked from April 23rd to May 3rd. The stamps were designed by Dr. Rudolph Junk and engraved on steel by Professor Ferdinand Schirnbock, the same artists who produced the Musicians' set last year. The scenes depicted on the 9 stamps may be described as follows:

100 K. stamp, dark green, inscribed Bregenz. This city is the capital of the province of Vorarlberg, situated at the eastern end of the Bodensee or Lake Constance. The picture shows a general view of this very old town, the Brigantia of Strabon and Ptolemae. In the distance the lake is shown with a chain of snow-covered Alps located beyond it in Switzerland.

120 K. stamp, dark blue, bears the inscription Salzburg, the capital of the province of Salzburg. It shows the beautiful garden belonging to the Mirabell castle located in the City itself, the Juvavum of the Romans and the city which was Mozart's home, whose portrait we find on the 5K. value of the 1922 Charity set. The castle itself is visible with a fountain in the front. The mountain rising in the back is crowned by another castle, called Hohensalzburg, serving at present as quarters for the garrison. It was built during the ninth century.

160 K. stamp, dark violet, marked Eisenstadt. This is the chief city of the Burgenland, which formerly belonged to Hungary and only recently was awarded to Austria by decision of the Council of the League of Nations. This stamp is a striking example of how philately records present day events and preserves them for history. Eisenstadt was made famous as the city in which Haydn, whose features adorn the 2½ K. stamp of the musicians' set, lived many years while he was in the employ of Count Esterhazy as his music master. The stamp shows a pleasing view of the town's principal church.

180 K. stamp, violet brown, headed Klagenfurt, the capital of Karnten or Carinthia. The picture is that of the interior court of the state house. It shows the beautiful architecture of the 16th century, the time when the building was erected.

200 K. stamp, red brown marked Innsbruck. This well known town is the capital of Tirol or Tyrol. The one thing every visitor to this town hastens to see is the "goldne Dachl" (golden roof) shown on the stamp. The story connected with it is that Frederick "with the empty pockets" built this veranda on the house in 1425 and put a roof of copper, heavily gilded it over in order to prove that his nickname was not justified. The building was rejuvenated under Maximilian the First, in 1504.

340 K. stamp, chocolate brown, entitled Linz, the capital of Ober Oesterreich or Upper Austria and third largest city of the country. The stamp presents a view of its principal public square, the Franz Joseph's Platz. The center is adorned with a column consecrated to Trinity. It dates from 1723. In the background the Postlingberg is visible with its church which is praised by many pilgrims who visit it yearly in the hope of obtaining relief from their ailments.

400 K. stamp, sepia brown, bearing the inscription Graz, capital of Die Steiermark or Styria and second largest Austrian city. The principal square is shown here also with the Schlossberg (Castle Hill) in the background towering over the city. The hill carries fortifications which were erected during the 15th century as a protection against the Turks.

600 K. stamp, brown, marked Melk. This town is located in the province of Unter Oesterreich or Lower Austria, the capital of which formerly was Wien

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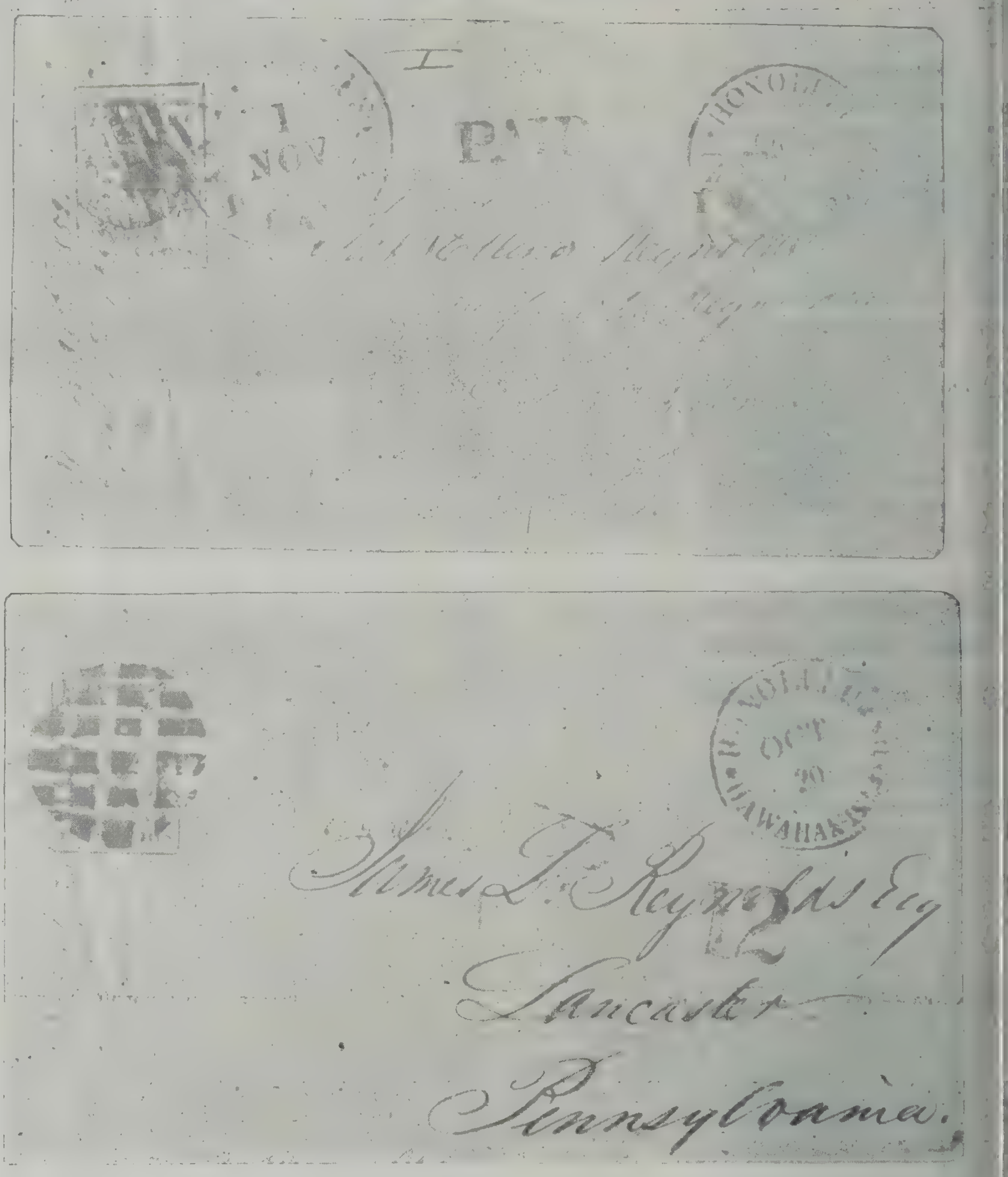
1000 K. stamp, black, entitled Wien, Vienna, the most important city of Austria and the seat of the federal government. The highest value of the set has been properly reserved for a view of this famous city from the upper Belvedere. The Belvedere is a vast castle built during 1693-1724 on one of the hills overlooking the town where Prince Eugene of Savoy lived. It consists of two buildings separated by a large garden, hence the upper and lower Belvedere. One of the statues flanking the broad terrace between the two castles is prominent in the foreground.

It is particularly noteworthy that the colours selected for these stamps are especially adapted to bring out the details of the designs in all their beauty. The highly ornamented frames are different for each stamp and of most pleasing patterns. The word Oesterreich is inscribed at the bottom of all values and the names of the two artists appear in the margin below. The stamps are square measuring 29 millimeters over the perforations the size of the pictures themselves being 25½ millimeters. They are perforated 12½ all around.



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Mr. Stern of the Economist Stamp Co. has kindly furnished us with photographs of two interesting Hawaiian Missionary covers which have recently passed through this firm's hands. They were obtained through a man whose great uncle was a naval officer and stationed in Hawaii at the time these stamps were in use. Special attention is called to the 13c value which has a San Francisco. Calif., postmark in red in addition
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IMPORTERS SUE FOR RARE STAMPS.

A suit over a collection of rare stamps said to be worth $32,000 became known in the Supreme Court recently when Justice Ford signed an order in an action of A. Morris Dixon, Rowland E. Dixon and the importing firm of S. Dixon & Son of 115 Broadway, against Samuel H. Comstock.. The Court originally appointed Assemblyman George N. Jesse receiver of the collection on the consent of Harold A. Content, attorney for Comstock, but later vacated the order and directed that Comstock deliver the collection to his attorney to be deposited in a safe deposit box before Aug. 12, with permission to the plaintiffs to examine them and take an inventory of the collection.

Morris Dixon states that since July, 1920, he has met with a "continued series of evasions" from Comstock with regard to the stamps. He hasn't been able to find out where Comstock bought them, how he intends to dispose of them or what he has done with them, he said, and hasn't even been permitted to see them. Whenever he asked to see them Comstock always told him they were somewhere else. He intimated to Dixon that he was arranging a sale of the stamps for $32,000, which would be closed as soon as a title to all the stamps could be perfected. Later Dixon learned that the sale had been abandoned. During the past six months he asked Comstock about them in England repeatedly, he said, and the defendant told him the stamps were in America.

The Court also directs Comstock to disclose correspondence between him and a Mr. Eltes and Albert Prince, and also divulge the names of prospective purchasers of the collection.

An affidavit of A. Morris Dixon states that he met Comstock in England in the Summer of 1920 and that Comstock spoke of a collection "containing many rare stamps, local stamps and proofs practically unique" that could be bought for £6,000. Comstock is said to have told Dixon that he could resell the collection in sixty days at a "handsome profit," but that he was short of funds and couldn't buy the collection himself. Dixon states that Rowland E. Dixon agreed to put up the money and advanced £4,000 out of Morris Dixon's funds, for which he was to have a half interest in the collection.

Mr. Dixon alleges that Comstock finally wrote him on May 9 last, refusing to let him see them or to furnish any details concerning them. They were in St. Louis at last reports, he said. He says Comstock agreed in April to put them in a safe deposit vault and then told him they had been sent to London with the idea of disposing of them at the international exhibition there. — New York *Times*.

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Some time elapsed, and the officers requested another civilian to go up to the Government building and ask for an answer to the communication, and to state that if he returned without a reply it must be taken that no answer was forthcoming. A letter was almost immediately brought by the two officials who had received the naval officers, and with that they went on board.

The nearest man-of-war was lying some distance away from the shore. A tense feeling pervaded the community as to what the next move would be. I understand, from hearsay only, that the answer returned by the German authorities was that they would not surrender Samoa, but that it must be taken.

Just after noon a landing party selected a suitable spot in Matautu, and arrangements were made for landing a volunteer force of the New Zealand army from the transports, the invasion being made with the full consent of the British Admiralty.

The force which landed expected opposition at every step, but before half an hour had passed the streets of Apia were controlled by the volunteers. Colonel Logan, the Commander-in-Chief, took charge of all Government buildings, and occupied them with his staff. The German officials were asked to meet Colonel Logan, and he then informed them that military occupation of these islands had been assumed for and in the name of his Imperial Britannic Majesty King George.

His Excellency Dr. Schultz came to town and surrendered himself later in the day. It has come to my knowledge that the reason of his delayed arrival was due to the fact that he met the chiefs of Samoa at Vaitele, and enjoined them to obey every order of the Government that was superseding him in the same way that they had obeyed his Government.

Dr. Schultz, 15 officials, and four private persons soon after left for New Zealand. All were deported as prisoners of war, and carried with them the good wishes of every right-minded settler in Samoa.

At 8.30 p. m. on Sunday, 30th August, a most impressive ceremony took place. It was the hoisting of the British ensign in Samoa. The "Samoan question," like the "Eastern question," appears to be "eternal." More changes of government, more diplomatic questions, and more diverse relations have arisen over these islands during the last three decades than over any other part of the same size in the world.

When taking possession of the islands all cash belonging to the Government, also the money and stamps found in the post-office, were confiscated. Since 1900 the stamps used in Samoa had the same design for all the values, namely, a ship. On September 3rd the stamps were overprinted with G.R.I. and the English value. The new postal authorities had no idea that by surcharging these stamps they created a philatelic event which very rarely occurs. The first issue of this provisional supply consisted of:—

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Sixty sets of all values with exception of the 1sh (without "S") went to the Admiral on board of the flagship "Australia," who will divide them amongst the officers of the Australian fleet, but I do not believe that a set has been sent to the Postal Union in Berne.

These overprinted stamps of our beautiful island Samoa, called the pearl of the South Seas, will be one of the most sought after, and be classed among the rare stamps of the whole world, on account of the small quantity printed.

Having long been a collector of specialities, I noticed several deviations :–

(1.) First of all, the overprint is in all possible attitudes, caused by the antiquated printing machines used by our Samoan Printing Office, which is not adapted for fine work. Not having sufficient type of any description to print a whole sheet (consisting of 100 stamps) at once, each sheet had to be run through the machine ten times, as there was only enough type to print ten stamps at one time. The type was set up perpendicular, and not being properly inserted in the machine, the result is that each sheet shows, pretty near, ten different styles of imprints. The types do not show everywhere with the same clearness, and they are especially bad in the 1d and 3sh stamps.

(2.) On each sixth column of the sheet of ½d (brown) and 2½d (blue) there is no fraction bar in the ½d. This oversight was to have been remedied when printing the green ½d stamp, but no suitable hyphen could be found. To overcome the difficulty two small hyphens were used, which left a space in the centre.

(3.) The eighth row of the 52nd sheet of the chocolate brown 6d is overprinted twice. This sheet, after being through the printing machine seven times, was badly placed on the eighth time. The new Government having insisted that all the 60 sheets were to be delivered complete, the eighth column of this 52nd sheet had to be run through the machine again, and therefore shows a faint double print. There are altogether ten specimens of this double print.

(4.) The ninth row on each sheet of these 6d stamps shows a "9" inverted. The printing office not having sufficient "6" type, had to make use of a "9." This stamp is easily recognised by the upper loop being turned downwards to the left, and also by "d" being a little higher.

(5.) The 100 stamps overprinted "G. R.I. 1 Shillings," is, of course, a misprint, as it should have been "G.R.I. 1 Shilling."

The Administration found later on another 20, 1 mark stamps, and still later another 15 stamps of that value. These 35 stamps were printed without the "S."

(6.) One sheet of 1d stamps got destroyed in the printing. Before receiving instructions to print the whole lot the "Samoanische Zeitung" (the local printing office) had to print one sheet as a sample. Having used very small types, the printing was not clear, and not having been found satisfactory, this sheet was destroyed, and the printing as described above accepted.

(7.) When printing the second edition the postal authorities demanded right off four sheets each of ½d brown, ½d green and 2½d blue. Upon delivery it was found that there was on the tenth row a comma after "I" of the G.R.I. in place of a full stop. This mistake was detected at once by the Provost Marshal, and the balance of the stamps, consisting of 300, 300 and 1,300, had to be corrected with a full stop. The faulty stamps, however, were used right away, and distributed. Therefore there are of the above three values forty stamps each with a comma.

(8.) The 47th sheet of the blue 2½d shows a misprint. On the fifth row the overprint is inverted. From information gathered it seems that when this sheet was being printed the operator stopped after the fourth column was overprinted. When resuming work the sheet was inserted the wrong way in the printing machine.

(9.) On the 9th row of a sheet of 3d yellow the printing of the surcharge has been done twice. I was unable so far to find out how this happened.

As already stated, the new issue was handed over for distribution on September the 3rd. To make this small quantity last, stamps were sold only to those who really had letters and cards to send away by mail. There was no chance from the beginning to obtain quantities for speculation. A few days afterwards the mail left for Australia and New Zealand, and the military force occupying Samoa nearly used up the whole lot of the 1d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 9d, 1s, 2s, 3s and 5s stamps, so that even philatelists living in the vicinity of Apia were unable to get a set for their own collection. In consequence, there soon arose a sort of stamp exchange in Apia. The soldiers had mostly the call over collectors, and demanded prices out of all proportion to the value. The last hope to obtain stamps at face value were at the other post-offices in the different villages around Upolu and Savaii, but to the great regret of the collectors it was learned that none were obtainable, and that for the present the supply would be suspended. Therefore it was high time to get one's demand satisfied from those who had been lucky enough to obtain them. Collectors, and even non-collectors, were greatly excited. Stamps were the only topic of conversation. The error "Shillings" stamps were considered the pick of the issue, and for these prices were paid between £5 and £30.

As is usual when a rare issue has gone out, forgeries soon follow the originals. In Samoa this is out of the question, as the printing office of the "Samoanische Zeitung" is under Government control. (In other countries one has to be careful, as the bad and irregular printing is easily imitated. I know from my experience, being a collector for the last twenty years, how difficult it is very often to obtain a specimen needed to fill a blank, and which is found afterwards to be only an imitation.) The overprinted Samoan stamps should only be bought on their original cover, properly cancelled.

On September 29th the New Zealand stamps arrived here. These stamps are of the value of ½d and 1d (1901), and overprinted "SAMOA" across the centre in red for the first and black for the second value. Each sheet contains 240 stamps. The other values up to 1s will follow in a few days. At the same time the public was notified that the first overprinted stamps could be used for postage until countermanded. In my next I will refer to the stamps of the second edition (New Zealand).

Before closing this I find I have omitted to mention that the first ordinance issued by the new postal authorities, dated August 29th, was as follows:—"The German stamps in mark and pfennig value are from this day on out of issue." Letters with the remark "no stamps available," are accepted until the issue of intermediate stamps.

(*Editor's Remarks:*—Mr. T. B. Fulton, to whom we showed the above article, wrote us a day or two after as follows:—

"I was very much interested in reading your correspondent's letter with reference to the Samoa stamps overprinted G.R.I. and English currency values, and I may add that his figures regarding the quantity of stamps issued of the Mark values corroborate those supplied to me from a reliable source in Apia. I was not informed of the quantities issued of the pfennig values, but the explanation of so few copies of the 10 pfennig stamp being found is this. On the declaration of war the stamps and other Government valuables were sent to a neutral port for safety, only a small quantity of each value of stamps being retained for immediate use. Some weeks elapsed between then and the taking possession of Samoa by the British, and during the interim the 10 pfennig stamps were largely used up on correspondence, that value being the current letter rate to Germany from Samoa. As your correspondent says, the issue is exceedingly interesting, and I think will prove very hard to procure, particularly in a used state.")

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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

In complying with the By-Laws, it becomes my duty to address the Society in annual convention. Not being fluent of tongue or pen, I trust to be pardoned for the brevity. Philately has continued to advance in numbers and interest not only in our country, but throughout the world. Our society has felt the prosperity and publicity and is bound to grow during the coming and future years.

After long and extended waiting and disappointments, we finally received the good news last March, that Congress had passed a Bill permitting the illustrating of foreign stamps, as well as enlarged portions of the frame designs of our own. In years to come the value of this pioneer step in the direction of eventual complete illustrations of our stamps will be more fully realized and appreciated. For the present we must content ourselves with the privileges granted and await the changes, which time will bring to accomplish our fullest desires in this regard. On the passage of the legislation, letters of appreciation were sent officially to our Members in Congress, without whose assistance, nothing could have been accomplished. The Society still owes the debt of thanks and remuneration to the Executive Members of the Lookout Committee, who are untiring in their efforts and so willingly gave of their time, assistance and travel expense.

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With growth even in the past year, it again becomes necessary to consider the increase of salaries of certain officers of the Society, and I believe it should be favorably acted upon at this convention. Changes in the By-Laws must also be considered.

Your attention is drawn to a matter which has been of a great source of annoyance and vexation to collectors and dealers for sometime past and recently more pronounced than ever, and that is the repairing of damaged stamps and also the counterfeiting of rarities, so much so, your President felt it his duty to take up the subject with the Board of Vice-Presidents and who, on April 18th last, unanimously prepared and submitted to the Tenth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain at its recent session during the International Stamp Exhibition, the following resolutions:

"Whereas the continued and increased growth of the evil of the counterfeiting of stamps, both postage and revenue, in the past few years has become, and is, a menace and injury to the cause of Philately, and that it has righteously aroused strong opposition thereto, among leading collectors, dealers and Philatelic Societies, both here and abroad; further

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That after full consideration by this Board of the subject, we are of the opinion that all counterfeit as well as repaired and altered stamps should be branded as such, and that proper legislation and action be had by our National Society at its next Convention at Washington, D. C., towards accomplishing such purpose; and further, be it

Resolved, that we, at this time, suggest to the Tenth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, about to convene, like and similar action, and the appointment of a Committee to co-operate with a like one to be appointed by this Society, with the idea and object of accomplishing and arriving at a proper and legal method of branding all counterfeit, repaired and

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OTTO F. MOSES,
JAMES A. HARRIS, JR., Board of Vice-Presidents.
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary."

One really begins to see stamps at our convention lately without going to a secret room; this should be so and I am looking forward to hearing more and more philatelic papers read and discussed, as part of our program.

Assuring it has been a pleasure to serve the Society in the office to which you honored me, and that I will do my best in the coming year,

Sincerely,
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Excerpts from Secretary's Report.

What is it that is worth more to us when broken? A record of achievement. Again we smash the record in recruiting. Records are made but to be broken and leads us on to still greater efforts to surpass each year's work.

We dropped for non-payment of dues this year only 162 members out of a larger membership than last year in which we dropped 232.

Our net gain in membership this year is 343, making our total to date 2,565 members in good standing with 86 applications pending.

The mark we have set is 5,000 members. An elaborate scheme for recruiting is being planned and worked out slowly but deliberately and surely. Watch our smoke, but work with us while you watch. We are going to ask each member to send us at least one application this year and we especially want it from those who have never proposed a new applicant.

The following is a summary of membership for the year:

Total Membership Aug. 1. 1922,		2308
New Stockholders admitted,	431	
Reinstated,	28	
Replaced on Roll,	27	
		486
From which we must deduct		2794
Error in transfer,	2	
Resignations,	32	
Deceased,	20	
Expelled by Board of Directors,	13	
Dropped for non-payment dues,	162	
		229
Total Membership Aug. 1, 1923,		2565

The Secretary has been notified of the death of the following members during the year: R. D. Craighead, Henry H. Mack, W. H. Barnes, Jho. Paul Jones, Chas. Roemer, F. J. Stanton, A. L. Tomes, Wm. Zumbro, C. F. Corbin, G. F. Schenck, H. L. Baer, E. H. Draper, Rev. H. W. Mercer, G. Fred Ralph, W. L. Hedenberg, Glen W. Perkins, B. F. Kendall, F. R. Cornwall, E. C. Dodd, Dr. A. Schirmer.

The usual letters were written to the Estate of the deceased members, but in no case has there been a request for Committee appointment.

An itemized account is given of receipts and disbursements for the year.

In closing, may I request all members in writing the officers to attach their A. P. S. number and street address to all communications. Complaints against members should be sent to the Recorder of the Board of Vice-Presidents and not to the Secretary. Changes of address should be sent to the Secretary and not to the Editor. You will obtain better service if the suggestions on the back cover of the Membership Directory are observed.

Officers were re-elected, as follows:—C. Frederic Heyerman, of Detroit, president; W. W. MacLaren, Otto F. Moses, and J. A. Harris, jr., all of Cleveland, vice-presidents; Dr. Holland A. Davis, of Denver, secretary; Howard H. Elliott, Winchendon, Mass., treasurer; Eugene Klein, Philadelphia, international secretary, and H. B. Phillips, Berkeley, Cal., and J. Brace Chittenden, New York, directors at large.

FEW CONVENTION JOTTINGS.

On the second day of the convention, the registration was well over 250.

Hawaii and Hayti were represented by delegates and Canada sent a member while the large attendance of ladies was gratifying.

Howard C. Beck gave his lecture on Early American Stamped Paper before an audience that filled the room.

The auction sale conducted by Mr. Mason was a success in all respects. There were many bidders and prices were good.

The visit to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was made especially noteworthy by the kindness of the Director who allowed some of the delegates to see the original die used for the one cent and the three cent of 1851.

Wednesday afternoon the members went to Mount Vernon by car via Alexandria and returned by boat on the Potomac.

STAMP DISPLAY ON BOURSE.

Washington set up a bourse last night and for more than three hours trading was brisk, thousands of dollars being involved in the many exchanges and sales. The bourse was part of the program of the American Philatelic society, meeting in annual convention in the Shoreham, and the grill room of the hotel was transformed into a market for the activities of the hundreds of delegates.

More than $500,000 worth of stamps are understood to have been on display in the room. Dealers from all parts of the country displayed their wares, and the more choice varieties were quickly bought in by collectors.

Many collectors, operating on a smaller scale, exchanged stamps among themselves. One collector had with him in a small envelope a part of his collection which he valued at $50,000. Man the single stamps which were disp were valued at more than $100.

The society, at a business sessi the morning, took a step toward b ing up the habit of national orga tions holding conventions here goi the White House to "shake hands" the President. Howard C. Becl this city, told the delegates that thousands of visitors who had to b ceived by the late President Har did much to break down his health.

It was decided by the organiz that asking President Coolidge to re the delegates would be an impos upon his time. It was said the dele realized continuous receptions by executives, interfered with their wo

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Edition No. 1 of the New England Business Directory (1856), lists Phineas Ives as a match manufacturer at Wallingford, and various New England and Connecticut Business Directories mention Phineas T. Ives at Wallingford from 1865 up to 1879.

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Dec. 12, 1864.
First issued, Mar., 1865.
Last issued, Jan. 24, 1871.
60 stamps per sheet, (4x15).
860,400 issued on old paper.

"All of the 'Ives Match' stamps, including the 8c value, were used by the firm of Cowles & Leete of New Haven. Conn., in whose name the dies were registered and all correspondence conducted."

The firm of Cowles & Leete, apothecaries and druggists, was composed of Luman Cowles and Charles S. Leete, and from 1861 to 1871 their place of business was 175 and 177 State Street, New Haven. From 1872 to 1874 the business is listed under the name of Charles S. Leete at the same address.

The first Ives stamp is the only match stamp ever issued in the denomination of 8c and although the engraving measures 90x17mm (nearly 3¾x¾ inches) it is not believed to have been a "strip" stamp built long and narrow to encircle a box or package of matches, but was made long so it would effectively seal the end of a large box or package containing 800 matches. In this connection the reader is referred to correspondence between Butler & Carpenter and Joseph R. Lewis, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, on pages 123 and 124 of the Boston Book. From this correspondence it appears that the 8c Ives stamp is the only match stamp designed to conform to the standard shape and size for all match stamps which at that time the Commissioner of Internal Revenue was contemplating.

"The following, also from Mr. Lewis, is dated Oct. 29, 1864:

'The idea in reference to stamps for matches is to have the stamps similar in shape to those used for Fahnestock's Vermifuge or Hostetter's Bitters—perhaps a little longer than the former, but not necessarily so long as the latter—in order that they may be attached to the box in such a manner that it cannot be opened without destroying the stamp. If you will furnish a design according to your own taste or the wishes of manufacturers who desire a special plate, and send it to this office for approval any changes which I may desire to have made can then be suggested.'

Under date fo December 12, 1864, is the following:—

'I herewith return the model for match stamps with my approval. Be pleased to make the designs of Messrs. A. Beecher & Sons, Cowles & Leete, and any others which you may hereafter prepare, conform in their general features to this model, with such variations as to name, etc., as to render them sufficiently distinctive.'

[The Cowles & Leete stamp here referred to was the 8c die for Coe's Matches.—P. T. Ives.]

This action brought forth a storm of protest and, on Jan. 6, 1865, Mr. Lewis wrote Mr. Carpenter again as follows:—

'Your letters of the 28th ult. and the 3rd inst., together with the enclosed communication from Messrs. A. Beecher & Sons, were duly received, and have been considered. In view of the considerations urged not only by you but also by various manufacturers of matches, as to the expense and inconvenience of attaching the long private stamps to the boxes, I have decided to rescind the order requiring private stamps for matches to be made in that peculiar form; they may hereafter be made of sizes corresponding to the public Proprietary stamps, but the provision of Section 156 of the Excise law must be strictly conformed to, "that in all cases where such stamp is used, instead of his or their writing the date thereon, the said stamp shall be so affixed on the box, bottle or package, that in opening the same or using the contents thereof, the said stamp shall be effectually destroyed.'

The only result of all this was that the engraving of many stamps was delayed for periods varying from three months to as many weeks and, after all was over, things were exactly where they were in the beginning."

The design consists of a rectangle formed by fine line of color which encloses five disks or panels, placed on a background of heavy horizontal lines. This background has each of its four corners slightly hollowed. The central disk is an oval containing a full face portrait of Mr. Ives. The background of fine crossed lines, behind the head, surrounding the portrait, completely fills the oval. At either side of the central disk is an ornate oblong disk, or panel, enclosing a colorless oval surrounded by a row of pearls. The oval at the left is inscribed in three lines "U. S. Inter Rev.—Eight Cents—Coe's Matches" and the oval at the right reads "Manufactured—by P. T. Ives—Wallingford, Ct." The outside disks are identical. Each is composed of fine lathe work, the outer segments of which form a continuous chain of ten links and in the center of each disk is a colorless numeral "8."

This design is one of the early Butler & Carpenter productions and is one of the very few match stamps on which ornamental lathe work was used. Although it is about as tall from top to bottom as several of the strip stamps, it is considerably shorter from side to side, not being so long drawn out, and makes a more attractive appearance on the album page.

The writer has been unable to trace any person named Coe in connection with the Ives factory and until further information becomes available, the reference "Coe's Matches" engraved on the stamp will continue to be something of a mystery. The most likely supposition is that there was an earlier factory operated by someone named Coe from whom Ives obtained the secret or method of making his matches.

The 8c stamps were all printed in Philadelphia and probably there was only one plate. The total issue amounts to 14,300 sheets and represents a tax of about $33,500.00—that is, between $5,000.00 and $6,000.00 per year.

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on thick paper, which was used about 1870 for the supposedly experimental or special printing. Stamps from the latter printing are indeed rare, and up to the time of writing only two copies have been noted. The 8c denomination is not known to exist in the ultramarine printing of 1869.

The reader may be curious to learn why it was that among all the different match manufacturers Ives was the only one to use an 8c stamp and particularly to use this denomination for over two years before any other denomination was issued to him. The writer regrets that he cannot definitely answer such a query, but suggests that the Ives matches may have been manufactured largely for export. This supposition, however, is difficult to reconcile with the revenue laws, because the writer's understanding of them is that there was no internal revenue tax on matches manufactured in the United States to export to a foreign country. The reader may recall, however, that packages of 400 matches were commonly used on the Pacific Coast, and it may be that the Ives matches were packed and stamped in double packages of 400, upon which an 8c tax was necessary and "exported" from New Haven by ship to the Pacific Coast.

The 4c general issue proprietary of the first series exists overprinted

P. T. I.
Sept.
1864

reading horizontally and another copy has been noted with a similar overprint dated Jan., 1865, reading vertically, and it seems probable that each of these stamps is half of a pair which were used by Mr. Ives before his 8c private die stamp was issued. In this connection it is rather curious to note that the Boston Book lists a similar overprint dated Oct., 1866, on the 3c foreign exchange documentary stamp of the first series and a student may be at a loss to understand why Ives would overprint any 3c stamps. However, in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY for June 16, 1906, the United States Revenue Department, edited by Charles A. Nast, mentions his discovery of the P. T. I. overprint dated Aug., 1865, on the 5c playing card stamp of the first series, and it seems most probable to the present writer that whereas it might be difficult to understand the use by Ives of either the 3c or the 5c stamp separately, it is not at all difficult to comprehend his use of one of each of them together to pay the 8c rate, and if the truth should ever become known the writer expects to find that occasionally when 4c stamps did not happen to be available Ives bought some 3c and 5c and used them in combination.

In spite of the comparatively large quantity issued and the considerable length of time it was in use, the 8c stamp has never been common, and to the writer this seems like additional evidence that the stamp was probably sent to the Pacific Coast where there was little chance that many copies would be saved. Quite a few of the known copies are in quite acceptable condition, but as it is difficult to trace more than thirty different copies this does not leave an abundant supply for collectors to cherish.

Sterling quoted $6.00 in 1888. The Scott quotations were

1886	$5.00
1894-1895	6.50
1896-1900	4.00
1901-1920	5.00
1922	7.50

IVES MATCHES, 1c.

Regarding this stamp the Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, May 10, 1867.
First issued, June 10, 1867.
Last issued, Aug., 1875.
210 stamps per sheet, (14x15).
5,789,890 issued on silk paper.
4,256,910 issued on old paper.

The design is the usual 1c size and shape and in the center appears an oval containing a full-face portrait of Mr. Ives. This portrait is the same as the portrait on the 8c Ives stamp, but there is no background around the upper part of the head. The frame is practically identical with the frame of the "Franklin" match stamp, first issued two and a half years earlier, the most noticeable difference being in the curved panel over the center oval. On the Franklin Stamp this panel has a background of horizontal lines, while on the Ives stamp the letters forming "U. S. Internal Rev." are on a solid background. The frame of the Ives is also very similar to the frame of the Portland Match Co. adhesive and all of these designs were adapted from the 10c postage stamp of 1855-60.

Probably there was only one plate which was engraved by Butler & Carpenter and the stamps are all Philadelphia prints. The usual shade is a dull blue but the true ultramarine color used for a short time in 1869 also exists and is indeed rare. No copy on the thick paper of 1870 has yet been noted, but this unusual printing may also exist.

It is an open question whether the variety on old paper was used in multiple. Pairs are rare and only one has come to the writer's attention. It is horizontal and cancelled in manuscript, one stamp having a simple crossmark and the other reading "P. T. I.—July 28—1868" in three lines. The silk paper variety was certainly used in multiple and the writer has noted a horizontal strip of three with portion of the blue paper in which the matches were wrapped, still adhering to the stamps. Whether this strip was used as a 3c stamp or as part of a larger multiple stamp cannot be definitely stated. Neither of the stamps are particularly scarce, but it is often somewhat difficult to find really fine copies of the variety on old paper.

P. T. IVES, 1c.

This die is exactly the same as that of the 1c Ives Matches, excepting that the panel below the portrait has been lengthened and the name Ives has been altered to read "P. T. Ives" in slightly smaller characters. There is no available information as to why this change was made. Perhaps it was to avoid confusion between the matches made at Wallingford and those made at Rag Hollow, only six miles away. The old E. R. Tyler die was changed to read "Ives & Judd" in the fall of 1875. As neither the 1c Ives die nor the Ives & Judd die have any address, any merchant handling the product of either factory could sell them as "Ives Matches."

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Dec. 31, 1875.
First issued, Jan., 1876.
Last issued, Jan. 20, 1881.
210 stamps per sheet, (14x15).
8,489,943 issued on silk, pink and watermarked paper.

All these stamps were probably printed from a single plate made by the National Bank Note Company of New York, and all of the stamps on the silk and pink paper were printed by that firm. Most of the watermarked stamps were probably printed by either the National Bank Note Company or the American Bank Note Company, or by both of them. But although the stamp was last issued about three months after the Bur took over the revenue stamp work, th is evidence of at least one printing the Bureau. It can hardly be doub that the rouletted stamps were made the Bureau and a few perforated co which apparently bear the Bureau p line have been noted. These stan differ noticeably in shade from co known to be National Bank Note pri The blue is duller and has a sli greenish appearance, whereas the N tional prints are a brighter, more brilli blue, several shades darker than Philadelphia prints on old paper.

None of the 1c P. T. Ives stamps particularly scarce perforated, but rouletted stamp is quite rare, only a f copies being known to exist. The stan on silk and watermarked paper occasionally found in strips of three, a it is possible that these were so us for 3c stamps. Proof, however, is lac ing.

Sterling priced the rouletted stamp $5.00 in 1888. The Scott quotations w

1894-95	$5.00
1896	8.00
1898	10.00
1900	6.00
1901	12.00
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Work on the stamp will be rushed by the bureau of engraving and printing. The first issue will be 300,000,000. It is planned to have the new stamp placed on sale in Marion, Ohio, September 2, one month after the death of President Harding.

The new stamp will supersede the regular 2-cent stamp for 60 days. These will be honored during that time, but none will be issued.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF HAYTI.

By Bertram W. H. Poole.

Chapter I.

Introduction.

The island of Hayti, or Haiti—literally "mountainous country"—is, after Cuba, the largest of the West Indian islands. It is sometimes known as Santo Domingo, and was at one time called Hispaniola, i.e. "little Spain." The island is situated nearly equidistant from Porto Rico, Cuba and Jamaica and, as in the rest of the Greater Antilles, its greatest length (about 400 miles) is in the direction—from west to east—of the chain of which it forms a part. Its greatest width is 160 miles, and its total area is 28,820 square miles, so that it is about half the size of the State of Illinois. For some time the island has been divided into the independent states of Hayti and the Dominican Republic. The Republic of Hayti, with whose postage stamps we are now concerned, occupies the western third of the island, and has an area of about 10,000 square miles, with a population estimated to exceed one and a half millions.

Hayti was discovered by Columbus in 1492, and within little more than one generation the aborigines had been swept away by the remorseless cruelties of the Spaniards. Their place was filled with negro slaves, who were introduced as early as 1505. Next, about 1630, came the buccaneers; and as they were chiefly French, the western portion of Hayti, which was their favorite haunt, was ceded to France in 1697 by the Peace of Ryswick. For nearly a hundred years vast reinforcements of Africans were imported; subsequently the mulattoes grew into an intermediate class, neither citizens nor bondsmen.

In 1791 the mutual antipathies of the three classes—white, black and mixed—burst forth into a struggle which, before the close of the century, led to the extermination of the Europeans and the independence of the colored insurgents.

In 1801 France sent out a powerful armament, treacherously seizing and deporting the deliverer of his brethren—Toussaint l'Ouyerture. In 1804 Dessalines, aping Napoleon's example, proclaimed himself Emperor of Hayti. Sometimes one state and sometimes two the country alternated between despotism and anarchy, and between monarchy and republicanism. Its only tranquil period of any duration coincided with the rule (1820-43) of President Boyer, at the close of which the Spanish or eastern portion of the island formed itself into the Dominican Republic.

The western portion of the island remained republican until 1849, when its former president, the negro General Soulouque, proclaimed himself emperor as Faustin I. In 1859 a republic was again proclaimed with the executive power in the hands of a president, usually chosen by the National Assembly, who was supposed to hold office for seven years. Few presidents have, however, been permitted to complete their terms of office, which have usually been cut short by revolutions. Official peculation, judicial murder, and corruption of every kind underlie the forms and titles of civilised government.

The country has a magnificent climate, is one of the most fertile spots in the world, and is full of mineral and natural wealth, but owing to the corruption of its government and the indolence of its people its resources are quite undeveloped. Indeed so jealous are the natives of outside interference that the land is a veritable terra incognita except as regards the coast towns and contiguous territory. All foreigners, no matter of what particular hue, are known as *blancs* in contradistinction to the black, which is the all-powerful color on the island. Mr. Hesketh Pritchard in his interesting book "Where Black Rules White" says:—"Jealousy of the foreigner is a very pronounced trait from the Government down to the wharfside loafer. His immigration is discouraged in every way. He may be said to have practically no rights; he can own no property in land, and if he gets a concession from the Government he is likely to find himself, sooner or later, left in the lurch. Yet it is not too much to say that the presence of the white element, small as it is, makes for good. Remove it, and the Republic would go sliding back into the depths of barbarism."

At the root of this antipathy to the foreigner seems to be the fear that, should the white man ever get the upper hand in the Republic, the blacks will all be made slaves. The people are said to be kindly, hospitable and good-natured, though incorrigibly lazy and ignorant, and their many bad qualities are undoubtedly due to the brutal system of misgovernment which so long obtained until Uncle Sam interfered.

The religion of the country is nominally Roman Catholicism, but this is little more than a thin veneer for *vaudoux*, or snakeworship, with its accompanying superstition, disgusting rites, child-sacrifice and cannabalism even now has a strong hold on a large portion of the population.

For over a hundred years the black has had ample opportunity of learning to rule himself. As Mr. Pritchard says:—"The negro has had his chance, a fair field and no favor. He has had the most fertile and beautiful of the Carribbees for his own; he has had the advantage of excellent French laws; he inherited a made country with Cape Haytien as its Paris—'Little Paris,' as it was called. Here was a wide land sown with prosperity, a land of wood, water, towns, and plantations, and in the midst of it the Black Man was turned loose to work out his own salvation."

And the result? Instead of progressing the negro republican has retrograded with each succeeding year, and but for the presence of the handful of white men in the coast towns he would long ago have sunk back into the very lowest type of African barbarism. Indeed, the attempt of the Haytian to rule himself would be laughable were its results not so deplorable and tragic both for himself and his country.

Eventually matters became so bad that the United States interfered in the cause of civilization and since 1915 Hayti has to all intents and purposes been a protectorate of the United States of America. To quote Mr. Everett A. Colson in the Weekly for October 9, 1920, :—"For many years prior to July, 1915, Haiti was a country afflicted with chronic revolution. Within a few months it had seen three chiefs of consecutive and successful revolutions 'elected' president in due constitutional form for terms of seven years. This condition culminated on July 27-28, 1915, in a massacre of more than one hundred defenceless political prisoners at Port au Prince, in the violation of the French Legation where the president had taken refuge from the wrath of the populace, and in his assassination and horrible mutilation, and promptly resulted in intervention by the United States. During the night of July 30, marines landed and seized the arsenal. Additional troops followed to occupy other portions of the city. The present president, Sudre Dartiguenave, a civilian and at the time of his election presiding officer of the Senate, was elected president of Haiti on August 12. Later in the month the American squadron, under Admiral Caperton, entered the principal ports of Haiti and took possession of the custom houses, and the occupation was an accomplished fact. Shortly thereafter a convention was negotiated and signed September 16, 1915, between Haiti and the United States, whereby among other things the president of Haiti appoints upon the nomination of the president of the United States a financial adviser, a general receiver of customs, and engineers in charge of public works and sanitation, and a constabulary officered by Americans is created. The convention is for a period of ten years and may be extended at the option of either party for a like period. A force of American marines is maintained in and about Port au Prince and at Cape Haitien. There is an American superintendent of schools and an American director of the postal service. Legislation is subject to the approval of the American government. Revolution is no longer lucrative and glorious, or safe, the marines attending to that phase of the matter."

Chapter II.

Philatelic History.

Although the philatelic history proper of Hayti does not commence until 1881, when its first stamps appeared, there are one or two earlier episodes which are worthy of mention. During the brief reign of General Soulouque who, as stated in our introductory notes, styled himself Faustin I, the innate vanity of the nigger was allowed to run riot. A black nobility was formed with dukes and barons galore—favored beings were allowed to choose their own designations with the result that among the bevy of Dukes were their Graces of Lemonade and Marmalade — in an attempt to imitate the French Court. One day Soulouque decided to issue postage stamps but, though essays were prepared and submitted to the Emperor, for some reason or other the scheme got no further. These curious essays are described in *The Stamp Collector's Magazine* for June, 1867, as follows:—

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Briefs—Detroit is to have the next convention; the by-laws are to be revamped; the support of the Society was voted for the philatelic activities of the government; the endorsement of the international philatelic exhibition at Philadelphia in 1926 was given and several recommendations for the improvement of the internal workings of the society were adopted.

The fact that the issue of several of the new aeroplane stamps was hurried was a tribute to the society.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—A. A. Wasserscheid informs us that he has received specimens of new advertising cancellations as follows:—from Savannah, Ga., "Tri-State Exposition, Savannah, Ga., Oct. 27-Nov. 3rd" and from Raleigh, N. C., "North Carolina State Fair, Raleigh, Oct. 15-19, 1923."

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Here are some more laws and rulings regulating postal rates on low values issued before 1890. As was stated in a previous article on this subject, these are reviews of philatelic information that have frequently been printed and that is A B C stuff to the advanced specialist. But we are sure that they will be of interest to the newcomer and to the amateur specialist. Corrections of errors and additional information on the same subject will be welcomed.

At the time of the issue of the 1870-71 stamps the following rules were effective under treaties and conventions with foreign countries.

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The five cent stamp of 1875 was prepared to meet the rate established for postage between countries belonging to the Postal Union.

In 1883 the letter rate for each half ounce was reduced to two cents. To meet this condition the two cent "claret" and the four cent stamps were issued.

In 1885 the postal rate for ordinary letters was reduced to two cents per ounce, which is still effective. Drop letters were made two cents an ounce, including delivery at letter carrier offices; or one cent where free delivery was not established.

I do not know how others feel about clipping their Weekly. Personally, I feel that the real value of this department will be in clipping it from week to week and keeping it in a scrap book under various classifications, so that as the information accumulates the specialist will have a work of handy reference giving odds and ends of information but gradually growing into a valuable and well classified whole. To this could be added other clippings from the Weekly and other magazines pertaining to the subject. Such a book, together with the various booklets published on specific phases of the subject would form an invaluable little reference library for the specialist.

Those who wish to keep complete and unmutilated files of the Weekly could well afford to subscribe to two copies of Mekeel's. The price is so low that two copies will break no one.

Earle A. Young, 363 Third Avenue, West Haven, Conn., writes that he is much interested in the two cent brown, No. 210. Regarding the shading under the shield which was mentioned by Major Bonesteel recently, he says he has two unused plate number strips of a very clear impression, one of which, Plate 460, shows no sign of shading and the other, Plate O 560, which shows the shading strongly. This might indicate that the shading under the shield was due to a recut. I recently saw a plate number block which now belongs to J. W. Andrews, but do not remember whether it showed the shading or
Wish he would give us the plate nu
and desired information.

Recently, it was printed in this de
ment that the editor possessed a few c
of the 50 cent Agricultural Depart
This may have been due to a mispri
to an error in the copy. For the be
of those who noticed the slip and w
in about it, let it be said that what
referred to was the three cent value

A copy of the two cent Black
with stitch watermark recently cam
to my hands. As I do not speciali
this stamp I was not familiar with
catalogue values of this variety. C
quently, I was much surprised to
that Scott's Specialized U. S. only
this at $2.50 used. To me it seems
this stitch is much underpriced.
stitch on this stamp is just as rare
is on any other values of those years
the stamp itself is becoming so har
get that this minor variety become
my opinion, a scarce thing. It is get
so that one can scarce buy an ordi
nice copy of the two cent Black
under 25 cents, and any interesting
cellation or other point of interest r
the price to $1 and more. Why t
should the stitch only list $2.50.
stitch on the ordinary three cent 186
listed $2.00 but surely the author
who make the catalogue would not
tend that there was only 50 cents di
ence in the relative scarcity of the
In the case of the three cent 1861, t
were approximately 1,772,600,000 sta
issued and of the two cent Black
about 333,000,000. Taking this as a b
of comparison, if the stitch on the
stamp is worth $2, that on the B
Jack should list at least $10 (used).

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CARTHAGE.

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n several of the stamps of the nch Protectorate of Tunis, of the e of 1906, there is shown a portion a palace on the citadel of ancient thage and a view of a Carthaginian ey in the gulf of Tunis. The ruins Carthage are only three miles from is, the capital of the Gallic Protec- te, and these ruins together with a eum, are all that remains of the d and powerful republican city se navies swept the Inland Sea and se empire spread from all northern ica into Spain and Gaul and who bid to conquer Rome.

arthage, at the time of her greatest er, was the head of an empire of tary states. She was ruled by an rchy of rich and powerful men, who n followed their own interests at cost of those of their country. Sit- as she was just across from Sicily, hich island she held valuable posses- s, and being a great trading nation, hage came naturally into conflict Rome. In 264 B. C., there began Punic Wars, wars occasioned by d, fanned by private political ambi- s, and which did not come to an until 118 years later (146 B. C.) n Carthage was utterly demolished. e were periods of so-called peace n the combatants lay panting and ng their wounds until able once more ally to the fight. For years they ht upon the sea building and de- ing great navies until the Cartha- ns were beaten at the Aegatian Isles B. C.) and sued for peace. Then hage carried the war to the Euro- Continent, and using Spain as a Hannibal crossed the Alps and for ears he raided Italy from end to unconquered until he finally was aded in Calabria, the heel of Italy, ice he retreated to Carthage. The te of Zama bringing defeat again to e Carthaginians closed the second c War. The final struggle which 56 years later was carried on nd the walls of Carthage in the of a stubborn and relentless siege. oured by famine the Carthaginians l on until the Romans took the city ssault and there followed six days house-to-house fighting before the tael surrendered. Only 50,000 Cartha- ns out of a half-million survived iege. These were sold into slavery, city was burned to the ground and uins ploughed to show utter demoli- o

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CHAPTER XI.

The Second Issue of Official Stamps.

The second issue of Somaliland official stamps consisted of the ½, 1, 2 and 8 annas, King Edward type, and the 1r Queen's head type of the ordinary postage stamps of India overprinted "SERVICE" at top, and "BRITISH SOMALILAND" in two lines at the bottom.

All five values were overprinted in entire sheets of 240 stamps at one operation, the same type being used for all. Like the first series the sheets are in two panes of 120 stamps each, placed one above the other and divided by a strip of margin. A width of 7½mm separates the word "SERVICE" from the rest of the overprint and the two types of "BRITISH SOMALILAND" may be found as in the case of the stamps for ordinary use.

In the upper panes all the stamps are type 1 with the exception of the ninth and tenth specimens in the third row (Nos. 45 and 46) which are type 2. In the lower pane the two types are distributed as follows:—

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	o	2	2	1	1	1	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1
2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

It will thus be seen that there are 180 stamps of type 1 and 60 of type 2 in each sheet—a proportion of exactly three to one. There are also in each sheet fourteen horizontal and twelve vertical pairs showing both types together.

The sixth stamp in the third row of the lower pane (marked with an "o" in the above diagram), is particularly interesting, for the word "BRITISH" is much more to the right than usual. In this stamp the upright stroke of the "B" is in line with the last vertical stroke of the "M" of "SOMALILAND" and the second vertical stroke of the "H" of "BRITISH" is in line with the upright stroke of the "D," so that it is neither of the regular types.

An important error, with the second "I" of "BRITISH" entirely omitted, is known in connection with all five values. It occurs on the twelfth stamp in the seventh row (No. 84) of the top pane.

Another important error, showing the "E" of "SERVICE' dropped, appears on the sixth stamp in the top row of the upper pane. In the case of the ½ and 1 anna values the letter is about 1mm below the level of the other letters; in the 2 annas it is not dropped so much; in the 8 annas it is very little below the level of the rest of the word; while in the case of the 1 rupee it is nearly normal. This would appear to show that the higher values were overprinted first and the "E" moved lower and lower as the work proceeded.

On the fourth stamp in the sixth row of the top pane the first "I" of "BRITISH" is like the figure "1," while on the same pane the eighth and twelfth stamps on the tenth row have thick "D" in "SOMALILAND." Both these varieties are common to all five denominations.

There are several broken letter varieties but the only one worthy of more than passing notice is found on the ninth stamp in the second row of the upper pane. This has the top of the "O" cut entirely away so that the second word appears to read "SUMALILAND."

A curious variety occurs on the seventh stamp in the top row of the lower pane in all values. This has the word "SERVICE" very widely spaced and in a distinctly different style of type from that shown on all the other 240 stamps composing a sheet.

The seventh stamp on the sixth row of the lower pane shows the variety "SOMAL.LAND" in the case of the ½ and 1 anna values, while on the corresponding 2 annas stamp the letter "I" is like a note of exclamation (!). On the 1 rupee denomination the fifth stamp on the sixth row of the lower pane is the variety "SOMAL.LAND," and the sixth stamp on the third row of the same pane in this value has a very wide space between the letters "RI" of "BR ITISH."

A minor variety of some slight interest is found on the fourth stamp in the fifth row of the lower pane of the four King Edward stamps. This has a bar about 1mm. long above the "S" of "SOMALILAND" and level with the top of the "B" of "BRITISH."

There are a number of minor varieties, such as short "I," small "L," "N" or "A" and slightly raised or dropped letters, as in the other printings, but none of them are of sufficient importance to warrant special mention.

It is very generally assumed that none of these stamps were ever placed in use in spite of the fact that used copies of the two lowest values are said to exist. In the *Philatelic Record* for January, 1906, we find the following statement:—

"An official letter from Berbera, in answer to an enquiry about the stamps offered for sale by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, states that the Queen's Head Indian stamps of 1 rupee overprinted "Service British Somaliland," and the King's Head Indian stamps of ½, 1, 2 and 8 annas with the same surcharge have never been put into use at all."

These stamps should, therefore, be correctly catalogued as varieties "prepared for use but not issued."

CHAPTER XII.

The Third Issue of Official Stamps.

Early in 1905 another set of official stamps made its appearance, the ½a, 1a, 2a, 8a and 1r values of the regular series issued in the previous year being overprinted "O.H.M.S." in one line in heavy sans-serif type. Scott lists this under the date 1904 but though "specimen" sets were seen in that year I believe none of the values were in use, or had even reached Berbera, until 1905.

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The 1 rupee denomination, which was printed in sheets of sixty, was overprinted in entire sheets and in this value there are no errors.

The anna values have the Crown over CA watermark and the rupee stamp is watermarked Crown over "CC". A few sheets of the 2 annas with multiple watermark also received this "O.H.M.S." overprint and though this variety does not appear to have been discovered until the remainders were marketed in December, 1905, used copies are said to be known.

CHAPTER XIII.

Sale of the Official Stamp Remainders.

In December, 1905, a circular was issued from the office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies offering the remainders of the overprinted stamps and of the official stamps (the special use of which had been entirely discontinued) for sale. The circular stated:—

"The Crown Agents for the Colonies have been requested by the Government of the Somaliland Protectorate to dispose of the undermentioned Obsolete Postage Stamps, which comprise the whole stock remaining in the hands of the Government and of which no further supplies will be printed. All the Stamps are in sheets of 240 Stamps except where otherwise stated.

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UNITED STATES.—The *Postal Bulletin* for August 7th is bordered in black and reproduces the President's Proclamation calling for a day of mourning in reverence to the late President. The Postmaster-General also authorized the closing of all Post Offices for one hour on Friday, August 10th, but this order was later supplemented and in the case of some of the larger cities a holiday was declared from 11 o'clock on. All flags were ordered at half-staff until September 3rd and all Postal Conferences and Conventions were called off. It would be a fitting memorial for the Administration to issue a stamp with portrait of the late beloved Warren G. Harding.

Through the courtesy of a Shanghai correspondent I have recently had the opportunity of checking over two sheets of each denomination of the local overprint, and find that there are quite a few minor differences which will be of interest to the specialist of this stamp. I find that in the case of the 2c on 1c that there are both thick and thin figure 2 and that the "G" in "Shanghai" varies materially. The "s" in "Cts" is also in two or three fonts if we may designate as a font, a surcharge not printed from type but one that is lithographed or produced in some similar manner. They are all from the same stone, for the varieties which I will mention are constant in both sheets, of the same denomination. The word "Shanghai" shows numerous variations in the letters, whereas "China" is more nearly constant. All of the 2c on 1c seem to come from the upper left pane and the two sheets that I have inspected are Nos. 10592 and 11729.

In the case of this denomination, the first stamp has the bottom of the right leg of the "A" in Shanghai vertical instead of diagonal. The "G" is lower than the other letters. No. 4 has a flat top "G," No. 7 the "t" in "Cts" is without tail, and there is a large rectangular period thereafter. No. 9, bottom of the "2" is broken. No. 13, the bottom of "C" in "Cts" is broken. No. 36, the top of "s" in "Cts" is slanting downward. No. 41 is similar. No. 44 has the letter "G" running down to a sharp point or rather line at the right. There is no tail to the "t" in "Cts" on No. 45. In No. 42 the left leg of "H" in "China" is taller than the rest of the word. Nos. 69 and 70 have malformed "s" in "Cts." No. 77 the "N" is broken at top. In No. 91 the "C" in "China" is badly formed at the bottom and gives the impression of a different font of type. There is a large black dot in the northeast of the 2 on 96.

All of the 2c on 4c type II surface print surcharged seem to have come from the upper right pane and most of them if not all are from sheet 13129. The most important variety on the whole pane is stamp No. 73, wherein the "I" of "China" seems to be a figure "1." Stamp No. 2 has a round circle as an opening to the upper part of the letter "A" in "Shanghai." No. 4 has the "Ct" joined. No. 5 has a badly broken "4" while the right top to the first "H" on No. 13 is broken. No. 33 has an open "C" in "Cts" while the bottom of the "s" on 4 9 is broken. There is a small "I" in "Shanghai" on No. 51, while the "A" in "China" on 57 is broken. There is a wrong font "G"on No. 70, whereas No. 73 has the odd error previously mentioned. 87 has a broken 4, while we find a square period after "Cts" on No. 100.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE. — Mr. R. Roberts reports the 2s6d printed by Bradbury Wilkinson & Co.

BELGIUM.—Mr. Henry Hooreman and the Economist Stamp Co. have shown us copies of the 40c parcel post stamp. The shade is olive brown.

We have also received from Mr. Henry Hooreman and the Economist Stamp Co. the following values in the new set of postage due stamps, 5c grey, 10c green, 20c brown, 30c red and 50c ultramarine.

CAYMAN ISLANDS. — Mr. R. Roberts has submitted for chronicle the 3d purple on yellow and the 4½d sage green on white, both on script watermarked paper.

ITALY. — The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the pneumatic post stamps have a new value to the series. This time it is the 30c blue that has been issued.

NICARAGUA.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 10c of the 1921 issue with the overprint "R. de C. Vale un centavo de Cordoba." in four lines in black.

PANAMA.—Mr. Emil J. Rall has shown us the 2½c of the 1915 series with the overprint "2 centesimos 2" at the base and in the left centre "1923." The surcharges are in black. Mr. Rall also adds that he has it on reliable authority that this country will in the near future place on sale an entirely new set of stamps.

POLAND.—Mr. George Allan Mallory writes as follows: "I wish to inform you of the appearance of a new 1000mk stamp of a new design. On the top supported by two columns is an oblong table with "Poczta Polska." In the centre is a frame holding the portrait of Kopernik. The shield is inside of a wreath. On the bottom right and left are the values and between is a shield with Polish eagle, which breaks into the frame. The color is blue.

PORTUGUESE INDIA. — The Economist Stamp Co. advise of the appearance of a 3t 4rs in the 1913 type. The color is brown.

SPAIN.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the 25c red lilac, and the 40c blue of the new design have been placed on sale.

SARAWAK. — Our esteemed Singapore correspondent, Dr. Tan Bin Chiang, writes as follows with regard to the provisionals chronicled some months ago:—

1. 1c on 10c—issued in sheets sixty—printed at the Government Prin ing Office, Kuching. One error "CNET in each sheet.

2. 2c on 12c — issued in sheets sixty—printed at the Government Prin ing Office, Kuching. No error. I ha examined a full sheet, and found the following:—

1. Short "T" in "TWO," thin ser at top and bottom (examine the mi pair enclosed, second stamp).

2. Upper or lower bar of surcharg broken.

3. The spacings between "CENT and the upper bar are as follows:—

First, second, ninth and tenth rows—7mm.

Third, fourth, fifth, seventh and eight rows —7½mm.

Sixth row —8mm.

Dr. Chiang points out that the 2c sur charge is on the 12 cents *lilac*, and n on the 12c blue, as stated in our Chronic for May 26th.—*Stamp Collecting*.

TIMOR. — The Economist Stamp C have submitted the following new value in the type of the 1914 issue; 1½a yellow green, 7a green, 7½a blue, 9a blu 11a grey, 15a light violet, 18a dark blu and 19a dark green.

CHICAGO GETS IT GOOD.

Mr. Lueder, the Postmaster, impor tunes his clientèle to let him know o any act of attention or courtesy en countered in his part of the Feder Building; so, being of his clientèle, w forthwith do so. We strolled throug at 1.48 a. m. recently, and asked policeman in the rotunda where w might buy stamps. "Over there," h replied, courteously, pointing; and hi point too, was courteous: "over ther in the Great Northern Hotel, or som place like that. You can't get any here.

And we went to the hotel, and go them, and returned to the Post office t drop the letter, which seemed to be permissible, although it was by then 2.0 a. m. And, as we went to-and-fro, w glowed heartily with admiration of th progress made since the simple, inefficient morning when, at 1.48, we brough stamps in the post-office of Johnstow (near Gloversville, N. Y.). And tha was a bare fifteen years ago!

We were able, in a crude day, to bu stamps all night through in Philadelphia We recall a patient, kaiser-ridden gentleman selling brief-marken to us at 1.4 a. m. in Dusseldorf (or Trop Moutard as it is named on the new Poincar maps). We sneer pityingly at the backwardness of Italy, too; for once, at 1.4 a. m., we bought a francobollo in Cremona. Doubtless, Mussolini, a true progressive, will stop that medieval nonsense just as he has stopped the newspaper from being fresh.

But we're rambling! We just wish for Mr. Lueder to know that we read the signs about reporting courtesy, etcetera; for we helped hold his job for him last Spring; not that we voted for Mr. Dever, but that we didn't vote for Mr. Lueder, thereby cutting down the chances of his having to stop being Postmaster. And we think he ought to know how courteous the policeman was in telling us where we might buy stamps at 1.48 a. m. recently. . . . A useful hint to readers of "The Line," too: the Great Northern Hotel, or some place like that.—Chicago *Tribune*.

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STAGE STAMPS OF HAYTI.

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f these essays young Mr. F——has one perfect sheet, comprising seven ps (three in the top and four in bottom row), values 6, 10, 12, 15, 50 centimes and 1 franc, which are ted respectively in violet, green, ver-n, blue, orange, grey and pink, while he two remaining sheets, or rather ions of sheets, the stamps are all ed in black. There is but one de- for the whole set of stamps and escription is as follows:—rectangu- the arms of the empire of Hayti (a d bearing the imperial eagle and e of liberty; supporters, two lions) circle; and surrounded by a band ng the words 'FAUSTIN I, EM-EUR;' at the top of each stamp is inscription 'EMPIRE D'HAITI,' the date '1850' in the corners, while e bottom will be found 'TIMBRE-TE,' and the value in both corners. stamps are tolerably well executed, were prepared in Port au Prince, sheet having printed at the top REAU DES POSTES DE L'EM-E D'HAITI PAR L'ORDRE DE PEREUR,' and at the bottom T-AU-PRINCE, JUIN, 1850'."

thing more was heard on the sub-of postage stamps for Hayti until 1868, when an attempt was made me bright spirit or other to foist gus label on collectors as being a imate postal issue of the republic. he outset this was received with doubt, as the following paragraph *The Stamp Collector's Magazine* ctober, 1868, shows:—

e design verges on the absurd—a tree, crowned with the Phrygian t and flanked by flags and cannon. annon alone may be taken to sym- the state of the republic, and the of the republic is a convincing argu-against the character of the stamps. e moment when that portion of the termed Haiti is in a state of revolu-it is, to say the least, hardly likely me could be found by either party ttention to the issue of stamps. stating that the design is printed llow on white paper, and that it off by perforations, we may dis-this claimant for a place in our s."

some years there was much dis-n as to the status of these labels, ven such a philatelic giant as the Ir. Edward L. Pemberton was of inion that "they might turn out genuine." However, about 1872, ns to have been generally agreed he labels were bogus. Curiously , nothwithstanding the caustic al remarks quoted above as to the dity" of the design, this device of ree, cap of liberty, and cannon was y adopted for stamps subsequently in Hayti.

Written for **MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.**

ST. KITTS-NEVIS, 1890-1922.

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By Harry E. Huber.

XVII. Presidency Series, 1917-18.

As several printings were made of all of the lower values of the Presidency series, the ½d to 1s exist in a variety of shades. In 1917 the 1d was printed in scarlet instead of the usual carmine, and in May of the following year, the 5s was issued for the first time on multiple Crown CA paper. The 2s and 2s6d were never printed on this paper.

The 2d exhausted in 1919, and following the issue of the new series in 1920, the remainders in the 1903 types were withdrawn and destroyed.

1917-18. Presidency series, seal of Nevis. Watermarked multiple Crown CA. Perf. comb 14. Plate 1.
Chalk surfaced paper for 5s.
1d scarlet, 1917
5s olive green and grey violet (C), May, 1918

XVIII. Presidency Series, King's Head and Arms Type, 1920.

During the summer of 1919 a complete new series of stamps was decided upon for the Presidency of St. Kitts-Nevis; as a matter of fact, a report current at the time had it that two series were contemplated, one for St. Kitts, and another for Nevis. Later events proved this to be without foundation, and in the Crown Agents' bulletin of December, 1920, the unified series of stamps was announced as being in preparation.

"A complete new issue is in hand. The design consists of two medallions, one containing the portrait of H. M. the King, and the other, the Arms of St. Kitts, and of Nevis, which will appear alternately on the following duties: ½d Columbus, 1d Bath Springs, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 2s6d, 5s and 10s. The stamps will be printed in two colours, and follow the Universal color scheme."

The stamps were released to stamp dealers in London by the Crown Agents on May 15, 1920, and advertised in English stamp papers of the following week, but they were not issued at Basseterre, St. Kitts, until June 15th. In Nevis, they were received during the closing days of June, and placed on sale July 1st.

The formal Order-in-Council is dated June 7, 1920:

"Order-in-Council.

Whereas it is enacted by section 13 of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act, 1890, as amended by the Leeward Islands Stamp Act, 1902, that 'there shall be a uniform stamp or stamps for use throughout the Colony whereby all postage rates and stamp duties may be respectively denoted or expressed, and such stamps shall be adhesive or embossed or impressed or otherwise as the Governor shall by Order-in-Council from time to time direct,—provided that the Governor may from time to time by Order-in-Council direct that a special stamp or stamps may be used in each or any Presidency concurrently with such uniform stamp or stamps as aforesaid';

And whereas it is further enacted by section 4 of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act, 1890, that the Governor shall from time to time by Order-in-Council fix the design or designs and the mode in which each design shall be used and the several values of the stamp or stamps to be used in accordance with the said Act;

And whereas it is desirable that there should be a special stamp of the designs and denominations set out herein for use in the Presidency of Saint Christopher and Nevis concurrently with the stamps of the Colony;

Now, therefore the Governor in Council doth hereby order and direct as follows:—

On and after the 15th day of June, 1920, special stamps may be used in the Presidency of Saint Christopher and Nevis concurrently with the uniform stamps now in use throughout the Colony of the Leeward Islands.

The several values of the said special stamps shall be ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 2s6d, 5s and 10s.

The post cards shall be, single ½d, 1d, reply 2d. The wrappers shall be ½d, 1d. The envelopes shall be 1d, 2½d, and the registration envelopes shall be large 3d, small 2½d.

The design of the said special stamp for the Presidency of Saint Christopher and Nevis shall be in two medallions, one containing the head of His Majesty the King, the other containing designs taken from the Arms on the Public Seal of the said Presidency in alternate values, that is to say:

For the ½d, 1½d, 2½d, 6d, 2s and 5s values, the design emblematic of Columbus sighting land.

For the 1d, 2d, 3d, 1s, 2s6d and 10s values, the design emblematic of the Sulphur Baths at Nevis.

The post cards, wrappers and envelopes shall bear designs similar to those of the corresponding values of the postage stamps.

Made by the Governor in Council the 7th day of June, 1920.

E. D 'A. Tibbits,
Clerk of the Council."

The series comprises 12 values, the 1½d and 10s being additions to those in the 1903 series. The stamps are of large size, a horizontal rectangle, 30x25mm., and typographically printed in sheets of 60 stamps (5 horizontal by 12 vertical), on paper watermarked multiple Crown CA sideways, to the right. The perforation is comb 14, and contrary to usual practice there is no plate number for either the frame or vignette plates. A double marginal line (broken at the line of perforation for the frame plate, and irregularly for the vignette plates) surrounds the pane of 60 subjects, the inner line being in the color of the frame, and the outer in that of the vignette. The colors are in accordance with the Crown Agents' color scheme.

The King's head and Arms type is an adaptation of the design used by Barbados for the 3d, 4d and 6d stamps of the series issued August 13, 1912, though much of its effectiveness has been lost in later designs, by crowding the seal portion into a small circle or shield. Stamps of conventional size, 18½x22½mm., in this design have been issued by British Guiana (1913), and Montserrat (1916), and the same general design was used for St. Kitts-Nevis, in the receipt size (30x25mm.), so that the dies made up for the 1903 series, of the seals of St. Kitts, and of Nevis, might be used.

There are separate frame or duty plates for each value, and two vignette plates. The frame design, which is the same for all values, has a double arched opening, for the reception of the vignette impression. The Imperial Crown occupies a central position at the top, with ribbons on either side lettered "Postage" and "Revenue," and in the upper corners is conventional foliate ornamentation. On colorless squares in the lower corners, the value is expressed in colored figures and letters, and on a straight label between the value tablets, is "ST. KITTS-NEVIS," in colorless caps.

The design of the vignette is in two medallions, that at the left containing the head of King George V, within a pearled oval, and that at the right, the seal of St. Kitts, or of Nevis, on alternate values.

Considerable economy was practiced in the production of the vignette plates. Not only was use made of the dies of the seals made up for the 1903 series, but the King's head is from the die of the Nyasaland keyplate design. The effect is not wholly pleasing, due to the necessity of adding "corner pieces" to the ovals containing the King's head and the seal of St. Kitts, to make them conform to the irregularly shaped opening required for the seal of Nevis (straight sides, curved at top and bottom). "They are awfully ugly, and so large" was one local comment.

Of the 1½d large numbers were required, representing as it did the Empire letter rate, as well as the rate to the United States, and three further lots were sent out in 1921. The terms of the Order-in-Council of February 12, 1917, remained in effect, although the printing of War Tax stamps ceased shortly after the signing of the Armistice on November 11, 1918.

June 15, 1920. Presidency series, double medallion type, King George V and seal of St. Kitts (½d, 1½d, 2½d, 6d, 2s, 5s), or of Nevis (1d, 2d, 3d, 1s, 2s6d, 10s). Watermarked multiple Crown CA. Perf. Comb 14. Chalk surfaced paper for 3d and above.
½d blue green.
1d carmine.
1½d orange.
2d gray.
2½d ultramarine.
3d violet and dull violet on yellow (C).
6d red violet and dull violet (C).
1s black on green (C).
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5 rupees,	1,023 stamps

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2½ annas,	35,921 stamps
6 annas,	21,707 stamps
12 annas,	16,342 stamps
1 rupee,	18,812 stamps
2 rupees,	3,257 stamps
3 rupees,	3,315 stamps
5 rupees,	2,745 stamps

Third Issue.—King's head stamps of India overprinted "BRITISH SOMALILAND."

1 anna,	14,430 stamps
2 annas,	33,587 stamps
3 annas,	35,658 stamps
4 annas,	36,232 stamps
8 annas,	13,924 stamps

First Official Issue.

½ anna,	6,440 stamps
1 anna,	5,057 stamps
2 annas,	4,186 stamps
8 annas,	2,255 stamps
1 rupee,	2,079 stamps

Second Official Issue.

½ anna,	35,024 stamps
1 anna,	35,504 stamps
2 annas,	23,983 stamps
8 annas,	2,384 stamps
1 rupee,	2,379 stamps

Third Official Issue.

½ anna,	4,481 stamps
1 anna,	2,477 stamps
*2 annas,	1,125 stamps
8 annas,	916 stamps
1 rupee,	406 stamps

* Includes both varieties of watermark.

The face value of the remainders of the ordinary stamps was thus about £11,000 and of the official stamps about £1,000. As it was expressly stipulatd that no offer of less than face value would be considered it is obvious there was small likelihood of any individual or group of speculators taking up the whole of the ordinary stamps even at face value. It was further stated that no offers for a less sum than £50 would be entertained but even with this comparatively small minimum none of the ordinary stamps found a purchaser, I believe, and eventually they were all destroyed.

With the official stamps it was another story for the total quantities were not large and as a whole they represented a good speculative purchase. How many bids were made has never transpired but the late Mr. H. L. Ewen purchased the bulk of them for the sum of £2,179. A few smaller sales were made (presumably at higher bids), but Mr. Ewen managed to trace these and purchased them for £550 so that he could control the entire lot. The total cost of the lot, therefore, was £2,729 or just about 2¾ times face value. Mr. Ewen proved himself an excellent salesman and practically all the 1 rupee "O.H.M.S." stamps were sold within a few days of the purchase of the lot and altogether he did remarkably well with his purchase.

CHAPTER XIV.

Check List of Varieties.

June 1, 1903.—Contemporary Queen Victoria stamps of India overprinted "BRITISH SOMALILAND" in two lines in black at top of stamps. Overprinted at the Indian Government Printing Office, Calcutta. Watermarked Star for all denominations except the 6 annas, which is watermarked Elephant's head. Perf. 14.

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
2½ annas, ultramarine.
3 annas, brown orange.
4 annas, slate green.
6 annas, pale brown.
8 annas, dull mauve.
12 annas, purple on red.
1 rupee, carmine and green.
2 rupees, yellow brown and carmine.
3 rupees, green and brown.
5 rupees, violet and blue.

There are two types of all values from ½ anna to 1 rupee inclusive as explained in the text.

Errors with Inverted Overprint.

12 annas, purple on red.
3 rupees, green and brown.

Error with Double Overprint.

2 annas, violet.

Variety: Second "I" of "BRITISH" *omitted.*

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
3 annas, brown orange.

Variety: Thick "D" *in* "SOMALILAND."

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
2½ annas, ultramarine.
3 annas, brown orange.
4 annas, slate green.
6 annas, pale brown.
8 annas, dull mauve.
12 annas, purple on red.
1 rupee, green and carmine.

Variety: Figure "1" *instead of first* "I" *in* "BRITISH."

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
2½ annas, ultramarine.
3 annas, brown orange.
4 annas, slate green
6 annas, pale brown.
8 annas, dull mauve.
12 annas, purple on red.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

1903.—Contemporary Queen Victoria Stamps of India overprinted "BRITISH SOMALILAND" in two lines in black at bottom of stamps. Overprinted at the Indian Government Printing Office, Calcutta. Watermarked Star for all denominations except the 6 annas, which is watermarked Elephant's head. Perf. 14.

2½ annas, ultramarine.
6 annas, pale brown.
12 annas, purple on red.
1 rupee, carmine and green.
2 rupees, yellow brown and carmine.
3 rupees, green and brown.
5 rupees, violet and ultramarine.

There are two types of the values from 2½ annas to 1 rupee inclusive as explained in the text.

Variety: Thick "D" *in* "SOMALILAND."

2½ annas, ultramarine.
6 annas, pale brown.
12 annas, purple on red.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

1903.—Contemporary King Edward stamps of India overprinted "BRITISH SOMALILAND" in two lines in black at bottom of stamps. Overprinted at the Indian Government Printing Works, Calcutta. Watermark Star. Perf. 14.

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, purple.
3 annas, orange brown.
4 annas, olive green.
8 annas, magenta.

There are two types of all values as explained in the text.

Variety: Second "I" of "BRITISH" *omitted.*

1 anna, carmine.

Variety: Tiny dot in place of second "I" *of* "BRITISH."

½ anna, pale green.

Variety: "I" *of* "SOMALILAND" *omitted.*

1 anna, carmine.

Variety: Period in place of "I" *of* "SOMAL.LAND."

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.

Variety: Thick "D" *in* "SOMAI LAND."

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, purple.
3 annas, orange brown.
4 annas, olive green.
8 annas, magenta.

1904.—Portrait of King Edward V Engraved and Printed by De La R & Co., Ltd., London. Waterma Crown CA for anna values and Cro CC for rupee stamps. Perf. 14.

½ anna, green and grey green.
1 anna, carmine and black.
2 annas, purple and dull violet.
2½ annas, ultramarine.
3 annas, green and chocolate.
4 annas, black and green.
6 annas, violet and green.
8 annas, pale blue and black.
12 annas, orange yellow and black
1 rupee, green.
2 rupees, purple and dull lilac.
3 rupees black and green.
5 rupees, carmine and black.

The frames are in the first color a the portraits in the second color nam above. All values were printed on dinary paper.

June, 1905.—Same design as precedi issue but printed on paper wat marked multiple Crown CA. Pe 14.

½ anna, green and grey green.
1 anna, carmine and black.
2 annas, purple and dull violet.
2½ annas, ultramarine.
3 annas, green and chocolate.
4 annas, black and green.
6 annas, violet and green.
8 annas, pale blue and black.
12 annas, orange yellow and black

All values were printed on ordin paper and all except the ½a and 2 were also printed on chalk surfa paper.

1909.—Same design but colors chang Watermarked multiple Crown Perf. 14.

½ anna, blue green.
1 anna, carmine.

1912-19.—Portrait of King George Engraved and Printed by De La R & Co., Ltd., London. Watermark multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14.

½ anna, green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, purple and dull violet.
2½ annas, ultramarine.
3 annas, green and chocolate.
4 annas, black and green.
6 annas, violet and green.
8 annas, pale blue and black.
12 annas, orange yellow and black.
1 rupee, green.
2 rupees, purple and dull violet.
3 rupees black and green.
5 rupees, carmine and black.

1921.—Same design as preceding iss but watermarked Crown and Scr CA. Perf. 14.

½ anna, green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, purple and dull violet.
2½ annas, ultramarine.
3 annas, green and chocolate.
4 annas, black and green.
6 annas, violet and green.
8 annas, pale blue and black.
12 annas, orange yellow and black.
1 rupee, green.
2 rupees, purple and dull violet.
3 rupees, black and green.
5 rupees, carmine and black.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

1902.—Contemporary Queen Victor Stamps of India overprinted "On M.S." further overprinted "BRITIS SOMALILAND" in two lines black. Overprinted at the Indi Government Printing Works, Calcutt Wmk. Star. Perf. 14.

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, dull mauve.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

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Variety: Period joined to "M" *of* "On H.M.S."

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, dull mauve.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: Letters "SH" *of* "BRITISH" *very widely spaced.*

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, dull mauve.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: Letters "IT" *of* "BRITISH" *very widely spaced.*

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, dull mauve.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: Period in place of second "I" *of* "BRITISH."

2 annas, violet.

Variety: Figure "1" *in place of first* "I" *of* "BRITISH."

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, dull mauve.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: Thick "D" *in* "SOMALILAND."

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, dull mauve.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: Comma in place of "I" *in* "SOMAL,LAND."

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, dull mauve.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

1903.—Contemporary Queen Victoria 1 rupee and King Edward VII ½a, 1a, 2a and 8a stamps of India overprinted "SERVICE" at top and "BRITISH SOMALILAND" at bottom in black. Overprinted at the Indian Government Printing Works, Calcutta. Wmk. Star. Perf. 14.

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, magenta.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: "SERVICE" *too widely spaced and in different type.*

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, magenta.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: "E" *of* "SERVICE" *dropped.*

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, magenta.

Variety: "BRITISH" *placed far too much to the right.*

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, magenta.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: Second "I" *of* "BRITISH" *is omitted.*

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, magenta.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: Figure "1" *instead of first* "I" *of* "BRITISH."

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, magenta.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: Period in place of "I" *in* "SOMAL.LAND"

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: Exclamation mark in place of "I" *of* "SOMAL!LAND."

2 annas, violet.

Variety: Thick "D" *in* "SOMALILAND."

½ anna, pale green.
1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, violet.
8 annas, magenta.
1 rupee, carmine and green.

Variety: Letters "RI" *of* "BRITISH" *very widely spaced.*

1 rupee, carmine and green.

1905.—Contemporary stamps of Somaliland overprinted "O.H.M.S." in black. Overprinted in London by De La Rue & Co., Ltd. Watermarked Crown CA for the anna values and Crown CC for the 1 rupee. Perf. 14.

½ anna, green and grey green.
1 anna carmine and black.
2 annas, purple and dull violet.
8 annas, pale blue and black.
1 rupee green.

Variety: No period after "M."

½ anna, green and grey green.
1 anna, carmine and black.
2 annas, purple and dull violet.
8 annas, pale blue and black.

1905.—Same type as preceding issue but watermarked multiple Crown CA. Perf. 14.

2 annas, purple and dull violet.

Variety: No period after "M."

2 annas, purple and dull violet.

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The overwhelming German Army, pursuing its relentless course through the fair land of Belgium, reached Brussels, according to schedule, on August 20, 1914, and immediately assumed control of the civil administration. For a period of ten days the Belgian Post Office continued to operate a greatly restricted service, but on September 29, 1914, the following decree was published:—

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The stamps referred to consisted of the 3, 5, 10, and 20pfg of the contemporary German series, with head of "Germania," overprinted at the Imperial Printing Works, Berlin, with the word "Belgien" and values in centimes in two lines of black Gothic type. To these were added, in the following March, surcharges of 50 and 75 centimes, 1, 1.25, and 2.50 francs, in the same type.

SUMMARY.

1914-15. "Belgien" and new value in local currency, surcharged in two lines of black Gothic type, at Imperial Printing Works, Berlin. Wmk. Lozenges.

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10 "	on 10pfg rose,	(1/10/14)
25 "	on 20pfg ultramarine,	(1/10/14)
50 "	on 40pfg carm. and black,	(3/15)
75 "	on 60pfg lilac and black,	(3/15)
1 fr.	80pfg carm. and black,	(3/15)
1.25 fr.	on 1mk. red,	(3/15)
2.50 fr.	on 2mk. steel blue, greenish blue,	(3/15)

The indication of the Belgian value as expressed on these stamps was modified in April, 1916, in accordance with a notice published in No. 67 of the *Amtsblattaf*, which read:—

"*Modification of the Surcharge in use in Belgium.*

Shall be modified as follows:—

"Instead of 'centimes and c' it shall be 'cent', and instead of 'franc and fr.', it shall be 'f.' The present denominations remain valid for postage, etc."

Additional values of 8, 15 and 40 centimes were introduced on July 28, 1916, to meet new rates of postage put in force on June 1st of that year. The denomination 6fr 25 cent., added on February 9, 1917, was only sold at a few of the principal post-offices. Stamps of 2c and 20c were brought into use on October 1st of the same year in consequence of further increases in the postal tariff. The 75 centimes, although printed in 1916, was not placed on sale until October 31, 1918.

The 5 centimes of both this and the preceding issue is known bisected and used to frank post-cards at Verviers on October 1, 1918.

A single sheet of twenty 1 mark German stamps received in error the surcharge 2.50fr normally found upon the 2 marks denomination. Six used copies of this rarity were discovered, early in 1921, affixed to some odd parcels post consignment forms in the basement of the post-office at Charleroi (Belgium). This stamp is thus the rarest of all the War stamps issued by the German Government.

SUMMARY.

1916-18. Overprinted "Belgian" and modified value inscription upon contemporary postage stamps of the German Empire as before.

2 cent on	3pfg grey.	(1/10/17)
3 "	on 3pfg brown, yellow-brown,	(4/16)
5 "	on 5pfg green, deep green,	(4/16)
8 "	on 7½pfg orange, red-orange,	(28/7/16)
10 "	on 10pfg carm., rose, drk. rose,	(4/16)
15 "	on 15pfg brn., yellow-brn.,	(28/7/16)
15 "	on 15pfg purple,	(19/17)
20 "	on 25pfg red and black,	(1/10/17)
25 "	on 20pfg blue, violet-blue,	(4/16)
40 "	on 30pfg orange and black,	(28/7/16)
50 "	on 40pfg carmine and black,	(4/16)
75 "	on 60pfg red-lilac,	(31/10/18)
1f.	on 80pfg red and black on rose,	(4/16)
2f.25 cent.	on 1mk. carmine, deep rose,	(4/16)
2f.50 cent	on 2mk. blue, steel blue, dp. blue,	(4/16)
6f.25 cent.	on 5mk. black and carm.,	(9/2/11)

Error:
2f.50 cent on 1mk. carmine, (20)

Bisected:
Half 5c on 5pfg green.

There are a number of type and other varieties of the setting of interest to specialists, but no good object would be served by describing them in detail here.

On December 1, 1916, another overprint was created in conformance with the following decree:—

"Brussels, 28 November, 1916.

New postal values will be issued as from December 1st, for the military area in Belgium. They will be distinguished from those used in the service of the Governor General by the suppression of the word "Belgian."

This series, comprising the denominations 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75 cents, 1, 1.25 and 2.50fr, surcharged on German stamps as before, was also current in that part of Northern France under German military control.

One week after the conclusion of the Armistice of November 11, 1918, the German administration of the postal service in Belgium was finally terminated, the remainders of the overprinted stamps being returned to Berlin for incineration.—*West-End Philatelist.*

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New Issue Notes—The seven cent McKinley, precanceled New York City, has just come to hand. The overprints will appear much better on this stamp than on the old, but somehow it does not appear to be more attractive.

As the government intends to do the precanceling on some values for most of the larger cities, it will be well to save the present emissions precanceled. Numerous types are coming on the coil stamps. Rochester, N. Y., has already used five distinct types. Some are bound to be very good and it will be profitable for collectors to keep their eyes open for all the precanceled coils coming their way.

The 14 cent makes a fine showing. Whether or not this will be a hard to get precancel cannot yet be determined. I am under the impression that it will be, although it will no doubt be quite plentiful in regularly used condition. So far I have seen Baltimore, Elmhurst, N. Y., Waukesha, Wisc., and Boston, Mass. The 6 cent Newark, N. J., listed by me some time ago, was an error. There have been no precanceled stamps of this value issued up to this date. Also three cent Fremont, Nebr., and Hickory, N. C., were listed by mistake, as none of the three cent Lincoln have been used there. Many interesting items are coming to hand, such as a couple of new two cent items from Grenlosh and Overlosh, N. J. Some others are ten cent Angola, Ind., ten cent Windom, Minn., four cent Monmouth, Ill., ten cent Concordia, Kans., two cent Wintersett, Iowa, ten cent Greenwich, Ohio, ten cent Keating, Ore., two cent Tyndall, S. Dak., ten cent Rutland, Vt., and Pueblo, Colo., both in the handsome U-1 electro, and also in the same type: a five cent from that most interesting little town, "Janes"-ville, Wisc.

Big Creek, Calif.—This city has two types both of which appear to be handstamped. One comes in plain capitals between lines and is used only in the horizontal position; the other is a larger type with serifs which reads up and down. The impression just fits on the stamp in each case so it looks as if the P. M. has gone to special pains to turn out handsome precancels and that he likes 'em up and down as well as normal and inverted.

Columbus, Ga.—Altho this office only recently began to use precancels, it is now employing a second type of handstamp, reading Georgia instead of Ga. and differing in the formation of the letters from Type I.

Corning, N. Y.—The rather indistinct types known as U-8 and U-4 have been superseded by a handstamped overprint which is quite attractive. Between short heavy bars, Corning, N. Y., presents itself in medium sized capitals, without serifs.

Nevada, Iowa—This town can now put itself in the class with Indiana, Pa., Mexico, Mo., Peru., Ind., and others of the same sort of city and state combination. The one cent coil appears bearing a type much like U-28.

St. Louis, Mo.—Not content with cleaning up some three cent Victories by precanceling them, St. Louis has now resorted to this method for the twent four cent Aeroplanes in stock. This good news and one is pleased to see the appear, for they are beautiful precance with which to brighten up a collectio I hope they finish the job by cancelin up the sixes and sixteens.

Seguin, Texas—Needless to say, a new comer. I have not seen any but the tw four, five, ten and twenty-five, all of t new issue four have been reported. I sha appreciate any reader sending a copy f inspection so that this city may be co rectly listed.

Mt. Vernon, Iowa—Mt. Vernon, N. Y will now vie with Mt. Vernon, Iowa, the precancel field. The latter precan cels come handstamped in U-6. So fa I have seen the one, two, four, five an ten cents of the regular series, two ce due and one cent Pilgrim coming bot normal and inverted.

Miscellaneous—Other new items whic I have at hand are: one cent Galio Ohio, three cent Victory, Westervill Ohio, reading up, Shenandoah, Iow new type electro sim. to U-9, Riverto N. J., electro, U-9, Salisbury, Md., hand stamp sim. to U-18 and Philadelphia U- 4, 6, 7, $1.00, 1, 2, 3, surface, all double

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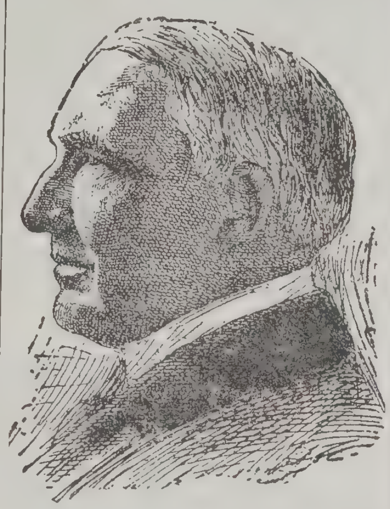

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This profile likeness of the late President Harding will appear on the new Harding two-cent postage stamp which will go on sale for the first time in Marion, O., September 2. The stamp will be printed in black, with the numerals 1865 and 1923, the date of the birth and death of the late President. The first issue will be 300,000,000, and the stamp will supersede the regular two-cent stamp for sixty days.

Under date of August 15th, the Postmaster-General officially announced that the Department would issue a Harding Memorial Stamp on or about September 1st. The denomination will be 2c, the color black and it will be similar in size and plate make up to the current issue. The design which consists of a side face of the late President facing the left with deep black border together with the dates of his birth and death "1865-1923" as well as "UNITED STATES POSTAGE" was not only approved by the Postmaster-General but was also submitted to President Coolidge.

The head is from an etching made by one of the artists at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing shortly before the late President left on his western trip. The stamps will be generally distributed to all post-offices without requisition after they are first placed on sale at Marion, Ohio, President Harding's home, as well as at the Philatelic Stamp Agency where they will be sold on the first day.

To expedite production the stamps will be turned out not only by means of the flat plates but on the rotary presses also. This will permit substantial deliveries promptly for it is possible to print six million stamps a day on the rotary press while only one million, six hundred thousand are possible on the flat plate press. This by the way will be the first stamp turned out from the rotary other than the 1c, the sheets of the 2c and 3c heretofore issued being simply coil waste. No coils or booklet will be made. The Bureau expects to break all records in turning out the initial order of three hundred million of these memorial stamps which will be in use about sixty days but like all of our stamps from 1861 to date, will continue to be good for postage. I overlooked mentioning that six transfer rolls will be made from the die so that six transferrers may be working at the same time on the plates.

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Adjournment was made in order that the visitors might be conducted through the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The auction in the evening conducted by Mr. H. B. Mason was certainly well attended and the prices that were realized were exceptionally good in instances and on the whole were well maintained.

The second session was held Wednesday morning with a somewhat diminished attendance but good progress was made in handling the routine and other business. There were occasional discussions and adjournment was made in time for the trip to Mt. Vernon where the convention picture was taken. The return to Washington was made by boat. In the evening the Stamp Bourse was held at the hotel under the most favorable auspices and until midnight the members and visitors gathered around tables and devoted themselves to barter and trade

The third and last session was on Thursday morning and the reports of the committee on resolutions, next convention seat, etc., were considered. It was ordered that telegrams of greetings be sent to former presidents, Gen. Coolidge, conveying assurances of regard and Mr. H. N. Mudge, expressing a wish for his speedy recovery from the effects of his recent accident. The local newspaper press, the management of the Shoreham and particularly the local collectors of Washington and Baltimore were given votes of thanks. Adjournment of the convention was made for the trip to Annapolis, where at Carvel Hall the convention banquet was given. Washington was reached at midnight after a day that most happily combined business in the morning with pleasure in the afternoon and evening.

There were thirty persons present when the convention of the American Stamp Dealers' Association was called to order by President Severn and no time was lost in getting down to business. The discussions were pertinent and while they centered about the adoption of the new by-laws, they were not limited to them. The results of the balloting were confirmed in the course of voting on each section of the new laws and the association now has a code of laws that is adapted to the present day needs of the society. A calendar year was adopted with the result that the present officers will serve until the new year. The usual convention picture was taken immediately after that of the members of the A. P. S. at Mt. Vernon; twenty-five persons were in the group photographed.

A NEW 2c PANAMA.

We are indebted to Emil J. Rall and Charles F. Wilkins for detailed information concerning a new 2c stamp just issued in Panama. 250,000 of the 2½c 1921 issue have been overprinted "2 centesimos 2" with date "1923."

Numerous errors are found in these surcharges and we are indebted to Mr. Rall for specimens of no fewer than five distinct varieties:—(1) surcharge 1932, (2) surcharge reading 23 instead of 1923, (3) the date showing the single figure 3, (4) the date showing the figures 1 and 2 spaced as found in the surcharge but with 9 and 3 missing, (5) surcharge 1923 missing.

Mr. Wilkins advises us that the total number of varieties found in the overprint is nine, but his information is not definite enough for us to supplement the information given by Mr. Rall. We thank both gentlemen for their favors. A Panama paper, the *Star and Herald*, states that a black line appears over the words "centesimos" on some of the stamps. The surcharge is in black.

ACKERMAN TO THE PHILIPPINES.

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resident Harding, with his great ing for people and his kindly wish please them, had a custom of receiving general public daily at the White use for an hour. In this time, it is d, he sometimes shook hands with as ny as 1,200 callers. That is not an y thing to do day after day. Presi- dt Harding's willingness to do these cious things doubtless had a great dl to do with bringing on his fatal less. He was too kind, too careless his own physical strength and endur- ae when there were people to please. e country realizes now more than ever ore how almost unbearable the presi- dt's unavoidable burdens are. They uld not be increased unnecessarily. e American Philatelic Society's good mple should be generally followed by sons visiting Washington. — Ohio te *Journal.*

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The Managing Editor has returned to his desk after a five weeks trip through the West. He journeyed over 5,000 miles travelling in 17 different states as well as the province of Ontario. Mrs. Wylie and a daughter Miss Edith completed the party and a most enjoyable trip resulted.

In Chicago our associate Mr. Severn, with Mrs. Severn, showed us every possible courtesy and a visit to Skokie was enjoyed even though the mashie and its fellow clubs were perforce left behind.

A stay of four days in Denver included a two days' automobile run through Rocky Mountain Park with two crossings of the backbone of the continent at altitudes of over 11,000 feet. Our stay at Colorado Springs included all the near by places of interest. At a Rotary luncheon 250 attended with over forty visitors. A pleasant day was spent at Grand Junction, Colo., the heart of traffic for a large fruit growing belt and the writer addressed the local Lions organization with a Rotarian greeting.

Our visit to Salt Lake City included a trip out to Bingham, a curious single street town that has been developed in connection with copper ore now being blasted from a close by mountain. It is a veritable mountain of copper. The ore is shipped to Saltair for smelting. Bingham is one of the unique towns of the world.

We were in the Yellowstone Park ten days, taking things leisurely and enjoying to our heart's content the wonders of nature's greatest playground. There are geysers and hot springs elsewhere, a grander canyon, larger falls of water and bigger lakes but no one place in the world can surpass the Yellowstone. The writer visited the park last year and in the light of five trips abroad ventures his opinion.

The news of the death of Pres. Harding came as we were at Mammoth Springs. In one way it was unexpected, death is usually unexpected because we are seldom prepared, yet when we remember his manner and his appearance as seen on three different occasions during the past eight months we can but attribute the sad happening to overwork and anxiety.

A day of rest at Cody, Wyo., was followed by another at Billings, Mont., and a third at Bismarck, No. Dak. On the day we left Beverly the receipt of a subscription renewal from Dr. F. C. Stucke of Bismarck caused us to note his address and as a result this city will have a fragrant memory coupled as it is with Mr. and Mrs. Stucke's genial hospitality. The Dr. took the writer out on the golf course and gave him a drubbing as a part of the hospitality but we can forgive him that in the expectation that the tables will be turned when next Bismarck is visited.

As the writer was walking up a St. Paul street the firm name "Holm & Olson" stared at him in big letters. It seemed familiar and he dug out of his memory an experience of a dozen years ago when the selfsame store had been the object of a visitation. He stepped inside and found our friend O. J. Olson, a long time subscriber of the WEEKLY and an old correspondent of ours. He was busy but none too busy to do us welcome. Our stay in the city was short but swift. Many thanks to Messrs. Olson, senior and junior, for courtesies extended.

On our way back to Beverly we stopped off two days at Detroit. While not our first visit it was our best for we had sufficient time to do much of the city. If Boston could annex Belle Island to its possessions we should never tire of sounding its praises. We made up a Rotary luncheon by visiting the Detroit Club at the Statler and hearing Capt. O'Hay discourse on his many war experiences.

In our thirty-six days' trip our trio suffered no illness, missed no trains, had not a single rainy day, escaped all cloudbursts and managed to surmount all washout difficulties. We carried out our itinerary as planned except a visit to the Crow Agency from Billings to see the scene of the Custer Massacre. Cause —one train a day service.

We close our sketch with a word of admiration for the superb Shoshone Canyon and the fine dam recently constructed there. It is some structure. We shall remember it for its hail storm of only 20 minutes when stones as big as beans covered the ground to the level of at least an inch. Our "Swing Around the Circle" will indeed give us much food for reflection as the months roll by.

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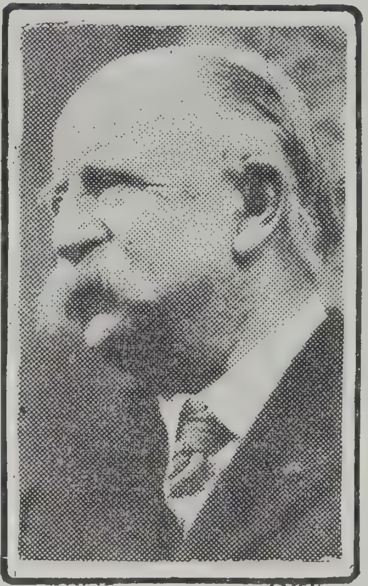

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He says the porcupine loses its "stickers" by brushing up against some object, while the myth that the mother pelican feeds her young with the blood from her own breast arose from seeing the baby pelicans insert their bills into the open mouth of the parent, the lower mandible being then, for convenience, dropped down upon her breast.

SMOKE BOUGHT IT.

Father Philipp's collection runs from an eighteen-foot sawfish to a polliwog, from an elk to a field mouse, and from a black swan to a humming bird. He acquired the museum by giving up smoking sixteen years ago and turning his tobacco expenses into exhibits for his collection.

"I have something to show for my money now, whereas, if I had spent it for smoking, what would I have?" says Father Philipp. "I enjoy the work very much; in fact, I've had a hobby for collecting things since I was a boy."

Father Philipp declares that the songbirds are rapidly disappearing from Ohio, due to the hunters and the English sparrows.

BIRDS SHOW MERCY.

"But do you know that the sparrows will kill one of their tribe that is in agony?" he asked.

He described two incidents of this nature that came under his own observation. One was a sparrow that had one of its wings cut off by a street car. Other sparrows found it and killed it by plucking out the eyes of the wounded bird; although it was necessary for one of the feathery workers of mercy to get under the injured bird and turn it over to get at its eyes.

Father Philipp has the evidence of the other in a jar. It is a sparrow that accidentally hung itself on a piece of twine that it was using to build a nest over one of the windows at the college. He says the bird was hanging in torture when along came other sparrows and pecked out its eyes. He declares the "spotsies" even endeavored to sever the string to remove the dead bird.

STAMPS COST $10,000.

Not only is Father Philipp a zoological collector, but he has also a stamp collection, the equal of any in the city. He figures that it cost him about $10,000.

"It was my love for pretty things, I guess, that took me into stamp collecting," said Father Philipp. "I've been gathering stamps since I was a little fellow. I've some stamps here that I could sell for over $100 apiece, but I would not part with them.

"Philately, as the science of stamp collecting is called, proves very useful in broadening our views and adds to our knowledge of history, art, language, geography, botany, mythology and many kindred branches of learning.

"My general collection of 20 volumes of stamps of all the world proves to be an educational factor in geography and history classes. I had suitable two-faced frames constructed to receive the Krassa loose-leaves with stamps under glass. After explaining the stamps and their illustrations I let the students admire and study the interesting adhesives for a day or two. During the next period the refilled frames are eagerly inspected, especially by those enterprising young men who have espoused philately as the hobby."

Father Philipp says there have bee some noticeable changes in the colors o Uncle Sam's postage stamps since th import of dyes from Germany has bee cut off.—*The Columbus Citizen.*

THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL.

By CHAS. G. WILSON.

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Work on the monument was begun more than ten years ago and brought to completion in 1922. On May 30th (Memorial Day) of that year, William Howard Taft, Chairman of the Lincoln Memorial Commission, formally presented the finished Memorial to the President of the United States, and through him to the people of the country.

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le are indebted to many of our sub- rers for newspaper clippings express- g approval of the attitude of the rrican Philatelic Association towards ident Coolidge in dispensing with a ention attendance reception. We not find the space to publish all that been sent in. Our subscribers will oubt appreciate our position. Nearly f the papers lay emphasis upon the that the example set by the A. P. S. d be followed by other organiza- r.

ERIMENTAL NIGHT AIR FLIGHT.

have received from Joseph A. metz details of an experimental ight to be made August 21-25 from York to San Francisco, with the rate for these flights 2c per ounce ction thereof. The *Postal Bulletin* August 15 contained a department ar giving the time of the west- and eastbound flights. The notice that the five days' service will in- the night hours over lighted air- from Chicago to Cheyenne. It is med that the new air-mail stamps e issued in time to be used very after the experimental service re- to. Mr. Steinmetz states that the rate will prevail New York City icago, 16c from New York City to nne and 24c from New York City Francisco. This of course applies regular service for which the new s are to be issued. The country vidently been divided into three and the 8c rate will be good for st zone and the 16c for the second The air-mail marking will con- a circular design within which is ed the words "Via Air Mail" the letters U. S. in the center. extend horizontally from the de- nd above is the word "Received."

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W. S. KYLE.

By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

This stamp is a close copy of the Wm. Gates 1c dies, the frames being practically identical but the circular disk in the center is a trifle larger and bears a full-face portrait of Mr. Kyle, and the acanthus ornaments which form the upper corners are slightly altered to make room in each corner for a colorless five-pointed star. Also on the Kyle stamp the trifoliate ornamentation in the middle of the top just over the curved label inscribed "One Cent" is not shaded, and the background upon which it rests is composed of parallel vertical lines instead of the horizontal lines found on the Gates stamps. The inscription is changed to read "W. S. Kyle—Boston, Mass."

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, March 9, 1865.
First issued, March, 1865.
Last issued, Aug., 1875.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
17,076,000 issued on old paper.
21,155,609 issued on silk paper.

"This die passed into the possession of Austin Messinger at some time between June, 1865, and March, 1866, and although no change in the die was made up to August 31, 1875, Mr. Messinger received stamps from it from that date forth."

This statement is slightly ambiguous but means that the Kyle stamps were delivered to Messinger from and after March, 1866.

The factory was located at Norton, Massachusetts, but the head office was in Boston. Norton is a small town in Bristol County about six miles northwest of the city of Taunton and scarcely ten miles from Raynham where the Leeds, Robinson & Co. factory was located.

The Kyle stamps are rather scarce on old paper and although the total issue on both papers was over thirty-eight million, both varieties are notoriously difficult to obtain in fine condition. The chief reason for this is that the stamps were usually cut apart with scissors and as whoever did the cutting went along with never a thought for the requirements of stamp collectors the results were anything but satisfactory from a philatelic viewpoint.

Neither variety has been known to be used in multiple, and pairs, strips or large multiplies are unknown to the writer.

The old paper variety was quoted at 10c to 25c in the 1880's; 75c from 1894 to 1898; 50c in 1900 and $1.00 since 1901. The silk paper quotations were 5c to 15c until 1900; 25c to 1904 and 40c since 1906. These prices may be considered reasonable for fine copies with one straight edge, but copies perforated on all four sides, and otherwise desirable, are likely to command more.

A. MESSINGER.

Austin Messinger is listed at Norton, Massachusetts, as early as 1860, but the Directories for 1873 to 1879 list the firm as Messinger & Sweet at Norton, and the U. S. Business Directory for 1881 gives the same firm, but the address is 5 India Street, Boston.

The Boston Book states:—

Die approved, Oct. 20, 1875.
First issued, Nov., 1875.
Last issued, May 15, 1883.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
54,578,510 issued on silk, pink and watermarked paper.

"Although Mr. Messinger succeeded Mr. Kyle as early as 1866, no change was made in die until Oct., 1875."

The Kyle die was changed by removing Mr. Kyle's name, lengthening the colorless curved panel below the portrait, upon which the name appears, and inscribing therein "A. Messinger."

Probably there were four to six plates, the earlier of which were made by the National Bank Note Company and all the stamps on silk and pink paper were printed in New York by that concern. Later there were printings by the American Bank Note Company in New York and by the Bureau in Washington, but whether these later printings were from National plates or whether new plates were made by either of the later printers cannot be stated. Copies of the Messinger stamp on watermarked paper bearing the Bureau pane line have been noted and these are certainly Bureau prints, but no copies bearing marginal imprints have been noted by the present writer, and there is no method yet known by which the National and American prints on watermarked paper can be identified.

The Messinger stamps are much commoner than those bearing Mr. Kyle's name, but are not particularly easy to find in fine condition, perforated all around. The practice of cutting them apart with scissors apparently continued until the last stamp was used in 1883 and nearly all the copies available show it.

Until 1881 Messinger & Sweet appear to have been active competitors of the very large firm of Byam, Carlton & Co. of Boston, but about that time both concerns became part of the Diamond Match Company, and the Boston Directory for 1881 lists the Diamond Match Company as manufacturers of Byam Carlton matches and of Messinger & Sweet, "Boston long matches."

As both the Byam, Carlton stamps and the Messinger stamps continued to be used until the repeal of the stamp tax it is evident the factories continued in operation after they became a part of the Diamond combination.

The Messinger stamps are not known to have been used in multiple but pairs, and strips, usually showing the familiar scissors cuts, are occasionally found. The present catalog quotation of 15c for the silk, 60c for the pink and 25c for the watermarked paper are rather low for copies that have not been mutilated.

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At one of the sessions of the A. P. S. convention, Mr. Beck announced that the intention of meeting the President in order that the delegates might shake his hand had been abandoned and that the local committee felt that by not imposing upon the President's time and good nature just now, a proper respect and appreciation would be shown for the Chief Executive. The delegates approved the decision as they are aware that it is imperative that the President be shielded from needless fatigue. The Washington newspapers came out with head-lines telling of the resolution of the society, and other newspapers throughout the country, recognizing the consideration manifested by the society, told of the innovation; and further, not a few of the papers printed commendatory articles and editorials on the subject. Thus, the tidings of a good act on the part of the American Philatelic Society has resulted in nation-wide publicity for the organization.

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Third Assistant Postmaster-General W. Irving Glover was called from Washington on the eve of the convention but the alliance between the government and the society was made, let us say, by M. L. Eidsness, Jr., Superintendent of Stamps, Post Office Department and H. A. Mount, Philatelic Stamp Agent, Philatelic Bureau of the Post Office Department. Through the instrumentality of Mr. Eidsness, the government stamp exhibit that was awarded the first special prize at the recent London exhibition was on view at the conventions of the American Stamp Dealers' Association and the American Philatelic Society. Mr. Eidsness addressed both of the meetings and told of some of his experiences and of his reliance on the judgment of the members in relation to stamps. Mr. Mount and Mr. Eidsness attended the banquet, and incidentally they joined the American Philatelic Society.

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The issue of both the eight cent and the sixteen cent of the new airplane stamps was hurried in order that their appearance would loan itself to the convention. Mr. Mount brought the first sheets of the eight cent to the Stamp Bourse on the evening of August 15th, where they were eagerly bought, and these sales with those of the day following realized $1,500, according to Postmaster-General New. The Washington newspapers mentioned that these purchases by the members of the American Philatelic Society were "clear profit" as they "will be placed in albums to add to collections."

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The social programme of the convention was carried through without a hitch and the attentions of the Washington and Baltimore entertainers will long be stored in memory. The visit to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was a memorable one and the Director was obliging enough to order that the original dies of the one cent and the three cent stamp of the 1851 issue be shown in his room to a number of the delegates, where they were inspected with due veneration. We believe that Mr. Stanley Ashbrook made the request that was so generously acceded to and thanks are due to him as well as the Director. The picture taken at Mt. Vernon was a large one and the photographer did his work well while the trip to Annapolis with the visits to the United States Naval Academy and other historic spots impressed the delegates. The banquet at old Carvel Hall, Annapolis, was the culmination of a day that is unforgetable.

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Much of the business that was transacted at the convention related to improved methods in the internal workings of the society. A committee is to revamp the by-laws with the intention of codifying and indexing them so that a continuity in dealing with any subject will be observed. Resolutions whose application is not limited to a single year are to be published so long as they may be operative in the opinion of the board. The records of previous boards of vice-presidents are to be indexed and a system installed for the use of the present and succeeding boards of vice-presidents. The liability of the Branch Sales Managers to the Branches is covered by a new by-law, in order that the society be protected. No member against whom charges have been preferred is to be allowed to be dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues pending investigation of the case.

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The attendance was very large and the registration office accounted for well over 250 delegates and this number with their families and friends made a numerical showing that was gratifying. All sections of the country were represented and Mr. C. W. Best of Honolulu, Hawaii, was given long distance honors. A number of old members larger than usual was present, including Mr. E. B. Sterling of Trenton, New Jersey, wh catalogues, published in the '80's, est lish him as a pioneer in research w in the postage and revenue stamps of t country. Mr. W. C. Stone of Sprin field, Mass., whose motion to adjo *sine die* is one of the ceremonials of convention, did his duty on this occas as he has at so many conventions in past. There were seven of the n directors present and they had seve meetings during the convention.

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A motion was carried that a commit be appointed whose members would in the interests of junior collectors w special attention to young collectors relation to their activities as memb of societies composed mostly of coll tors not yet of age. The support of society was pledged to Mr. Mount the Philatelic Stamp Agency in recog tion of the desire of the post-office partment to meet the wishes of collecto The proposed international stamp hibition at Philadelphia in 1926, the y of the sesquicentennial, in connecti with the convention which doubtles will be held there then, was endor by resolution. A gold medal was fered for competition at the Vien stamp exhibition, which was attended Mr. Klein. A resolution was pass suggesting that members who rece unsolicited approval lots from abro send them to the International Secreta in order that he might return them to original senders with such admonit letters as may be deemed advisable.

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The reports of officers were submitt and passed upon. The message of president was a review of his admin trative year in its relation to stamps a general sense. The report of the boa of vice-presidents was one that reflect the large volume of business that w transacted. Eleven members were pelled and five applications returned. special report on the evils of substi tion in sales book may be made lat The sales superintendent was ordered mark all sales books in order that th use be prohibited, outside the sales partment. On the subject of publici it was said that in view of the opini expressed generally that the deale would profit most by a publicity ca paign, it is advisable that some deale organization take charge and that t American Philatelic Society contrib to such a fund. In order to preve settlements nullifying the case, after has been presented to the board, it w recommended that no charges may withdrawn after they have been certifi to the board, except with its conse Two commercial references, neither which shall be a bank, must now given by applicants. Applications for re statement must now be received subj to the approval of the board of vic presidents.

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August 13, 1923, the American p Dealers' Association held its con- on, which was opened by addresses Messrs. Mason and Johnson of ington. Mr. Eidsness, of the Divi- of Stamps, welcomed the delegates told of his interest in their trans- ns. C. E. Severn, president, told s year in an official sense and en- d upon the possibilities of the or- nation now that it was on a founda- oo solid to be shaken. The session the interest of all of the members a determination was registered to ve trade conditions. The chief ess was the adoption of the new ws which now afford a guide for overnment of the body. The of- nominated were elected almost ut opposition. Minors will not be ted to membership hereafter. ned claims from non-members will e received and it was voted that ed stamps be marked "Repaired." year of the association will be the lar year and the present officers erve for the remainder of this year. report of the secretary, W. F. er, was a remarkable one and cov- his work in all its branches; and e of thanks was given him. Ac- was taken whereby the association to have remedied the stipulation treasury department that United stamps owned in this country tiable when returned from abroad they have been sent. The financial ent of the treasurer showed that ssociation is well off and that it now take an aggressive stand on sons of philatelic commercial policy the advisability of doing so is ap- t. Much of the work of the con- n was of a confidential nature but safe prediction to say that within paratively few years, the Ameri- Stamp Dealers' Association will ttained an influence that will make arbiter of the stamp trade destinies s country.

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stamp conventions of the Society ilatelic Americans and of the pre- ced collectors were held during the week at Washington. The S. had a house-cleaning session and shed regulations for the conduct body which should have a good Action was taken to secure ible treatment for those who have issue with the society in the func- g of its departments in the past, e situation seems to be rather well d. The pre-cancel collectors were ne just what a pre-canceled stamp order that pretenders and dubious nts for that appellation may be sed from consideration.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The *Baltic Philatelist*, published in Libau, Latvia, pays quite a compliment to the WEEKLY by reproducing in miniature the title page of our anniversary number issued last January. It is accompanied by a complimentary mention of the WEEKLY and its activities in philatelic work. We are pleased to acknowledge this courtesy and any of our subscribers desiring a paper from mid-Europe will do well to send for a copy of the *Baltic Philatelist*.

—P. J. Drossos of Athens, Greece, sends us a specimen of the new 80 lepta Greece. It is in a fine shade of rich brown like the 50 lepta of the current issue. Mr. Drossos writes that pending final investigations by the judicial authorities of the revolutionary issues (which was bought up by the postal officials) these stamps have been recalled.

—Two new advertising cancellations have reached our desk. One is from Minneapolis, Minn.:—"Minnesota State Fair and N. W. Dairy Exposition, Sept. 1-8." The other is from Muskogee, Okla.:—"Oklahoma Free State Fair, Muskogee, Oct. 1-6, 1923."

—The West Coast Hobby House, Long Beach, Cal., has just issued Volume 1 Number 1 of the *Travelling Salesman*. The subscription price is given as 25c per year but a sample copy will no doubt be furnished free of charge. Nathan R. Stiles is the editor and the paper carries some little advertising in addition to the offerings of the Hobby House. We congratulate this firm upon its enterprise and trust all succeeding numbers will measure up to the standard of the initial number.

—J. Arthur Wainwright sends us a letter dealing with the enclosure of an addressed stamped envelope in letters calling for a reply. He affirms that a request upon a stamp dealer for information concerning a stamp wanted does not require this courtesy. We are not publishing Mr. Wainwright's letter in full, but will meet his contention by saying that it may well be taken for granted that a dealer failing to reply to such a communication is unable to give the matter favorable consideration.

—W. J. Zink, who has been a regular advertiser in the WEEKLY for a long time, has purchased the stock and goodwill of the Cleveland Stamp Co. and the Ohio Stamp Co. of Cleveland. We congratulate Mr Zink upon these evidences of continued prosperity.

—The article recently published in the WEEKLY on "Condition, Neatness, etc., in Stamp Collecting" has brought out some remonstrances in the direction of collecting damaged stamps. We have received a letter from Rev. A. Z. Myers, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa., who stoutly defends the damaged stamp as a solace to the boy collector. James F. Morton, Jr., writes us an article in defense of the "philatelic cripple" and this will be used in our columns.

—We are informed by Stanley Gibbons of London that the firm will shortly discontinue the *Monthly Circular* and will revive the old and well known *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*. We understand that L. W. Fulcher and Stanley Phillips will be joint editors. This publication always ably represented philately and we voice a strong and hearty welcome to the return of an old friend.

—The Yorkton Stamp Society of Yorkton, Sask., Can., will hold an exhibition and convention September 19-22.

—A copy of the New York *Sunday Mercury* for June 4, 1871, has been sent us by Charles H. Fowle. It contains a well written column article on stamp collecting under the heading "A New Mania." It occupies a front page position and is quite interesting. It features W. P. Brown, the well-known Nassau St. dealer, who up to a few months ago was a regular advertiser in the WEEKLY. Mr. Brown was then located upon John St.

—William Butler, 137 Gillard Av., Toronto, Can., would like information concerning Otto Haker of various addresses in Toronto.

—With reference to the review of "The Postage Stamps of Great Britain, 1840-1922 by S. A. R. Oliver and F. Hugh Vallancey" that appeared on page 361 of your paper, Mr. Ricketts has made a slight mistake in the price and I should be much obliged if you would correct it, as follows, all post free:—Ordinary edition, cloth bound, £1 1s. Subscribers' Edition half bound, £2 2s. Interleaved edition half bound, £3 3s. The ten sections have been reprinted in paper covers at 2s8d per section post free.—F. H. VALLANCEY.

—C. F. Busch, formerly secretary of the Kosmoplit Stamp Club of Rochester, N. Y., is now located at 26 Turner Ave., Schenectady. He would like to organize a stamp club in that city and will be glad to hear from local collectors.

—A new advertising cancellation comes from New York reading:—"Chemical Industries Exposition Sept. 17-22." Thanks to A. A. Wasserscheid.

—Our attention has been called to the fact that Victor Seitz of Fremont, Nebr., recently passed away. He was one of the oldest stamp collectors of the city, an ardent reader of the WEEKLY and an occasional correspondent. The name of Mr. Seitz will doubtless be familiar to many of our readers.

—The El Paso Stamp Club, El Paso, Tex., now has twenty-four members. J. D. Bartlett is president and A. P. Myers secretary and treasurer.

—We have been shown two new advertising cancellations by Frank A. Goldsmith:—"Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, August 18-25, 1923" from Sedalia, Mo. Also one from Memphis, Tenn.:—"Tri-State Fair, Memphis, Sept. 22-29."

—E. E. Goodchild sends us a new advertising cancellation from Montreal:—"Visit Postal Exhibit Toronto Exhibition, Aug. 25 to Sept. 8, 1923."

—Two score or more of our subscribers have sent us clippings dealing with the new Harding and air mail stamps. Will they kindly accept our thanks for the services rendered?

—The annual Sam-Sam of the United Shoe Machinery Company held at Beverly recently brought to the city J. J. Prendergast, an old friend of the WEEKLY, who favored the managing editor with a call at his office. The WEEKLY is indebted to him for a long line of courtesies extending over a period of many years.

—Frank A. Goldsmith has shown us a new advertising cancellation from Baton Rouge, La., reading:—"State Fair of Louisiana, Shreveport, Oct. 18-28, 1923."

—Carleton Fitchett, who does a daily poetic flight for the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*, glided into the philatelic atmosphere on August 17, in making mention of the new U. S. aeroplane stamp issue as follows:

"They soon will issue stamps for mail that's carried through the air. They'll not be fancy—they'll be plane, the postal heads declare. What sort of paper will they choose on which the stamps to print? Fly paper would be suitable—we hope they take our hint."—WALKER C. SMITH.

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Four cent claret. "A Cosy Nook," Humber Valley	6c net
Five cent royal blue. Rugged, rock-studded coast near Trinity	7c net
Six cent gray. Upper Steadies, Humber River	10c net
Eight cent purple. Quidi Vidi Village, a romantic fishing hamlet within a half-hour's walk of St. John's	12c net
Nine cent gray-green. "Caribou Crossing Lake." A photograph	14c net
Ten cent cinnamon brown. Humber River Canyon	15c net
Eleven cent olive. Shell Bird Island, Humber River	16c net
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With the commencement of the new air-mail service, all collectors will be interested in souvenirs in the form of the new 8c. 16c and 24c cancelled on their day of issue. These were issued in Washington without a great amount of advance notice and it is doubtful if many were sent out. While a few last I offer the three denominations used from Washington, as follows: 8c (August 15), 16c (August 17) and 24c (August 21) on small, neat covers clearly postmarked.

8c Aeroplane cover, 1st day 50c
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Items for sale or exchange should be priced—other items submitted merely out of the goodness of one's heart and a desire to help along a most difficult philatelic work need not be priced but will be equally welcome.

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Our first five-thousand line contract for the coming season has been received from W. J. Zink of Cleveland, O. Mr. Zink has just purchased the stock and good-will of the Cleveland Stamp Co., and will locate in the Caxton Building, Cleveland, O. We congratulate our dealer-friend upon these evidences of increased prosperity and feel sure that his investment in a five thousand line contract will be amply justified.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

NEW AEROPLANE STAMPS.

On August 15th, while the American Philatelic Society was in convention at Washington the new 8c aeroplane stamp was placed on sale. A description of the variety which is printed in olive green was given in my last Chronicle. All of those on sale the first day were from plate 14824, a four hundred subject plate. This time the first sheet was not only autographed by the Postmaster-General, Harry S. New, the Director of the Bureau, L. A. Hill and the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, W. Irving Glover, but also by the Second Assistant Postmaster-General, Paul Henderson, who has charge of the airmail flying.

The 16c in blue was issued on August 17th and was printed from plate 14828. The 24c it is expected will be placed on sale on August 21st, the die proof having been approved by Mr. New on August 15th. The Department has arranged with the Bureau to turn out exceptionally well printed stamps for the Philatelic Stamp Agency, the presses being padded in such a way that the impressions are finer. Those who were in attendance at the convention of the A. P. S. during the week of August 13th will appreciate that the Department is doing everything within their power to please the philatelist.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that the new 8c and 16c were engraved by Mr. H. P. Dawson and the 24c by Mr. John Eissler, both of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

NIGHT AIR MAIL SERVICE.

These stamps were gotten out for use on the night air mail service which will formally begin early in September. While good for regular postage the stamps pay the rate in the three zones of the air flights, the 8c covering from New York to Chicago, the 16c to Cheyenne and the 24c to San Francisco. There will be special airplane cancellations for these flights. Experimental flights will be made August 21st but the rate until the service is formally established will be 2c. No special cancellations will be used on these trial flights but the receiving offices have been instructed to back stamp the air mail so that the dates of sending and arrival will indicate the fact that the letter was via airplane.

The Department at first thought that they would reprint the old 16c and 24c for this purpose but the Third Assistant Postmaster-General desired to keep faith with the collector and refused to reissue a stamp that had been discontinued. More glory to our good friend at Washington.

AUSTRIA.—Mr. Fred S. Martin has shown us a block of nine of No. 1243 with the stamp in the centre having the "5" in the overprint missing.

CANADA.—Mr. Frank L. Belanger announces the appearance of a $1 value in the same design as the current set. The color is red-orange. Mr. Belanger also adds that after October 1st postage stamps can no longer be used as revenue stamps.

COSTA RICA.—On June 18th a set of five postage stamps was issued to commemorate the Centenary of President Jesus Jimenez. The values, colours and numbers issued are as follows:—2 centimos, brown, 150,000; 4 centimos, green, 50,000; 5 centimos, blue, 300,000; 20 centimos, red, 50,000; 1 colon, purple, 25,000. These stamps will be available for postage until December 31, 1923, when they will be withdrawn.—*King's Philatelic Bulletin.*

GUATEMALA.—Mr. Alex A. Cohen writes as follows:—

I have just found the following varieties in the new 12½ and 25c issues of Guatemala of 1923:—

12½c green (Palacio de Centenario), Horizontal pair, imperforate between. Only ten of these, being an entire horizontal row in sheet of 100, have so far been found.

25c brown, Top row of stamps (ten) in sheet of 100, imperforate at top, has white margin of about 15mm at top of stamp. Twenty of these have been found.

ITALY.—Mr. Fred S. Martin advises that he has the No. 425 with the surcharge "12 centesimi" instead of "11 centesimi." Mr. Martin adds that these were found in a lot of 100 sets all being in blocks of six, "12" instead of "11" being mixed among them.

MEXICO.—We have just received from the Southwestern Stamp Co. a copy of the 10c stamp showing the Statue of Guauhtemoc in the centre. The shade is claret. Our correspondent also adds that they have the 20c dark blue and 50c grey in the same series.

NAURU.—We have received information that the new stamps which have been printed in Melbourne were expected to be delivered at Nauru in July. The values are as follows:—½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 9d, 1s, 2s6d, 5s and 10s. —*King's Philatelic Bulletin.*

NORWAY.—A reader states that a German Aircraft Company recently proposed to the Norwegian Government that an aeroplane route should be established between Christiania, Göteborg and Hamburg. The Company proposed to supply 50,000 Air stamps, nominally Norwegian and subject to the control of the Norwegian postal authorities, free of charge. In return for their kindness, the German Company would be satisfied with four-fifths of the stamps. The offer was declined with thanks, but it is evident that there are still kind-hearted people who wish to ensure that the poor collector shall not see his hobby die out for lack of new issues to keep it going. —*Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

PORTUGAL.—It is obvious from an article in the *Portugal Filatelico,* and from information received from those on the spot best competent to judge, that the recent issue of Air Commemoratives was engineered with purely speculative intent, though the Government authorities do not appear to have been the moving spirits. As far as one can judge, the attempt has resulted in failure, thanks to the prompt publicity given to it by collectors in Portugal, and we trust the promoters have been involved in heavy loss. It is expected that a Government enquiry into the scandal will be instituted, as there is no intention of allowing the matter to drop until it has been thoroughly sifted.—*Gibb*
Monthly Circular.

SARAWAK.—In 1918 a supply of
cent stamps was sent out in which
value tablet was printed in blue-gr
in error instead of in carmine. A co
spondent of *L'Echo de la Timbrol*
states that these stamps were immedia
placed on sale and quickly bought
by a local speculator. This statem
however, is incorrect, as the Sara
Government Secretary informs us
the stamps in question were never iss
and *do not bear franking powers.* T
have recently been purchased by a dea
who has been negotiating for them s
1918, on the understanding that if
they are to be described as uniss
stamps.—*King's Philatelic Bulletin.*

HOBBY HOUSE CONTEST WINNER

Eighty-six earnest stamp collect
one each from Hawaii, England
Japan, competed in the "What's i
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WEEKLY STAMP NEWS several mon
ago, and, as a result, the proprietor
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forth to learn—how many differ
words and abbreviations found on
postage stamps of the world could
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rectly listed words counted five poi
each, and errors deducted ten poi
each from the contestants' scores.
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ing Salesmen" of the Hobby Hou
Here are the winners and their scor
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610 North Sherman Ave., Liberal, K
sas, who found 282 words, made no
rors and scored 1410 points. Seco
Prize, $7.00; G. O. Restall, St. Geor
Road, Redditch, England, 263 words
errors, 1325 points. Third Prize, $5.
Helen Tunnell, 1144 Maple Ave., Ev
ston, Ill., 172 words, no errors,
points. 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Pri
$2.00 each; Charles F. Schell, 48 A
St., Braintree 84, Mass., 113 words,
errors, 565 points. R. A. Wagner, A
Loma, Calif., 103 words, 3 errors,
points. Theodore Horton, Jr., 206 La
caster St., Albany, N. Y., 107 wor
11 errors, 425 points, and Edwin M
Reynolds, 1641 Cook St., Denver, Col
83 words, 1 error, 405 points. Spec
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ever, the circular is in an ex- state of preservation, the written being in the careful script of that h "F's" serving as "S's" where occurred.

calling the attention of the care- rris P. M. to the fact that the letters "from any part of the States except Oregon and Cali- to Great Britain "by steam contracts via New York and ' was 48 cents for letters weigh- than an ounce and more than a ice, Acting Auditor G. J. Ball's continues:

are reminded of these rates of for the reason that a paid let- Great Britain postmarked at your s stamped 24 cents or one rate, of 48 cents, or two rates.

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me to ask that you will give ct of foreign postage such at- s to prevent the occurrence at ce of mistakes, of this, or any kd, hereafter."

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(Ill.) *Herald.*

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OUR RENEWAL HONOR CLUB.

Hon. Pres., Charles R. Morse, Knoxville, Tenn.
Pres., I. Donald A. Cook, Simcoe, Ont.
Vice Pres., L. A. K. Solosth, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Sec., J. Wm. Cook, Huntington Beach, Cal.

During the past five weeks the Managing Editor has been upon a pleasure trip in the far west, the particulars of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. During his absence the Honor Club has taken things into its own hands. Many five-year renewals have been received, as have been noted in recent issues. The time is now ripe to indicate the officers of this very active organization.

The honorary presidency of the Club falls to Charles R. Morse of Knoxville, Tenn. He writes us as follows:—"Enter my renewal for eight years lacking one issue, which will put my number forward from 2085 to 2500 even. Now note this, it means that I am subscribed ahead for the time of somewhere around sixteen years or so. That ought to be the record. If I happen to drop off during that period I want you to change the subscription to the Knoxville City Library, and you are then to notify the library of my slight bequest." Of course we are very pleased to make note of this disposition of Mr. Morse's subscription, but we sincerely trust that he will more than live out the years in question.

By virtue of a ten years' renewal of subscription carrying with it a remittance of $15., I. Donald A. Cook, A. P. S. 6764, Simcoe, Ont., Can., becomes President of the organization. Mr. Cook goes us one better than our advertising has thus far indicated by wishing to know the particulars of a life membership fee. This point has not yet been determined.

L. A. K. Solosth of Grand Rapids, Mich., vice-president, renews for ten years also. He writes:—"I do not wish to miss a single number. As soon as I receive one I commence counting the days until the next comes." Mr. Solosth is a philatelist of long standing and we are glad to award him the honor of the vice presidency of the Honor Club.

To J. William Cook we are indebted for a renewal of seven years. Mr. Cook is chairman of the Recruiting Committee of the Junior American Philatelic Society and resides at Huntington Beach, Cal. He becomes the secretary of the Honor Club.

You will doubtless agree with the Managing Editor that our subscribers took advantage of his absence to show what they could do in pushing the Club. If the absence of a treasurer of the Club be noted it may be taken for granted that the Managing Editor will see that all funds are properly cared for.

As we go to press Edward Wintermute of Brooklyn, N. Y., joins our Honor Club with a five years' renewal of his subscription. He writes:—"I have been a subscriber to your valuable paper ever since it was started and have always found it interesting. I look for it every week as regularly as pay-day. Now I want to make sure of it for five years more." This is such a substantial endorsement of the WEEKLY as to cheer the heart of the Managing Editor.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a clipping in which the collecting activities of Rev. Max J. Philipp of Columbus, O., are outlined. Father Philipp has a high regard for the WEEKLY as is evidenced by the fact that he has just renewed his subscription for five years and becomes a member of our Honor Club. He declares in his letter that we are entitled to some five-year renewals "for all the real enjoyment, valuable education and up-to-date information that young and old philatelists can derive from its pages." Hearty thanks for the words of cheer.

Two additional members of the Honor Club were received August 23, G. Russell Hovey, Worcester, Mass., and Wm. A. Johnson, Washington, D. C. Both of these subscribers make their remittance of $5 for a five-years' renewal in a very matter-of-fact manner, just as though it was not an unusual thing for them to make five-year renewals. We thank both of these subscribers for their entrance into the charmed circle.

COLLECTORS BUY $1,500 OF NEW PLANE STAMP.

Members of the American Philatelic Society, which closed its convention here Thursday, purchased $1,500 worth of the new 8-cent airplane stamp placed on sale that day, Postmaster-General New announced yesterday.

The $1,500 is clear profit to the post-office, since the stamps, it is said, will never be used, but will be placed in albums to add to collections.—*Washington Paper.*

RELIEF OF THE PRESIDENT.

One thing presidents of the United States have had to learn, in order to avoid being crippled, was to master the handshake. Everyone meeting the President, and often thousands lined up for the purpose, felt it his prerogative to grasp the executive's right hand and give it a cordial and loyalty-implying squeeze. Mastering the handshake consisted in the President's doing the gripping in fashion to prevent not only the squeeezing but the pump-handling that goes with it unless forestalled. Yet this controlled contact was decidedly wearing. For long it has been a common conviction that the practice of shaking the President's hand should be abolished. But it is hard to break established customs and no president was willing to risk being misunderstood by refusing to "shake."

The American Philatelic Society has come to the rescue of President Coolidge, and set an example which we hope will receive the stamp of public approval to the point of being generally emulated. This society had an engagement to call on the President, its members to shake his hand, of course, as they filed past him. But, reflecting on the fate that overtook President Harding, the undermining of his health unquestionably having been contributed to by sacrifices of comfort and strength in meeting the public, the philatelists voted to cancel the arrangement.

Doing away with public handshaking by the President, the executive will have more time and strength for the discharge of his public duties. He is the last man in the country to be imposed upon, unless we want to break his health.—Pittsburg *Gazette-Times.*

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3—No subscription can be accepted for special issues, nor for specified colonies to the exclusion of others, except that Indian Native States and Canada are not distributed at any time. Collectors whose wants are limited to a few countries should subscribe to my Special Lists, where all new issues, both British Colonial and other foreign, are quoted as received.

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69	12c, fine	1.75	1.50
78	24c, fine	2.00	1.50
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112	1c, fine	1.50	1.00
115	6c, nice copy	2.75	2.25
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No.		Cat. price.	Net
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No.		Cat. price.	Net
21	10r black, fine	1.00	.65
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No.		Cat. price.	Net
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No.		Cat. price.	Net
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No.		Cat. price.	Net
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No.		Cat. price.	Net
4b	3p red, fine, except small nick off corner	3.50	1.50
31	1c yellow, a beauty	2.00	1.60
23	2c, nice copy	1.00	.60
25	6c, nice copy	1.25	.80
26	12½c blue, nice copy	.85	.65
39	15c grey	1.25	.70
36	10c rose lilac, fine	1.25	1.00
37	5c olive green, nice copy	3.00	2.00
45	10c brown red	1.00	.65
* 58	15c, o. g., fine	1.25	.75

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

No.		Cat. price.	Net
4	4p blue, a beauty	3.00	2.75
32	3p claret, fine	.85	.65
18a	6p, nice copy	1.50	1.00

CEYLON

No.		Cat. price.	Net
46a	1p, fine	1.00	.75
61	1p blue	1.00	.65
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CEYLON—Continued

No.		Cat. price.	Net
68	24c green, fine	.60	.50
71	48c rose, fine	1.00	.65
115	5c on 8c, fine	1.00	.65
120	15c on 16c	1.25	.75
124	28 on 32, fine	.75	.50
126	56 on 96, fine	1.75	1.25

CHINA

No.		Cat. price.	Net
2	3c red, fine	.75	.50
3	5c yellow, fine	1.00	.65
6	5c bistre, fine	.75	.50

CURACAO

No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 3	3c bistre, nice copy	3.00	2.00
4	10c ultra., nice copy	.40	.25
5	25c brown orange	.35	.20

CYPRUS

No.		Cat. price.	Net
13	2pi ultra., fine	1.50	1.00

DENMARK

No.		Cat. price.	Net
11	2s blue, nice copy	.75	.50
14	8s bistre, fair copy	2.00	1.25
15	16s olive green, nice copy	2.00	1.35

FALKLAND ISLANDS

No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 5	1p claret, o. g., fine	3.00	2.00
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* 10	1p o. g., fine	1.25	1.00
* 16	2½p o. g., fine	.60	.40
* 17	6p o. g., fine	1.00	.65

FERNANDO PO

No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 2	5c green, fine	2.50	1.65

FINLAND

No.		Cat. price.	Net
5	10k rose, fine	1.00	.65
6	5p purple brown, fine	2.50	1.65
* 7	8p green	3.00	2.00
19a	8p blue green, fine	3.00	2.00
20	10p brown, fine	.35	.25

FRANCE

No.		Cat. price.	Net
3	20c black, fine	.50	.40
19	80c lake, fine	.50	.30
20	80c rose, fine	.50	.30
30	4c grey, nice copy	.60	.35
* 64	1c green, fine	.35	.25
67	5c green, nice copy	.35	.20
*302	10c black, o. g.	.30	.20
310	60c blue, fine	1.00	.65
326	1fr brown, nice copy	.40	.25

ANNAM AND TONKIN

No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 1	1 on 2, fine	1.00	.65
2	1 on 4, nice copy	.75	.50
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No.		Cat. price.	Net
	One complete set unused, o. g., Nos. 38 to 50, inc.	7.64	4.50

GERMANY

No.		Cat. price.	Net
6	5gr bistre, nice copy	.75	.50
7	1kr green, nice copy	.50	.30
* 26	18kr bistre	.30	.20

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No.		Cat. price.	Net
17	3pf brown, fine	12.00	7.25
18	5pf green, fine	6.00	3.50
19	10pf carmine, fine	12.00	6.50
	Same, fine hor. pair	24.00	14.50

ALSACE AND LORRAINE

No.		Cat. price.	Net
*401	1c olive green, fine	2.00	1.35
*402	2c red brown, fine	4.00	2.65
405	10c yel. brown, fine	.50	.35
*406	20c ultr	1.25	.65

GREAT BRITAIN

No.		Cat. price.	Net
56	5sh rose, fair copy	4.00	1.50
81	2p lilac rose, fine	.75	.50
100	2p lilac	.50	.30
104	5p green, fine	.50	.40
105	6p green, nice copy	.50	.30
107	1sh green, fine	1.00	.75

HAWAII

No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 29	2c red, fine	4.00	2.65
* 31a	2c vermillion	.75	.40
32	5c blue, fine	1.00	.35
34	18c, without gum	.50	.35
* 45	10c o. g., fine	1.00	.65
46	12c red lilac, o. g., fine	2.00	1.45
* 58	5c o. g., fine	.40	.30
* 68	10c o. g., fine	.40	.30
79	25c blue, fine	.75	.60
102	5c brown, fine	1.25	.75
104	10c rose, fine	1.25	.75

HONG KONG

No.		Cat. price.	Net
1	2c brown, nice copy	2.00	1.35

IONIAN ISLANDS

No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 1	½p orange, fair	4.00	1.60
* 2	1p blue, nice copy	2.50	1.65
* 3	2p lake, nice copy	2.00	1.35

JAMAICA

No.		Cat. price.	Net
8	2p rose	15.00	10.00
9	3p green	1.50	.75
10	4p brown orange, fine	1.00	.65
11	6p lilac, fine	1.00	.65

LUBECK

No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 3	2s brown, fine	.75	.50
* 4	2½s rose, fine	2.50	1.65
* 5	4s green, fine	.75	.50
* 6	½s lilac, small tear	1.00	.40
* 7	1s yel. orange, fine	3.00	2.00

LUXEMBURG

No.		Cat. price.	Net
17	1c red brown, fine	.80	.60
30	2c black, fine	100	.65

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No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 39	1p rose, fine	2.50	2.00

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No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 18	10r yel., o. g., fine	1.50	1.00

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No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 2	⅓ s. g. green, fine	5.00	4.00
* 5	2 s. g. ultra.	1.25	.75
* 6	3 s. g. bistre, fine	.85	.65

MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN

No.		Cat. price.	Net
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No.		Cat. price.	Net
70	2r lilac., used on original cover, fine	5.00	3.00

MONTSERRAT

No.		Cat. price.	Net
1	1p red, a beauty	1.00	.75

NATAL

No.		Cat. price.	Net
11	3p blue, fine	1.50	1.00
15a	1p rose red, fine	2.00	1.35
63c	1p on 6p, nice copy of this rare stamp	17.50	10.00

NETHERLANDS

No.		Cat. price.	Net
1	5c blue, a beauty	2.00	1.35
2	10c lake, fine	.75	.60
4	5c blue, fine	1.00	.65
11	25c dark violet, fine	2.00	1.35
32	2gld 50c rose & ultra.	2.50	1.65

NEVIS

No.		Cat. price.	Net
30	4p grey, fine	1.00	.75

NEW BRUNSWICK

No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 6	1c red lilac, fine	.60	.45
* 8	10c vermilion, o. g., fine	.65	.50
* 9	12½c blue, fine	.85	.75
* 10	17c black, fine	1.00	.75

NEWFOUNDLAND

No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 27a	12c, o. g., fine	10.00	6.00
* 29	24c blue, o. g., fine	.85	.75
* 34	6c dull rose, fine	.40	.30
26	10c black, fine	3.50	2.65
36	2c green, fine	3.00	2.00
37	3c blue, fine	1.00	.65
38	5c blue, fine	.80	.70
39	1c violet brown	.50	.35

NEW REPUBLIC

No.		Cat. price.	Net
* 5	6p violet	4.00	2.25

NEW ZEALAND

No.		Cat. price.	Net
25	3p lilac, fine	1.75	1.15

NORWAY

No.		Cat. price.	Net
1	4s blue, nice copy	3.00	2.50
2	2s yellow, fine	2.50	1.65
3	3s lilac, fair	1.00	.60
5	8s dull lake, fair	.75	.50
9	8s rose, fine	1.00	.75
12	2s orange	.35	.25
15	8s carmine rose, fine	.75	.60
19	4s lilac	.30	.20
21	7s red brown	.60	.40
26	12ö light green, fine	.30	.25

NOVA SCOTIA

No.		Cat. price.	Net
8	1c black, fair	1.25	.75
10	5c blue, fine on nice original cover	..	1.00

PARMA

No.		Cat. pri
* 1	5c yellow	2.00
* 2	10c white	2.00

POLAND

No.		Cat. pri
1	10c blue & rose, fine	10.00

PORTO RICO

No.		Cat. pri
1	25c grey, fine	.15
2	50c brown, fine	1.00
4	25c ultra.	.20
8	25c blue grey, fine	.25
21	50c ultra.	.50
27	50c dark green, fine	.50
52	8c brown, fine	.30

PRINCE EDWARD ISLA

No.		Cat. pri
* 5	2p rose, fine	.30
* 6	3p blue, fine	.30
* 11	1c brown orange, fine	.35
* 12	2c ultra., fine	.40
* 13	3c rose	2.00
* 14	4c green, fine	.50
* 15	6c black	.30
* 16	12c violet	.30

PRUSSIA

No.		Cat. pri
* 1	4pf yellow green	5.00
	Same, used fine copy	4.00
2	6pf vermilion, fine	1.50
* 2a	6pf orange	2.50
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Canada.—Following the plan now in use in the U. S. A., says Mr. Eric L. Burgess, meters are to be rented for the printing of metered mail. By this means the stamping of correspondence in large offices is done away with, the machine itself impressing a device in place of the usual adhesive, at the same time registering the number of impressions made, so that the user can be charged with the face value plus a small percentage, when the machine is examined periodically. The sample of the meter-mark shown us by our informant bears the value in words and figures on a transverse label, with the words "CANADA LICENSE" above, and "METER POSTAGE" below, in a neat framework. Values up to 10c are expected to be available.

China (British P. O.'s).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. show us the 1c old watermark, showing the crown broken at right, as known in the Hong Kong stamp. More interesting still is a block from the same position on a sheet with Script wmk., in which there are clear signs of the damage having been repaired.

Fiji.—Mr. John N. Luff points out that in our recent article on the Local Postage Dues, we were wrong in stating that the combination sheet was printed in vertical rows. Obviously one horizontal row, including the various values, must have been repeated, or the saving of labour aimed at by repeating the row would not have been secured.

Hong Kong.—Messrs. Graca & Co. send us a vertical strip of three from the right bottom corner of the left bottom pane of the 2c Script, the top stamp of which has a white dot in the King's eye. They state that this small variety is constant.

Jamaica.—Mr. L. Whiteley states that, in giving us the information regarding the current 2½d with colour of the central portion showing through on the back of the stamps, as mentioned in the April *M. C.*, he omitted to point out that this was due to the centre being printed in an aniline colour. He now shows us the 1s with the same peculiarity. The Legislative Council has recommended that the charge for inland postage shall be reduced to one penny. Will our P. M. G. (if he is still in office) please note!

We regret to note from the latest *Crown Agents' Bulletin* that the ½d, 1½d and 2½d, Child Welfare stamps already referred to in these columns, are to be issued in November and will be on sale for three months. The designs will depict native children, and the stamps will be line-engraved.

The current 5s on Script is now in preparation.

Malta.—In reply to a question in the Senate the Minister for Industry and Commerce said that he would not fail to give consideration to a proposal to issue postage stamps bearing the portraits of such Maltese patriots as Dr. Fortunato Mizzi and Sir Philip Sceberras. A question on an earlier day in the Assembly as to the intention of the Government to issue stamps portraying Lord Plumer, Colonel Amery, and Monsignor Canon Ignazio Panzavecchia, was apparently "writ sarcastic." We sincerely hope the Minister concerned will give all proposals for new stamps his very best consideration—and then turn them down with a dull thud.

Malta has had enough rope in this direction lately. The journals containing this information all come from our kind Malta correspondent, Mr. J. F. Darmanin. A Krag Stamping Machine has been purchased in order that correspondence may be postmarked with the addition of cancellations advertising the island. A circular "British Empire Exhibition, 1924" cancellation, with a lion in the centre, is at present in use.

Mesopotamia—Iraq.—The new stamps are the work of Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., and sheets of all values bear their imprint, with the exception of the 3a, Arch of Ctesiphon. Mr. R. Roberts draws our attention to this.

Palestine—Trans-Jordania.—In view of its present independent status this district will apparently have to become a "main-heading" in the next catalogue. Meanwhile there is a new issue to chronicle every month. To commemorate the grant of self-government, certain sets of Palestine stamps have been overprinted with a three-line Arabic inscription, and Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. state that 240 sets were thus treated, 216 of which were distributed among Government officials. This does not quite agree with other information available. One reader states that the issue was for one day only, and that there is a scarcity of them on the spot. He understands that the whole of the remainder, including sheets with double impression, misplaced surcharge, etc., has been purchased by a dealer in Jerusalem who is sitting on them, but this latter piece of information may possibly apply to the earlier provisionals, and not to the independence issue. Another correspondent states that he has received a set purchased at the G. P. O., Amman, on June 24th, the description of which agrees with that of the set described by Messrs. Whitfield King. Of course, there may be two Independence sets, and we shall be glad to have further information and to receive specimens for inspection, before we attempt to list them.

The O.P.D.A. and H.J.Z. Revenues are to be replaced by permanent Revenue stamps.

Sarawak.—Mr. Ho Hong Soon writes that there is an interesting variety in the 10c blue, in the current portrait type, all the stamps in the sixth vertical row having the word "POSTAGE" at right and the line below it double. The specimen before us shows clear traces of this, and the variety is, of course, also found in the 1c on 10c Provisional recently chronicled. In the "TWO CENTS" provisional listed last month, there were two different types of "w" in "TWO," the first type used for the first to eighth rows and the second for those of the ninth and tenth rows.

Straits Settlements—Trengganu.—Mr. C. D. Twynham informs us that there is no immediate intention of issuing 6c, 12c and 35c stamps, though these are now the rates most frequently required.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Belgium.—The handsome new stamp issued in aid of disabled soldiers has, says Mr. P. Massez, been printed to the extent of one million copies.

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* 3 Luxemburg, Charity stamps of 1921 surch. "27 mai 1923" .... .17
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* 3 Lithuania, new issue, 20, 50, 60 Centu .26
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*14 Fiume 1923, defin. issue, 5c-5 Lire & Express 60c, 2 Lire 1.10
*17 Bavaria 1920, 5pf-20 marks without surcharge (Scott Nos. 238-254, $2.67) .... .40
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Costa Rica.—Señor G. Noriega kindly informs us that two new sets will shortly appear, one to commemorate the centenary of the birth of ex-President Dr. Jesus Jimenez, whose portrait has figured on several stamps of the 1901, 1907 and 1910 series, while the other will be a definite issue to replace the series of 1910. The former will include stamps of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 20 cent, and 1 colon, while the latter consists of the same values with the addition of 3, 10, 12 and 40c stamps.

Greece.—The set of 56 provisionals issued to commemorate the Revolution is rather a heavy philatelic dose to swallow, but many of the stamps have been overprinted in small quantities and are not likely to trouble the ordinary collector. Mr. P. J. Drossos states that the 56 varieties listed by us are the only ones officially authorized and issued. Many other stamps of Crete were overprinted, but they were ordered to be destroyed, so that if any of them come on the market they can only be the result of leakage and cannot be regarded as issued varieties. Applicants at the Post Offices only received five or ten stamps of each kind that happened to be available, while 500 complete sets were sold to collectors and dealers. An official list of the quantities overprinted is expected shortly.

Holland.—From a report of a case in the Dutch courts, regarding an alleged overcharge for the imperf. stamps issued recently, sent us by Mr. Gordon Wimberley, we learn that these varieties were issued as a result of a strike at the works of Messrs. Enschedé, the Government printers. Giving evidence, the adviser to the Postmaster-General stated that 15,000 of each of the two values were issued, and all post-offices were circularized informing them of the reason for the issue. Another witness, President of the Dutch Bond of Philatelists, estimated their philatelic value at one florin each.

Japan.—A reader informs us that the inscriptions on the recently issued commemoratives read (upper label) "Crown Prince's visit to Taiwan" (lower corners), "Commemorative" (lower label) "Japanese Post" and the value.

COLONIAL CHANGES TO COME.

The following forthcoming changes in Colonial stamps are announced in the latest number of the *Crown Agents' Bulletin*. *Antigua*—1d to "blue-purple," 2½d to orange. *Br. Solomon Is.*—2d grey, 3d blue, both Script. *Brunei.*—2c brown, 3c green, 4c claret, 5c orange, 6c black, 12c blue, all Script. *Cayman Is.*—3d purple on yellow, Script; 4½d, sage green, ditto. *Ceylon.*—5r, black on emerald, old wmk. *Falkland Is.*—2d purple, 2½d yellow, 3s green, all Script. *Grenada.*—5s Script. *Hong Kong.*—New Postage Due type (letter on scales), 1c brown, 2c green, 4c red, 6c orange, 10c blue, all Script. *Straits.*—Postage Due. Type as British Honduras: 1c violet, 2c black, 8c red, 10c orange, 12c blue, all Script. *Kelantan.*—$1, green and brown, Script. *Virgin Is.*—2½d orange, 5s green and red on *yellow*, both Script.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

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J. E. GUEST VISITS BEVERLY.

The Beverly office of the WEEKLY was favored on August 22 with a visit from J. Eustace Guest of Dallas, Tex., Sales Superintendent of the American Philatelic Society. Mr. Guest attended the convention at Washington and extended his trip north, including a visit to his brother who is located in Beverly, where he is pastor of the M. E. Church. Mr. Guest was warm in his praise of the success of the Washington convention.

HARDING MEMORIAL STAMP.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The Harding memorial stamp will go on public sale on Sept. 1, 300,000,000 of the stamps having been ordered from the Bureau of Engraving by Postmaster-General New. After Sept. 1 requisitions from postmasters for two-cent stamps will be filled up to Dec. 8 with black and white memorial stamps.

The first sheet of the new stamps to be run off the press will be presented to Mrs. Harding, with a special mounted die proof prepared from the master die. The first stamps produced after what is expected to be a record-breaking run by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will be put on sale at Marion. Stamps will also be on sale to collectors at the Philatelic agency of the Post-office Department.

The issuance of a Presidential memorial 2-cent stamp is a precedent. Hitherto only one dead President has been immediately memorialized with a special seal. Soon after the death of President Lincoln a 15-cent mourning stamp was issued in his honor. Even the regulations of the Postal Union have been waived to print the Harding stamp. One of the agreements of the union is that the first letter rate of postage in all signatory countries shall be printed in red. Postmaster-General New recently cabled the headquarters of the union at Berne, Switzerland, advising of the temporary change of color.

The Harding stamp will be of the same size and shape as the regular two-cent stamp, with a profile portrait of the President within an oval, over which appear the words "United States postage." The portrait used is a reproduction of a copper-plate etching made of the President a few weeks before he started on the Alaskan tour. It was his favorite engraving. In the upper left-hand corner will appear the date 1865 and in the upper right-hand corner the date 1923. A deep black line will edge the stamp.

The stamp engraving will be one of the best produced in the United States, according to those who have seen the artist's proof. Its distinctiveness will obviate confusion with the black stamp in the current denominations, the seven-cent McKinley stamp.

Sales of the new 8-cent airplane stamp during the first day of the issue amounted to $1,500, Postmaster-General New announced today. Members of the American Philatelic Society, who are in convention here, purchased the entire amount. None of these stamps will be used in the transportation of mail, but will be placed in collectors' books or sold to other collectors. The sale more than doubles the entire cost of engraving and producing the new stamp.—*N. Y. Times.*

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

XIX. *Unfair Discrimination.*

Coincident with the issue of the new series of stamps in the Presidency, collectors and dealers who had been in the habit of remitting direct to the local Post-offices for supplies, were informed by the Postmaster that in future they should send their orders to a local stamp vendor.

A letter of complaint addressed to the Administrator questioning the validity of such action brought forth the statement that the ruling was one which had the approval not only of the Presidency administration, but also the Governor of the Colony, and the Colonial Office.

> "Administrator's Office,
> ST. KITTS, WEST INDIES,
> 20th October, 1920.
>
> Sir:—
>
> I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6th. October, and to inform you that the action taken by the Postmaster of this Presidency is that directed by the Governor of the Leeward Islands and the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
>
> I have the honor to be,
> Sir,
> Your obedient servant
> J. A. BURDON,
> *Administrator.*"

The first notice sent out by the Postmaster made no mention of the ruling having the approval of the Colonial Office, but subsequently, the notice was revised, and took the following form:—

> "IMPORTANT.
>
> It has been ruled by the Secretary of State for the Colonies that orders for stamps accompanied by remittances are no longer to be sent to the Postmaster of St. Kitts, or the Postmistress of Nevis. These should be sent to a local stamp vendor. Names of vendors are sent herewith.
>
> GEORGE H. KING,
> *Postmaster,* St. Kitts,
> 27th September, 1920."
>
> *Names of vendors recommended:*
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> Miss L. Todd, Basseterre.

The function of the Post-office is to transact postal business, and the sale of postage stamps to the local individual who passes his 6d over the counter, or to the collector abroad who remits 5s, 10s, or £1, is a part of that business. No line can be drawn. As a matter of fact, there is a clear profit on stamps sold to collectors and dealers abroad, as few of these are ever called upon to do postal duty.

While it is true that postage stamps are not issued to accommodate stamp collectors, the Post-office should endeavor to meet its expenses, and contribute to the general revenue, and in many of the smaller Colonies, the sale of postage stamps alone determine whether there is to be a surplus or deficit on the year's operations.

Colonial Postmasters can refuse to render courtesies to applicants through the post, beyond the supplying of stamps ordered in specific quantities and denominations, but the majority realize that much of the Post-office revenue comes from stamps sold to collectors and dealers, and extend a treatment, leaving little further to be desired.

One case in point is Barbados, where the Post-office serves a population of over 200,000. In the report of the Colonial Postmaster (H. W. Collymore), for 1918, there is a paragraph of considerable interest to collectors, and which incidentally, should serve as an object lesson to others.

"Paragraph 22.—The value of postage stamps sent abroad to collectors during the year was more than £1500. This represents a clear profit to the Government, as few, if any of these stamps are ever used for postal purposes. The putting up of such stamps to go abroad takes up a great deal of the time of two responsible clerks, as the stamps have to be carefully packed, any tear or crease would make a specimen unfit for a collection."

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A ruling of this sort enables stamp vendors to secure stamps in quantities, and while local folk have more right, perhaps, to speculate in their own stamp issues, than collectors abroad, the placing of the foreign stamp business in their hands, such as sanctioned by this ruling, creates a position where they may take an unfair advantage of their position. They are permitted to secure their supplies from the Post-office, while remitters from abroad are debarred.

In the Leewards the discount to stamp vendors was 5% (lowered to 2½% in 1922), and no commission was charged by the vendors of St. Kitts for filling orders from abroad.

As the result of the many letters of complaint addressed to the Colonial Office in London, the former practice of supplying stamps was resumed, before the end of the year.

"Downing Street,
29th November, 1920.

Sir,—

I am directed by Viscount Milner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th November, regarding the sale of postage stamps in the Leeward Islands, and to inform you in reply that the Colonial Government has recently been asked to adopt the standing arrangements in other Colonies, which provide that an application from a collector or dealer in stamps for postage stamps in current use, accompanied by a remittance in full, should be complied with by the local Postmaster, if he is able to do so, as with any other applications for stamps on the part of the public.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
G. GRINDLE."

From local sources it was learned that the ruling had been made with the idea of relieving those in charge of the local Post-offices of the extra work required in filling stamp orders. This work requires careful attention, and due to the under-staffed condition of the Post-offices, has to be performed in many cases after office hours.

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We are indebted to John W. Haarer of Lansing, Mich., for a five-year renewal of his subscription to the WEEKLY. Mr. Haarer is an old friend of our publication and fearful that he may receive a notice of arrearages while making his "annual trip into British Columbia" he takes time by the forelock with the renewal indicated and thus becomes a member of our Honor Club.

Our mail of August 25 brought us two five-year renewals, one from H. C. Flierl of Buffalo, N. Y., and the other from Henry Jonas, Goshen, N. Y. Mr. Flierl uses one of our renewal slips and makes the remittance in a very matter-of-fact manner. Mr. Jonas called at our Portland office where he informed Mr. Jewett that he had been a constant subscriber for years and was a subscriber to the *Weekly Philatelic Era* in its palmy days. We welcome these new members to our Honor Club.

On August 27, two more five-year renewals were received, one from E. Dixon Ward, Pierre, S. D., and the other from Fred Krueger, Fargo, N. D. We thank the two Dakotas for these evidences of appreciation. Mr. Ward would part with $10 rather than lose the WEEKLY for a year. Mr. Krueger has four years yet due him on his current subscription, so he is now a paid-up subscriber for nine years. It is an endorsement of the WEEKLY that carries with it something emphatic.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF HAYTI.

(Continued from page 433)

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

The next move of philatelic interest was the establishment in 1866 of a British post-office at Jacmel—the most important town in the republic after the capital itself. The British stamps used here may be at once distinguished by the postmark. This consists of a transverse oval obliterator containing "C 59," with three heavy bars of unequal length above and below, and two thinner bars at each side. The following list of the known varieties with this particular cancellation is taken from Gibbons catalogue though we have arranged the various stamps in the order in which they are listed by Scott, viz.:—

1858, 2d deep blue (Scott's No. 31), Plate 9.
1864, 1d rose red (Scott's No. 33), Plates 87, 95, 122, 136, 137, 139, 150, 152, 157, 159, 160, 166, 171, 181, 186, 187, 192, 200.
1862, 4d vermilion with hair lines (Scott's No. 34a).
1865, 4d vermilion (Scott's No. 43), Plates 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.
1865, 1s green (Scott's No. 48), Plate 4,
1867-69, 3d rose (Scott's No. 49), Plates 5, 6, 8, 9, 10.
" 6d dull violet (Scott's No. 50).
" 6d bright violet (Scott's No. 51). Plates, 8, 9.
" 9d bistre (Scott's No. 52).
" 10d red brown (Scott's No. 53).
" 1s green (Scott's No. 54), Plates 4, 5, 6, 7.
" 2s blue (Scott's No. 55).
1867, 5s rose (Scott's No. 56), Plates 1, 2.
1870, ½d dull rose (Scott's No. 57), Plates 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15.
1869, 2d blue (Scott's No. 58), Plates 13, 14, 15.
1870, 1½d dull rose (Scott's No. 59), Plate 3.
1872-73, 6d brown (Scott's No. 60), Plates 11, 12.
" 6d gray (Scott's No. 61).
1873-74, 3d rose (Scott's No. 62), Plates 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18.
" 6d gray (Scott's No. 63), Plates 13, 14, 16.
" 1s green (Scott's No. 65), Plates 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
1876-77, 4d vermilion (Scott's No. 68).
" 4d pale olive green (Scott's No. 69), Plates 15, 16.
" 8d orange (Scott's No. 71).
1880, 4d gray brown (Scott's No. 75).
" 1s salmon (Scott's No. 76).
" 2s pale brown (Scott's No. 77).
1880-81, 1d red brown (Scott's No. 79).
" 1½d red brown (Scott's No. 80).
" 2d lilac rose (Scott's No. 81).
" 4d gray brown (Scott's No. 84).

In 1870 a British post-office was opened in the capital, Port au Prince, and the British stamps used here may be at once distinguished by the cancellation which is of similar type to that used at Jacmel but contains the number "E 53." According to Gibbons' catalogue the following British stamps were used at this office:—

1864, 1d rose red (Scott's No. 33), Plates 87, 154, 167, 171, 174, 193, 202, 206, 209, 210, 218.
1865, 4d vermilion (Scott's No. 43), Plates 11, 12, 13, 14.
1867-69, 1s green (Scott's No. 54), Plates 4, 5, 6, 7.
" 2s blue (Scott's No. 55).
1867, 5s rose (Scott's No. 56), Plates 1, 2.
1870, ½d dull rose (Scott's No. 57), Plates 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13.
" 1½d dull rose (Scott's No. 59), Plate 3.
1869, 2d blue (Scott's No. 58), Plates 14, 15.
1873-74, 3d rose (Scott's No. 62), Plates 17, 20.
" 6d gray (Scott's No. 63), Plate 15.
" 1s pale green (Scott's No. 65), Plates 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
1876, 2½d claret (Scott's No. 67), Plates 3, 9.
1876-77, 4d vermilion (Scott's No. 68).
" 4d pale olive green (Scott's No. 69), Plates 15, 16.
" 8d orange (Scott's No. 71).
1880, 4d gray brown (Scott's No. 75).
" 1s salmon (Scott's No. 76).
" 2s pale brown (Scott's No. 77).
1880-81, ½d green (Scott's No. 78).
" 1d red brown (Scott's No. 79).
" 1½d red brown (Scott's No. 80).
" 4d gray brown (Scott's No. 84), Plate 17.
" 1s salmon (Scott's No. 87), Plate 13.

These post-offices were closed in 1881 when Hayti issued its own postage stamps.

Hayti joined the Universal Postal Union in July, 1881, and in the same month its first set of postage stamps, comprising six different values, was issued. These were imperforate but in the following year stamps of a similar type were issued with perforation. This same design, with slight modifications as regards the 1c, 2c and 5c continued in use until 1887, when four values showing the portrait of President Salomon appeared. In 1890 the first provisional was issued and in 1891 a new design was introduced for all except the 20c denomination. Another 2c provisional appeared in 1892 and in the following year a new version of the "palm tree" design, including a 20c, was placed on sale. In 1896-98 the colors were changed, and slight alterations in the design show that new plates were used for this series. In 1898 Hayti settled down to the business of issuing stamps in real earnest. It was quite a busy year and commenced with the issue of more 2c provisionals; then a whole set was printed in a new design—of which only two values were actually issued—and finally a very "fine and large" set in two designs and comprising no less than twelve different values made its appearance.

In 1899, the 1c, 2c and 5c were issued in Postal Union colors, and in 1902 all denominations were suitably overprinted to show the advent of a Provisional Government. The year 1904 was another busy one for not only were two separate sets issued—one for regular use and one to commemorate the centenary of the Republic's independence—but both also appeared with a special overprint. In 1906 there was another orgy of stamp issuing. First of all some 1c and 2c provisionals were issued; then the remainders of the 1898-99 issues were pressed into service for foreign postage by being adorned with a more or less suitable overprint; four new stamps were supplied for domestic use, and a set of

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In October, 1914, about two months after United States forces had taken charge of affairs in Hayti—an outbreak of surcharging commenced which grew into a calamitous flood by the end of 1919. Stocks of all sorts of issues were resuscitated and converted into provisional stamps of low denominations and while it is said that they were necessitated by legitimate postal demands and were all free from speculation we "have our doubts." Certainly the sale of these provisionals, culminating in their quick exhaustion and the issue of new varieties in an almost endless chain, was due to the presence of interested collectors on the spot and we imagine a very small proportion of those issued were ever used for the purpose for which they were said to be so sorely needed—local and internal postage. Our opinion is that most of them were quite unnecessary and only the fact that they were issued more or less under United States auspices gives them any standing at all.

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STAMPS OF THE DETROIT MATCH WORKS.

By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

D. M. RICHARDSON.

Red—1c—Black.

Statements contained in the correspondence between H. E. Pierce and E. B. Sterling, given in the article on the Pierce Match stamp indicate that the factory which was later known as the Detroit Match Works and which grew to be one of the largest factories of the country, was first started by a company of four men, one of whom was H. E. Pierce, early in 1855. The correspondence indicates that the first firm was called J. W. Hibbard & Co., but there is no information directly connecting D. M. Richardson with this firm.

In one of his letters Pierce states: "The company failed. * * * A few years after they started up again called the Richardson Mfg. (Match) Co." In a later letter Pierce stated "D. M. Richardson Co. I think started the next year after J. W. Hibbard & Co., or 1856."

There are many references to this firm in the early directories. The proprietor was David M. Richardson and for many years, commencing as early as 1869, the firm maintained an office in Chicago at 13 Michigan Avenue, H. W. Durant being their agent. The factory was at Woodbridge Street at corner of 8th Street in Detroit.

The first 1c die used by this firm was the first die approved for any match manufacturer and the 1c stamps printed in red were among the first private die stamps issued, if they were not, in fact, the very first. The frame work of this die was later used, in whole or in part, for several other match stamps,—in particular the Farr-Hotchkiss series, which the Richardson stamps greatly resemble; also the Brown & Durling and the Henning & Bonhack stamps, but on these latter two only the upper part of the frame was adapted from the 1c D. M. Richardson.

Regarding the red stamps the Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, June 3, 1864.
First issued, Aug. 4, 1864.
Last issued, March, 1865.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
3,675,000 issued on old paper.

The design forms a rectangle of the standard 1c size. The lower portion contains a circular disk bearing a nearly fullfaced portrait of Mr. Richardson, which is surrounded by a colored band inscribed "D. M. Richardson" above and "Detroit, Mich." below. Following the curve of this band in the lower corners of the stamp are two labels; the one at the left inscribed "Friction" and the one at the right inscribed "Matches." Above the portrait disk is a small oval panel inscribed "1 ct." with "One" at left and "Cent" at right in small colorless capitals. The top of the stamp is formed by a curved band, the ends reversed and terminating in acanthus leaves. Each encloses a small colored disk, the one at the left inscribed "U." and that at the right bearing "S." The band reads "Inter. Revenue." Acanthus ornaments at the upper sides and triangular devices in the lower corners complete the design.

In connection with this stamp the following letter from Butler & Carpenter to Mr. Richardson, dated September 17, 1864, cannot but be of interest.

"Your favor of the 14th inst. is at hand. We regret that you are not satisfied with the color wherein your one cent stamp is printed. You directed it to be a light red, something like a faded three cent Postage stamp enclosed. We printed what we believed to be a much richer and more brilliant color. We beg to say that so light a red would not appear at all well on your stamp; and all these rose-pink colors fade very rapidly on exposure to air and sun. Hence another reason for making your color a deeper red; as it will soften with time. * * * The *One Cent* proof you return us is in *black* and we will henceforth print your plate in that color as you desire. We have no recollection of receiving a *black one cent* stamp in your favor of the 17th ult., but only the light, pale red Postage stamp. We presumed you therefore meant to have the one cent in a light red, and the three-cent in a *bright* red to distinguish it from the pale red of the one cent. * * * However, there is but a month's supply, about, of your One cent stamps on hand and you will, therefore, soon exhaust it."

The black stamps had hardly gotten into use when Mr. Richardson concluded that, after all, he preferred the red ones and, upon so advising Butler & Carpenter he received the following reply, dated March 17, 1865.

"We are sorry not yet to be able to carry out your instructions to print your stamp in red. If you remember you expressly objected to that color when we printed it and desired black to be used instead. * * * As it is we have upwards of 5,000,000 yet on hand in black. We regret not to have anticipated your change of opinion as it is much easier and more economical to print in red than black although it is due to candor to state that yr-stamp appears to much greater advantage in the latter than in the former hue."

This settled the matter and the use of the black stamp was continued.

This die was engraved by Butler & Carpenter in Philadelphia and the entir issue—17,500 sheets—was printed ther There may have been two or even thre plates, but probably there was only on

One may readily believe that when th stamps were printed many of them wer truly beautiful, because the design i well balanced and not unattractive, bu the color of the specimens usually see is very dull and appears considerabl faded. Copies showing any brilliancy ar exceptional and the usual color may b described as a dull rose or very pal lake. Perfection copies are rare, th great majority of the specimens in ex istence not being finely centered an usually having other defects.

Pairs are unknown to the presen writer and it is doubtful if the stam was ever used in multiple.

Old time prices indicate that the 1c red was considered nearly, or fully as scarce as its companion, the 3c vermilion, which would agree with the writer's experience. From 1902 until 1920, however, the 3c stamp was priced a little more than twice as much. The 1c stamp has never been common among collectors. Sterling quoted it at $8.00 in 1888. The Scott quotations were:

1894-1895,	$10.00
1896-1898,	8.00
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1c Black.

The first printings of this stamp were made from the same plate or plates that printed the 1c red. Later, on account of the large quantity issued, it became necessary to make additional plates and the total number of plates was probably about ten or twelve. These plates were all made in Philadelphia and all the stamps were printed there by the Carpenter firm.

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either of these stamps is known to have used in multiple, and pairs or larger iples are extremely unusual. Both eties have been very common for y years, but in recent years the easing demand for finer condition brought about an enhancement in the e of the old paper variety. Owing he large number of these stamps ted it is quite possible that this p existed on the experimental silk r of 1870 and on the several varie- of old paper used about that time.

Vermilion—3c—Blue.

his strikingly beautiful adhesive is he form of an upright rectangle of standard 3c size. In the center is oval containing a portrait of Mr. ardson similar to that found on the stamps. Surrounding the portrait is a colorless band inscribed "D. Richardson" above and "Detroit, igan" below. A doubly curved crossing the top of the stamp s "U. S. Inter. Rev.," and straight ls at the sides of the stamp read ction" at the left and "Matches" at ight. A curved panel at the bottom he stamp is divided by a small cir- disk bearing a colorless numeral 3 on the curved band we read "Three" he left of the numeral and "Cents" he right. The background between panels bearing the inscriptions is in with heavy horizontal lines and our corners of the stamp are com- of entwined scrolls. To see this p is to love it.

garding the early printing of this p, in vermilion, the Boston Book the following data:—

approved, Sept. 22, 1864.
st issued, Sept., 1864.
t issued, Feb., 1865.
stamps per sheet (17x10).
,000 issued on old paper.

the same letter of September 17, 6 previously quoted, Butler & Car- r wrote to Mr. Richardson:

e have stopped your * * * 3 cent r red, which will be printed hence- in a light blue. * * * The mistake e red for both stamps (as we under- it) has made us strengthen and n the red of the 3 cent stamp, more, bably, then you intended."

is stamp has always been extremely ar with collectors. While it has been common yet neither has it so rare that only collectors of derable means could afford it. Un- edly the brilliant color in which it printed has had much to do with opularity. The present writer can- ecall ever having seen a copy which de from the wear and tear in- t to the way in which the stamp used—did not look as though it had printed the day before yesterday. bably its actual scarcity has been what overrated. For many years s priced as high, or higher, than private die stamps which, in point of available supply, were much scarcer, but this high price is justified by the greater popularity, i.e., demand, for the stamp. The 3c "red" Richardson is certainly much commoner than the Bauer & Beudel match on silk paper, or the Burhans on silk paper, or the L. G. Hunt match on full silk paper, or the Wilmington Parlor match on full silk paper, or the green Zisemann-Griesheim, and other scarce match stamps, yet a study of the older catalogs, by those who reckon scarcity by price, seems to give a false idea of the scarcity of the Richardson stamp.

Unfortunately it is extremely difficult to obtain a really fine copy. About 90% of these stamps are more or less off center and they frequently have tears and other defects. The writer has probably seen less than thirty different copies and while a very patient searcher might be able to find fifty different copies, the hunt for them might require fifty years.

The entire issue of this stamp comprised 5,000 sheets and was engraved and printed by the Carpenter firm in Philadelphia. Probably all the vermilion stamps were from the first plate. There were less than one-quarter as many of the 3c vermilions issued as of the 1c red, but there is little difference in their relative scarcity. The stamp is not known to have been used in multiple and the writer has yet to see his first pair, strip or block.

In 1888 Sterling priced the stamp at $8.00. The Scott quotations have been

1894-1895,	$12.50
1896-1898,	8.00
1900-1901,	7.00
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3c Blue.

In regard to the blue 3c stamp inscribed "D. M. Richardson" the Boston Book gives the following data:—

First issued, Feb., 1865.
Last issued, Aug., 1875.
32,408,210 issued on old paper.
25,289,806 issued on silk paper.

In all probability the first printings in blue were from the plate previously used for the 3c vermilion, but the large quantity of blue stamps issued indicates that later it became necessary to make more plates and probably the total number of plates used for the stamps was about seven. All these plates were made in Philadelphia and all the stamps were printed by the Carpenter firm.

As would be expected from the length of time it was in use and the large number printed, the stamps vary considerably in shade. Copies on old paper are frequently in the dull blue with a slight greenish cast common to the Carpenter printings of blue stamps, but both lighter and darker shades are to be found, and although no copies have been noted by the writer the stamp probably existed on experimental silk paper. The printing in light blue on thick paper which was probably made about 1870 is quite scarce.

The silk paper is commonly found in a darker blue than any of the old paper shades but also exists in a light blue and is rarely found in an entirely different light shade, which is much brighter and suggests ultramarine. This is undoubtedly the shade listed as ultramarine blue in the reference list of the Boston Book and is probably responsible for the belief that the 3c Richardson stamp exists in ultramarine. As the true ultramarine pigment was used only in the fall of 1869 and the silk paper did not come into use until the late summer or early fall of 1871, two years later, it is difficult to see how this stamp on silk paper could exist printed in the true ultramarine. It is quite possible, of course, that there was a printing in ultramarine on old paper but no record of any copies that fulfill the requirements of this printing has been found.

The stamp is not known to have been used in multiple and the writer has no record of any pairs or strips on either paper.

The 1888 edition of Sterling's catalog prices the old paper at 50c and the silk paper at 20c. The Scott prices have been

	Old	*Silk*
1894-1898,	$ .20	$ .10
1900,	.20	.12
1901,	.20	.15
1906-1922,	.50	.25

Really fine copies on old paper are not common to-day, and the catalog prices may be considered rather low.

3c Essay.

At one time Mr. Richardson contemplated using a long "strip" stamp of the 3c denomination. The Boston Book states that the order for this stamp was given and the die was engraved but though it is possible that the plate was made, no impressions, other than proofs, were ever printed in this design.

Die proofs of this essay are found in various colors. The design is very handsome and, in the writer's opinion, is truly equal to that of any of the "strip" stamps. It measures ⅝ inches tall and 7⅛ inches long and may be considered to consist of five sections. Each end of the stamp is composed of an upright shield bearing a large colorless numeral 3. The center of the stamp contains a circular disk with a portrait of Mr. Richardson, similar to that found on the issued stamps but with the background around the head almost entirely removed. At either side of the portrait disk and following its curve is a colored label inscribed in colorless capital at the left "Friction" and at the right "Matches." The body of the stamp consists of two large shaded panels with irregular borders composed of ornate acanthus scroll work. These panels join the shields at either end to the central portions of the stamp and are inscribed in two lines of large colorless capitals. The left panel reads "D. M. Richardson—Detroit, Mich." and the right panel reads "U. S. Inter. Revenue—Three Cents." The design is filled out profusely with floriate ornaments.

The following, copied from Mr. Carpenter's Journal, is a concise history of this essay:

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From Mr. W. G. Windhurst, Marion, Ohio, we have received word that the Harding memorial stamps will be on sale only at the Marion office on September first and he comments on the lateness of the WEEKLY in telling of the new stamps. Our correspondent, Mr. Ward, was informed of the news before it was allowed to be released but he was not permitted to give it to us in advance of the date it was to be told to the papers. As a consequence, there was the inevitable delay in getting it to our readers who, of course, read of the decision of the authorities in their newspaper before the WEEKLY could get in action.

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Every now and then, an article clipped from the lay press involves us in more or less embarrassing explanations. Usually the objection that is made is lodged against the ignorant surmises or opinions that are expressed, but occasionally it is a more serious charge that comes in for condemnation. In the issue of August 4th, we reprinted an article from the *Industrial Worker* on Postage Stamps and Progress, in which the pictures of some of the past presidents of the United States were called a gallery of "second rate citizens." In consequence, we have the following letter from Mr. E. W. Clarke of Pleasantville, N. Y.:" Referring to the enclosed clipping, I beg to take most emphatic exception to the sentiments expressed therein. I am very much surprised that you allowed such disrespectful language to get by your blue pencil. To call the past presidents of the U. S. 'second rate citizens' and to couple the names of an agitator, a crank and a banker who in his way did good work for the country, with the name of the presidents is absolutely inexcusable. In execution and design the present issue is so far ahead of the monstrosities that Mr. Smith lauds as showing progress that the article is stamped at once as being the work of a crank and the paper from which you took it is futile evidence of the propaganda spirit that it shows. I feel that you should apologise to your readers for inadvertently publishing such a piece, unless you feel that it really represents the ideas of your editorial office, which I would and will regard as being the case if you ignore this protest. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Heyerman at the A. P. S. convention with the suggestion that he bring it to the attention of a representative of vour paper and to the convention if he thinks proper." In its wish to encourage printed references to collecting in outside papers, we record in the aggregate a wide variety of publicity; and if we remember rightly, we took something from the *Industrial Worker* once before. We can see how the article with its joker in a few lines slipped in and it is not necessary for us to say that the expression is not countenanced in an editorial sense. In fact, we distinctly repudiate and reprobate it; and we are glad to set right those who may feel that we should stand back of the comments of others when they are embraced in material that we take from all sorts of papers that notice stamp collecting. This is a large contract to enforce but at any rate, we are pleased to scotch the belittling words that Mr. Clarke cites. It is a puzzle to tell how the original and the reprinted matter in a newspaper should be differentiated between in the mind of the reader and we shall not try just now to describe what the remove is between the original and the reprinted material.

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Some weeks ago we deplored the fact that an editorial writer in the Hearst newspapers while speaking with a sympathetic regard for stamp collecti asked if anybody collected stamps nov adays. We felt that the writer who theory keeps his finger on the pulses the people of the world should not ha known that philately was still extar The writer of the first editorial no sponsors another in which the *amen honorable* is made but we are perplexe as before by the tergiversation, as seems to us, of the editorial mind. Wh the first editorial, Stamp Magic, a peared on July 27th, a reader of o paper sent the editor, who sounded t knell of stamp collecting, a copy of t WEEKLY for July 28th. The writer (whom we gave our attentions in o issue of August 11th), in a second ed torial weaves an interesting editori about Barbuda and other countri whose very names sound remote. T writer of the editorial says that h correspondent undertakes to enlighte him about "what he calls 'the philatel vote'." Then he proceeds to say th interest in stamp collecting "accordin to this authority" has waxed so gre that "the chances of a recent candida for president who announced that h will not permit any changes in the a pearance of postage stamps are alread hopeless on account of the oppositio of the 'philatelic vote'." Here is a flaw less example of obtuseness on the pa of a great and good man and in orde that readers may appreciate the work ings of the editorial mind when grapplin with a subject that is eel-like in it slipperiness, we must beg the pardon o readers for reprinting the WEEKLY edi torial of July 28th that gives color to th heading "The Philatelic Vote," and t the surprising statements of the writer On second thought if our raillery is ac cepted as a statement of fact by the con fiding editorialist we have overshot ou mark but it cannot be that the obviou is ignored to that extent and we suspect that in some subtle way the edito is having fun with us. We are pleased that the editor is wise and fair enoug to say that he lives and learns.

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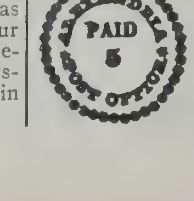

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heir own ignorance, by the same con. Need we say that the faces on stamps are not changed often and from first to last, excepting a few al occasions, the countenance of enign Benjamin has shone from the cent. We do not change our post- stamps oftener than advisable and record in comparison with that of y other countries is favorable. p collectors recognize the desirabil- f new issues in moderation and are imous for an orderly sequence of omers and it is useless for any can- es to court the philatelic vote who d collectors at the outset. The telic vote is no myth as it is, and e wax in strength, the time will when candidates will use all their lishments in winning the support of nd hesitate to run counter to our . We do not hesitate to say that Smart Set ticket has throttled its aces for success by its absurd locu- on the stamp question.

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ank P. Brown, the Boston dealer, tly called our attention to a lapse the part of one of our advertisers e matter of meeting his obligations. Managing Editor replied stating he believed the dealer to be respon- bl but that he would take the matter f no settlement could be effected. Brown replied:—"I feel that this is e way to collect a bill. You should e a bill collecting agency. I will the item in an attorney's hands." Brown is absolutely right in his on. The WEEKLY accepts the ad- sing of what it considers responsi- persons. We require banking or mercial references in every instance investigate the same. If a com- is necessary it should be adjusted gh the regular channels and en- e with the publishers of the WEEKLY when an attorney has done his best ake an adjustment and failed. In words, the WEEKLY feels that its on is not unlike that of any other paper accepting advertising, in that ould not be made a bill collecting y.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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A letter from J. M. Bartels Co., stating that a cablegram from Nikko, which is eighty miles north of Tokio, has been received by the home office from Congressman E. R. Ackerman, who is travelling in Japan. It simply contained the word. "Safe."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Carl S. Davis informs us of the death of Mrs. Ferd. Jornes, wife of Ferd. Jornes A. P. S. 5602, of Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Jornes took quite an interest in stamps and several years ago managed a stamp office in Kansas City near the Armory where her husband was stationed.

—Any stamp club wishing a file of the WEEKLY from May, 1921, to date can have the same by applying to M. M. Wolf, 1614 N. Payson St., Baltimore, Md.

—Eugene Klein, the well known Philadelphia dealer, is on a visit to Switzerland. We are in receipt of a card of greeting from him postmarked Basle bearing a Swiss airmail stamp and cancellation.

—We have received a new advertising cancellation from Savannah, Ga. It reads:—"Tri-State Exposition, Savannah, Georgia, Oct. 27-Nov. 3."

—A new advertising cancellation has appeared from St. Louis, Mo.:—"Third National Aero Congress, St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 1-2-3."

—Gilbert S. Perez informs us that Fabian de la Rosa, one of the best known of Philipino artists, has been asked to submit designs for a new issue of Philippine stamps. A fund of 10,000 pesos has been authorized for preliminary expenses.

—Through the kindness of J. A. Urquhart we have received an air-mail letter through the experimental night air-mail flight. The cover in question bears the dated postmark "San Francisco, Cal. Aug. 21, 6 A. M." and "New York, N. Y. Rec'd. Aug. 23, 3 P. M." and a local Beverly marking "Aug. 24, 7.30 A. M." Upon the face of the envelope is the rubber stamped device of the air-mail service of the winged circles. This is a first-tripper.

—F. B. Fuller of Balboa, Canal Zone, sends us particulars concerning the 2c Panama provisional but nothing additional in the way of news to what has already been inserted.

—The New York *American* recently published a picture of an airmail cover bearing a block of four 2c stamps with a special delivery. The wonder is that a press service such as the United would issue a thing of this kind without realizing that it is an infringement upon the laws.

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(Mr. Bates will appreciate it if subscribers who send in specimens for examination will enclose postage (and registration when desired) for the return of their stamps.—Ed.)

The interest in this department seems to be running high and many contributions are coming in. That is fine and seems to indicate that it will be possible to make it a permanent feature of MEKEEL'S. Correspondents should not forget to send specimens, unless their descriptions are explicit and easy to understand. Also, return postage where specimens are enclosed.

Col. F. H. Sargent of St. Augustine, Fla., says: "Referring to your remarks in MEKEEL'S of April 29th relative to Scott's No. 210, I think that the lack of shading on some of the stamps of this issue is due to the amount of ink used. The same thing may be observed in the diagonal lines of the five cent brown, No. 205. Mention is made of Scott's No. 210 in the *Collector's Journal* for September, 1917, and the two so-called varieties are illustrated. The double transfers of this stamp are described in an article by Dr. William Evans in the December, 1915, number of the same magazine and the article is illustrated by Mr. H. P. Atherton. Fourteen varieties are described.

Here are some extracts from correspondence last January and February between the writer and Dr. William Evans of Norfolk, Va., which will throw a little additional light on the subject of papers of the National, Continental and American issues brought up by Mr. Boggs in a recent number:

Letter from Dr. Evans:

"Dear Mr. Bates:

As to intermediate paper, what you say about it makes me think you refer to the hard paper used for a few printings or a printing or part of one, by the American Bank Note Co. It was described first by Stevenson in the *Collector's Journal,* later by Wiley in his booklet on the Three Cent Green issued by MEKEEL'S. It exists with both Continental and American imprints and the one, two, three and five cents at least were printed on it. It may have been a left over stock of the Continental or a small supply purchased by the American Company to tide over a temporary shortage. Nobody seems to *know* anything about it.

There is, I think, no longer any doubt that the Continental Company used a soft paper for a short time in 1878. Covers dated in that year bearing stamps on soft paper exist. I have one with a one and two cent and another with a three cent. Also, two cent off cover showing the year date on stamp.

The American Company evidently did

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Out of twelve from San Francisco, just one got through, postmarked San Francisco, Aug. 21st, 2.30 P. M., and back stamped Phila., Aug. 24th, 8 A. M. For this I want $10.00. When these are gone, where will more be obtainable at any figure? Expect to have some first day covers of the formal service to be inaugurated about Sept. 1st? What do you need?

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—In the *Postal Bulletin* of August 24, 1923, the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, officially announces to postmasters that the Harding memorial stamp will be placed on sale on Saturday, September 1, 1923, at the post-office at Marion, Ohio (home of the late President), and at the Philatelic Stamp Agency at Washington, D. C. This stamp will be issued by the Department for a limited period, probably not to exceed 90 days, but those remaining on hand in post-offices after their issuance has been discontinued will be sold to the public until the supply is exhausted and they will be valid for postage until used.

As sufficient quantities of these stamps will not be available for general distribution until after September 1st, postmasters are requested not to submit requisitions to the department for them until after that date. The issue will be limited and is not intended to displace the current 2c red, Washington.

The department describes the stamp as follows:—"It is the same shape and size as the current 2 cent stamp and bears the portrait of Warren G. Harding within an oval and partly enclosed in a panel, which is supported on either side by acanthus scrolls. Above the portrait within a curved panel appear the words 'United States Postage,' in white Roman capital letters. On a ribbon below the oval is the name 'Harding,' and under this at the bottom of the stamp appears the word 'Cents.' In both lower corners within ovals with dark backgrounds is the white numeral '2.' In the upper left hand corner appears the year of birth, '1865,' and in the upper right hand corner the year of death, '1923.' The entire stamp is enclosed within a plain black border. The stamp is printed in black ink."

They will be printed from plates of 400 subjects which will be distributed in post-office panes of 100. It is expected that they will be produced from both the flat plate and the rotary presses which means that we will have the variety perforated both 11 and 10. The stamp will be printed in bank note black the same as the current 7c and will be printed upon unwatermarked paper. It is stated that the first order on the Bureau of Engraving & Printing calls for 300,000,000 stamps.

Since my last Chronicle, the new 24c carmine, airplane stamp, has been issued, the variety having been placed on sale at Washington on Tuesday, August 21, 1923. They were all from plate 14840, the only one completed in time for this date. A full description of the variety was given last week. The series for the night air flights is now completed.

1923, Air Mail Stamps.

8c green (August 15th).
16c blue (August 17th).
24c carmine (August 21st).

The department started its night flights experimentally on August 21st, planes leaving both New York and San Francisco on that date. The plane travelling west reached San Francisco in about 24 hours and covers which I mailed in New York at 9 A. M. August 21st are back stamped San Francisco, August 22nd, 6.30 P. M. No special cancellation was used from New York but the sending and arriving postmark indicate the fact that it travelled by air mail. Mr. R. H. Mower kindly sent me a letter from San Francisco but as the plane coming eastward had trouble it did not reach New York until August 23rd and landed in Philadelphia on the 24th. The San Francisco postmaster on some letters used the insignia of the Air Mail Service as shown on the 16c stamps as a postmark while other letters went through without it. Mr. Jos. A. Steinmetz has shown me a cover from Cheyenne, Wyoming, and in addition to the Air Mail insignia this postmaster stamped the cover "Night and Day Air Mail." In making these experimental flights the department took letters from the regular mail, hence only a 2c postage charge. It is expected that on September 1st, the service will be formally inaugurated when the zone rates for which the air mail stamps were issued will go into effect.

I have had submitted to me for inspection what was supposed to have been a horizontal pair of the 1c, issue of 1902, imperforated between. Careful inspection shows that the variety was not perforated at the Bureau but was made from the imperforated sheet. The pair in question is postmarked "Flemington, N. J., Apr. 29, 6.30 P. M."

Mr. O. J. Olson submitted for inspection a block of fifteen (3x5) of the recent 2c stamp, issue of 1911, wherein a tear in the sheet had been patched at the Bureau by means of a piece of brown paper, this paper being finally perforated and gummed. The bl came from the lower right corner pane 13770.

Philippines.—While at the Bure recently I had the pleasure of insp ing the die and a die proof which h just been approved of a new 16 centa stamp which will shortly be issued. T head of Sampson which has been up this denomination from the first will replaced by a portrait of the Hero Manila, Admiral George Dewey, tak from a photograph by Cleindenct. T proof had been approved by Gene Frank McIntire, Chief of the Bureau Insular Affairs, who has charge of t work. The die was engraved by Mr. Pauling.

COLOMBIA.—Mr. Francis J. Field, Sutton Coldfield, informs us that sin the middle of June the air stamps this Republic have appeared in ne colours. So far he has seen the follow ing, used on envelopes:—

10 centavos dark emerald.
30 centavos blue.
50 centavos blue-green.

We also learn of the appearance o new series of the semi-official adhesiv which were the subject of comment our issue for June 23rd, comprising t following denominations:—

Wmk. Noughts and Crosses.

5 centavos yellow-ochre (10,000).
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15 centavos red (150,000).
20 centavos grey (200,000).
30 centavos dark blue (1,000,000).
50 centavos dark green (150,000).
60 centavos sepia (150,000).
1 peso grey-black (50,000).
2 pesos orange-brown (20,000).
3 pesos grey-violet (10,000).
5 pesos olive (10,000).

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20c grey, overprinted "R" in red (100,000

—*Stamp Collecting.*

FIJI.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 1s emerald all the way through.

GERMANY.—Mr. R. Roberts reports th appearance of the following new items 30mk olive, 300mk green and 1,000m grey. Mr. Frank F. Smith also sends u a copy of the latter value. We have jus received from Mr. R. Roberts a nev 200mk blue and 3000mk brown.

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. W. M. McFar lan advises that on a post card receive from Rotterdam the 1c red has bee surcharged "2 ct" in blue and the 1½ blue has been overprinted in black i the same manner.

HOLLAND.—The provisionals fore shadowed in last week's *Stamp Collecting* are now definitely reported b Messrs. N. Yaar & Co., viz.:—

Issued July 26, 1923.

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2c (in black) on 1½c blue.
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10c (in black) on 5c red (Queen).
10c (in red) on 17½c blue and brown (Queen).
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—*Stamp Collecting.*

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tiful lot of mixing. They printed Continental plates, National Plates eir own. Just what values they from the various plates will be fully known. I have some six evidently printed from National or a National plate, on typical an paper.

Continental Company did an artis- of mixing papers. The hard of or like the National, double paper with silk and some other of fibers, ribbed paper, soft paper o or three kinds of hard paper per with plenty of straw in it. Continental imprint does not al- ean that a stamp bearing it was by that company as the Ameri- ank Note Company used many ntal plates without any changes. the only way to tell a Continental per is by the date on the stamp over—year date."

from the writer to Dr. Evans:
Dr. Evans:

efer, as you suggest, to the hard sed for one or a few printings by rican Bank Note Company. This e "Intermediate" paper. I can- Wiley's reference to it. What ease? I have this stamp on the t blue with the American Bank print but have never seen it with tinental. I don't think it was a stock of the Continental company and yet it may have been. At any rate, I am convinced it was used sometime in 1879 or possibly in 1878-79.

Yes, the Continental people used a soft paper exactly like the American soft paper and used it in 1878. I have copy of the one cent blue dated Nov. 11, 1878, and other copies of other values to indicate this. Of course, a date stamp may have been set wrong and thus a stamp used later than 1878 might bear that year date, but I think enough copies of this variety have been noted to prove pretty conclusively that the soft paper was used before 1879.

What puzzles me is this: If the Continental people started using the soft paper just before the American took over the work, how was it that both the Continental and American companies used the intermediate. It seems quite logical to me that one of these papers should have been used by both companies but it is hard to reconcile the fact that apparently both companies used both kinds. If so, then which kind was the carry-over. Perhaps the Continental used intermediate for a short time, following its use of hard paper and then discarded it for the soft, keeping a stock of the intermediate on hand. Then, perhaps, the American took over the stock of both papers, used up the soft which the Continental people went to at the last, then cleaned up the left-over stock of intermediate, and then secured a fresh stock of soft paper for its subsequent use. What do you think?

Or, it may have been that the Continental never used the intermediate paper but that the American Company printed on it, using plates with the Continental imprint. Unless there are sufficient dated copies in existence to prove that the Continental company used the intermediate paper, I should incline to this opinion.

You say that the American Company printed from National plates. I did not know this, although I have at least the six cent and two cent brown on the soft paper like the American. However, my six cent is undoubtedly a National print and, as far as I know the two cent brown Jackson was not printed by the American people, so I am inclined to believe that the National people used a batch of soft paper. Mr. Krassa, who has shown me National printings on the soft paper, inclines to this opinion, also. What proof have you that the American people used National plates?" (Since writing this the writer has found a number of three cent greens on the "National soft paper").

Letter from Dr. Evans:

"Dear Mr. Bates:

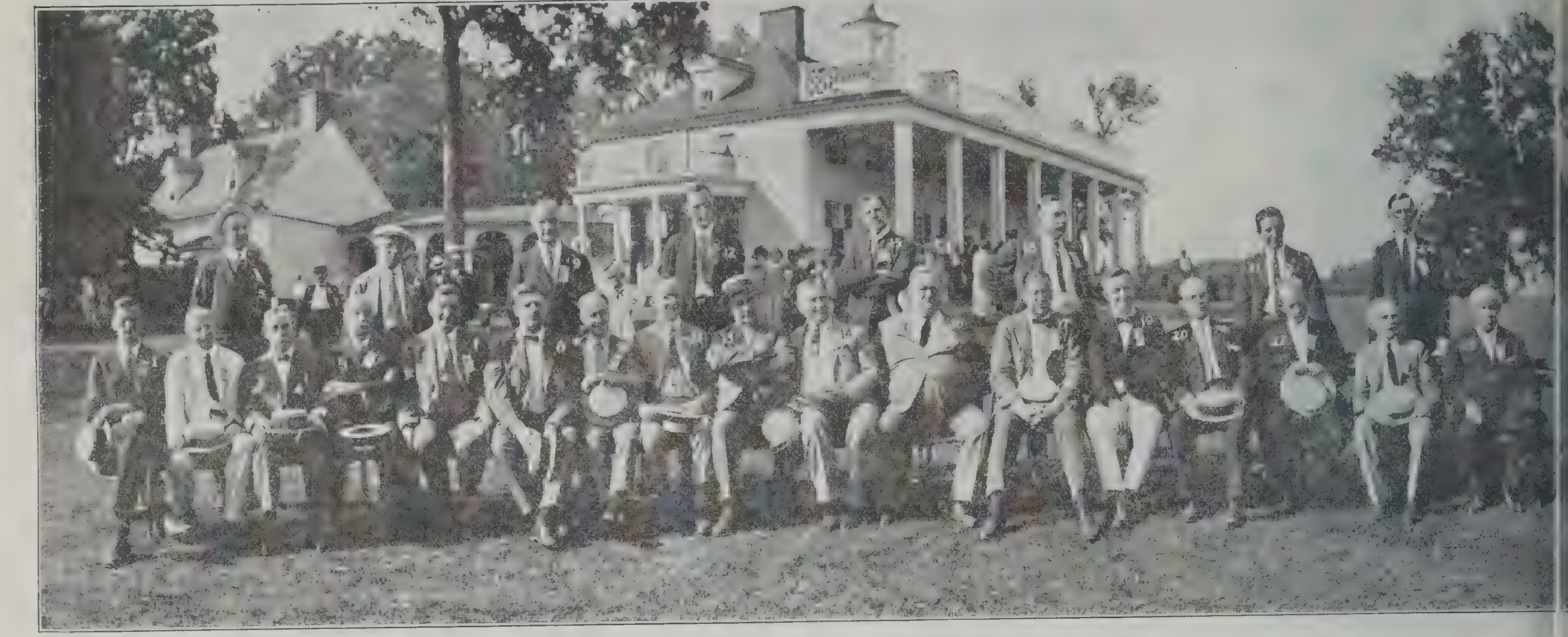
You will find the description of the paper you call intermediate on Page 13 of Wiley's book on the Three Cent Green under the title 'two-in-one' paper. Stevenson mentions it in the *Collector's Journal* published in Chicago, but I do not recall what number.

I think it is generally conceded that the Continental Bank Note Company used soft paper in 1878. There have been, as you say, enough dated copies found to set aside the probability of error in setting up the date by postmasters or clerks. It is also certain that the American Bank Note Co. used some hard paper. It is found with their imprint. Of course, the imprint of the Continental Co. on this paper does not prove that it was used by that company, as it might have been printed from a Continental plate by the American. Dated copies are again needed to establish that it was used by the Continental Co. Not much of it was used. It is far from common. It is therefore quite likely that it was all used by the American Co. I have never seen a dated stamp on it so far as I remember. I have rather favored the theory that it was part of the Continental stock and carried over for no reason except that most of that company's paper was hard, but that is not very conclusive evidence.

Here is something else to consider. The soft paper was tried by the Continental Company. Not much of it was used by them. It was another of their paper experiments. It probably was not purchased from the same mills that made the hard paper and probably only in a small quantity. They were nearing the time of the amalgamation and perhaps the stock of their regular paper was small and they did not see the necessity for purchasing a new stock or a large stock of any paper. They bought this small quantity of soft paper and it, with what they had on hand of the hard, carried them over to the time when the American Company took over the contract.

It's all theory. In fact, about the paper question is theory and likely to remain so unless the American Bank Note Co. at some future time permits someone to see their records and dig up some facts, which so far they have refused to do.

As to the using of National plates by the American Company, I have no absolute proof. Three or four or possibly five copies of the six cent stamp printed from a National plate on soft paper, about the shade of the other American stamps of this value, or rather part of them are, and one or two are nearer the National shade. I have never seen a two cent brown on soft paper and was not aware that it existed. Consequently, conclude that the six cent was the American printing. That theory seems to be erroneous. It's easily modified. None of my stamps of this kind are dated. It is unfortunate that more careful observations were not made while they were in use. Some of the problems



AMERICAN STAMP DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.—CONVENTION GROUP—AUG. 15, 1923.

(Taken at the old home of General George Washington, Mt. Vernon, Virginia)
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(*) Business associate of Mr. John A. Klemann. (**) Application for membership pending.

The Mansion House of Mount Vernon occupies a beautiful site overlooking the Potomac River, sixteen miles south of Washington, D. C. It is of wood, cut and painted to resemble stone. The building, 96x30 ft., has two stories and an attic with dormer windows; the roof is surmounted by a cupola, with antique weathervane. In front extends a piazza 15ft. deep and 25ft. high, with square pillars, and a floor tiled with flags from the Isle of Wight. Two kitchens are connected with the central building by colonnades. In front of the house are shaded lawns, and a deer park below; in the rear are lawns, gardens and orchards, and disposed about the grounds are the outbuildings of a Virginia farm. The main hall of the house extends through from front to back; the six rooms on the first floor are the Banquet Room, Music Room, West Parlor, Family Dining Room, Mrs. Washington's Sitting Room and the Library.

The Mansion House was built in 1743 by Lawrence, half-brother of George Washington. The name of Hunting Creek Estate was changed to Mount Vernon in honor of Admiral Vernon, under whom Lawrence had served against Spain. On the death of Lawrence and of his only daughter, Washington inherited the estate, and came to live here soon after his marriage in 1759. Here he conducted his farm until called to the field of battle; to Mount Vernon he returned after Yorktown, and again after his terms as President; and here he lived in dignified retirement as a private citizen until his death in 1799.

Looking at the above engraving, the window opening into the room in which General Washington died is located just above and to the right of figure No. 12.

The Associations of Washington with the place during his lifetime and the presence of his tomb here made Mount Vernon a shrine of patriotism. When in 1855 John Augustine Washington, being without means to maintain the estate, offered it for sale, a patriotic daughter of South Carolina, Ann Pamela Cunningham, resolved to save the Washington home as a permanent shrine of patriotism. With a high courage, which in its very daring augured success, devoted herself to the tremendous of raising the sum of $200,000 req for the purpose. In 1858 the M Vernon Ladies' Association of the was organized * * * popular port was enlisted. Edward Everett the proceeds of his lecture on Wash ton and of certain writings, and put into the Association treasury handsome sum of $69,000 as his per contribution. Washington Irving tributed $500; thousands upon thous of school children gave five cents The full sum was in hand before the of 1859, and in 1860 Mount Verno came the property of the Associati

We are told that the original W ington estate contained about 8,000

concerning them bid fair never to be solved."

In conclusion, let me say that the paper I call intermediate and which is designated by Wiley as two-in-one ribbed is so pronouncedly different that I feel it should be listed in the general catalogue as a distinct variety of the American printings—perhaps under the name "American hard paper" with a description to distinguish it from the Continental hard paper. Surely it should be noticed in the specialized catalogue. I first called it intermediate because at that time I thought it was the last paper used by the Continental people and then used up by the American, but this name does not seem so good now that I believe it was used by the American Company only. Neither does Wiley's "Two-in-one ribbed," as it is by no stretch of imagination a ribbed paper. "American hard paper" would seem the best cognomen, provided it can be definitely and finally proved that only the American company used it.

All of my copies of this paper in the one cent, or nearly all, are distinctively American printings in the inks used by that company. Likewise, the three cent and the two cent vermilion. But in the six cent, the ink seems more like a Continental printing.

As an example of the confusion which exists regarding this paper, I sent to several large stamp dealers three specimens of the one cent, one a Continental printing, one an American and the other of the American soft paper, asking them to designate the issue. In every case they came back with two of them marked as Continental and the third American. The reason for the error was that the dealers all seem to classify the American hard paper as Continental on account of its hardness.

In a later number I will give a description of some of the stamps mounted in the American hard paper section of my own collection to show how this paper differs from other papers used in the period between 1870 and 1888 and also to list some of the shades found and other differences. At that time I will attempt to show that there is considerable cancellation proof to show that this paper was not used before the American Company took over the printing.

In the meantime, would appreciate it if anyone who can throw any further light on this subject would send in a letter for publication.

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CANADIAN NOTES AND NEWS.

By William Butler, Toronto, Can.

The paramount news topic of the month is the establishment of a stamp agency for the sale of postage stamps to collectors by the Canadian Post Office Department. By this action Canada becomes the second country in the world to officially recognize Philately, although it did so some time ago when the Minister of Customs imposed a sales tax (polite name for robbery) of 6% on all consignments of stamps entering the Dominion.

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The obsolete issues are on hand in small quantities only and will be sold in limited amounts. It was expected that when the Philatelic Agency was established that a considerable quantity of the old issues would be recovered from country offices and exchanged for new stamps but up to this time very few have been found, hence the neccessity for the rationing order. Stamps of the present issue will be sold in blocks if desired.

It has been erroneously stated in the philatelic press that the 7 cent stamp had been withdrawn from circulation. This denomination is on sale at all post-offices, and can be obtained on requisition by postmasters.

The new one dollar stamp is on sale generally but contrary to expectations it has appeared in what might be described as a warm shade of orange brown, and not the discarded colour of the two cent stamp—carmine.

A collector in the Weekly reports the current Canadian three cent adhesive in imperforate condition. The Post Office Dept. can suggest no solution just how this stamp got out.

Precancel fans will be glad to learn that all of the four newly issued stamps as well as the dollar value have been precanceled and are now in general use. In this connection I would like to suggest that collectors of these interesting stamps should purchase a copy of Thompson's "Canadian Catalogue of Precancelled Postage Stamps." It covers the field of Canadian precancels thoroughly and is well worth the fifty cents asked for it. The catalogue is obtainable from The Philatelic Publishing Company, 374 Sackville St., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Canada is making considerable progress philatelically if not otherwise. Local clubs are springing up everywhere but it is particularly noticeable that the collectors of Toronto, the philatelic capital of Canada, are somewhat neglectful in this respect. Co-incident with the appearance of Fred Jarrett's finely printed and illustrated handbook on "Canada" (obtainable of Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Canada, $1.05), comes a new stamp paper *The Kingston Stamp News*, published by W. F. Connell at 11 Arch St., Kingston, Ontario, a monthly at 30 cents per year.

The special delivery service in Canada is very unsatisfactory at the present time, the rate having been raised from ten to twenty cents but a short time ago. The new stamp that appeared is much like the service given—very unsatisfactory. Business men state that special delivery letters come long after the regular mail is in and even after business hours. One very large stamp company in this city requests its customers by means of its house organ to refrain from making use of the special delivery on orders as they are thus delayed and owing to a misunderstanding of rates 20 or 40 cents is collected on delivery. Telegrams are a more satisfactory substitute.

A perfectly new cancellation is "Provincial Convention, G. W. V. A., St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 3rd, 4th and 5th" in four lines, from St. Catharines, a pretty health resort in the Niagara Peninsula 12 miles from the famous Niagara Falls. The Great War Veterans Association is the premier soldier organization of Canada.

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DON'T SHOOT THE "SPACE FILLER!"

By James F. Morton, Jr.

The article by Leonard A. Gibbens, attributed in your issue of July 28 to *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,* repeats for the millionth time the supercilious sneer of the "philatelist" against the "space filler." Isn't it nearly time that the poor worm who simply collects album varieties should be permitted a chance for his life?

We mere "general collectors" have long endured in silence the incessant imputation that we are the lunatic fringe of philately and that we exist simply on tolerance. It is seemingly forgotten that we form an immense proportion of the whole body of collectors, and that the dealer would be in a bad way without us. Nor are we all "small boys." The pleasure of gathering varieties of stamps is a hobby with many of us, who have much serious work to do in the world and perhaps other avocations as well outside of our working life. We are not so situated as to be able to concentrate on the close study which is the delight of the specialist; and the technicalities which afford him boundless delight are so much Greek to us. Yet we drink in something from the fount of philatelic knowledge. It is impossible even to seek to "fill spaces" without being constantly brought into contact with problems of color, watermarks, perforations and roulettings, kind and quality of paper and much else; nor do we escape without gradually absorbing a goodly bit of geographic, historic and other incidental knowledge. Then too, every now and then, one of us poor pluggers conceives higher ambitions, and actually develops the ability to graduate into the ranks of the lordly philatelist, leaving the rest of us to worship afar off.

The general collector, too, has his thrills. It is not a matter of mere buying with him, unless he be one of the few wealthy collectors, in which case he is likely to become a specialist, and to indulge his taste in gathering the extreme rarities of which his humbler brother can only read in the philatelic papers. The general collector of small means will, indeed, be tempted to purchase now and then, and to seek bargains which are often less brilliant than they seem. He will make prodigious mistakes, from which he will learn something. If he has not the excitement of attaining at long intervals exceedingly rare variations which raise him into the seventh heaven of ecstasy, he has the lesser but more frequently recurrent pleasure of witnessing the gradual growth of his collection, with every now and then a windfall which brings him an accession as precious to him as the unique specimen to the wealthy specialist. For him, too, there are the delights of exchanging with others of his kind. No doubt his joys are of a humbler sort than those of the specialist; but they are not wholly to be condemned. The "space filler" is not such utter vermin after all. Let him have his "place in the sun," and help to spread the gospel of philately, even though he be unworthy to stand among the chief priests at her altar. Let not collectors of the higher grades exhibit too snobbish an attitude toward those who move in the lower circles.

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MAFIA MYSTERY SOLVED

By D. B. Armstrong.

Time was when the provisional war stamps of Mafia were solemnly banned "with bell, book and candle" by the High Priests of Philately. To-day they are generally accepted as being at least as legitimate as the majority of their prototypes. They figure now-a-days in most of the leading catalogues, albeit the lists there given are incomplete. The latest edition of Field's War Stamp Catalogue alone recognises the existence of an issue previous to that overprinted on the German fiscal stamps.

War stamp specialists have long been aware that in the early days of the British occupation of Mafia, former postage stamps of German East Africa were provisionally employed there, overprinted with the inscription "G. R. Mafia." A year or two ago a set was sold at auction; there is a set in the Royal collection, and a third in the Imperial War Museum collection of war stamps. Authentic information relating to this particular issue has been lacking, however, and consequently certain philatelists have been inclined to look askance at it.

Through the courtesy of Lt.-Col. J. D. Mackay, first Military Governor of Mafia, the *Philatelic Magazine* is enabled to lift the veil and to disclose for the first time the true and particular history of this little known series of occupation stamps. The facts are vouched for in a statement signed by Lt.-Col. Mackay, under whose authority the stamps in question were issued.

Mafia Island, off the coast of German East Africa, with its important harbour of Kilindoni, was occupied by British troops as a base of operations early in 1915, and in January of that year Lt.-Col. Mackay took up his duties as Military Governor of the island with its area of 540 sq. miles and population of about 48,000.

First Provisionals.—In the post-office there he found a small supply of "Deutsch Ost Afrika" postage stamps, which he proceeded to overprint "G. R. MAFIA" in two lines of small capitals by means of a handstamp cut out of a piece of India rubber. The overprint was struck indifferently in black or violet ink, and the stamps thus distinguished placed on sale to the public, at face value, on or about January 22nd, 1915. All letters were sent by steamer to Zanzibar, where they were cancelled with the regular postmark of that port, and forwarded to their destinations by the postal authorities there. The original rubber stamp proving unsatisfactory, the Governor, on his next trip to Nairobi, obtained an outfit of metal type, which was used for all subsequent impressions.

The postal arrangements instituted by the Military Governor were subsequently confirmed by the G. O. C. in East Africa.

Numbers Printed.—No account was kept of the exact number of stamps overprinted, but the statement declares that "The complete set consists of ten stamps, i.e., 3 rupee, 2 rupee and 1 rupee: under that value the stamps are in Heller values, i.e., 45, 30, 20, 15, 7½, 4, 2½ heller. As the rupees stamps were very few in number a very liberal estimate gives this complete set issued at about 12 to 15 sets in all, but of the lower values, i.e., 45 heller to 2½, some 40 (forty) sets were issued."

Second Issue.—When the supply of German East African stamps was exhausted, some Indian postage stamps, both ordinary and "Service" were obtained and overprinted in a like manner. One day a trader presented a letter at the Mafia post-office franked with a Zanzibar 6 cents stamp. He was informed that it could not be accepted without the imprint of the British Military authorities, but that as the stock of Indian stamps was running low they would buy all the Zanzibar stamps he could produce, about 20 in all. This they did, overprinting them "G. R. Mafia" as before.

New Handstamp.—About July, 1915, the higher command raised objection to the form of the overprint on the stamps used at Mafia, as not being sufficiently distinct, and forwarded a new die lettered "G. R. Post 6 cents Mafia" with instructions that it was to be used for all future printings. This second type of overprint is accordingly found upon all values of the ex-German East African stamps used in Mafia, as well as those of India and a very few of Zanzibar.

On leaving the island in September, 1915, Col. Mackay destroyed the original handstamped used for the "G.R. Mafia" overprint, handing over to his successor only the latest "G.R.Post 6 cents Mafia" die provided by the military authorities.

Subsequent issues of Mafia stamps overprinted on German East African fiscals and later on the Indian Expeditionary Force series were made under authority of Capt. Brook, and after him, Lieut-Commander Clarke, R.N. (vide "War Stamps of the Allies," page 53).
—*Philatelic Magazine.*

AIRPOST STAMPS OF DENMARK.

By Autolycus.

The Danish aero stamps have been, so far, all of a semi-official nature, although it is rumoured that a Government issue is about to make its appearance in connection with the existing service between London and Copenhagen via Amsterdam.

To make use of an Hibernianism, the first Danish air stamp was a postmark! It was used on July 29, 1912, on letters carried on an experimental flight at Haraskov and took the form of an oval cachet inscribed FLYVE POST—ULRICH BIRCH No. 1, struck in violet.

A circular cachet letter BESORGET MED DANMARKS—12 MAI 1914—1ste FLYVEPOST, also in violet, was employed under similar circumstances at Roskilde on the date specified.

A supplementary fee of 5 kronen levied upon letters conveyed by air between Copenhagen and Skagen in September, 1919, was defrayed by means of an elaborate stamp, in large upright format, depicting an aeroplane flying over the Danish Archipelago. It was printed in four colours and perforated 12, the inscription at the foot reading DANSK LUFTBEFORDRING KOBENHAVN—SKAGEN.

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By KERMET E. PARKER.

Postage stamps can not quite put themselves in Louis XIV's place and say, "I am the state," but they are so inextricably linked up with the state that there is no important change in government, wealth, or feeling that is not reflected upon a nation's stamps.

In the nineties the Central American states were bankrupt and their few means of support included the issuing of a flood of stamps for sale to collectors. Later came Mexico and its revolutions, each faction putting out stamps in support of its claims to authority. But Mexico has settled down, and a fine new set now appearing shows the firmer basis of the present government. Central America still continues, for lack of funds prevents the ordering of adequate supplies and surcharging is frequently necessary during a shortage of certain values.

The mass of issues, however, no longer comes from America, but from the redivided continent of Europe. Old nations have collapsed and new ones are struggling to take their places, resulting in uncertain and chaotic conditions, all of which are reflected on the stamps. Ambitions, traditions, and other propaganda are prominent on these stamps, forming a part of the campaign to create a feeling of nationalism and patriotism among these long-oppressed peoples.

Symbolic Issues.

The early issues of these liberated nations bore national emblems, rising suns, and men breaking their chains, symbolical of the new freedom. Latvia, for instance, issued a series showing the ship of state being guided through a troubled sea towards a rising sun. Ireland's new issue contains a design showing the "Sword of Light." Czecho-Slovakia favors us with an ancient Bohemian three-tailed lion breaking its bonds. Mustapha Kemal's government has put forth a series, but one value, in curious contrast to the above optimistic designs, depicts a wolf roaming a desolate plain; if this is a portrayal of conditions in Turkey, it is surely an accidental one!

These new nations, however, can not live up to their pretensions. Their unsound financial bases and depreciating currencies are shown by the continual issuing of higher and higher denominations of stamps. Before the war, Germany's highest value was five marks, but recently a 5,000 mark has been issued and the end is not yet in sight. Russia went even further, getting up to 200,000 rubles.

Designs Crude, Quality Poor.

Conditions in these countries are also shown by the general poor quality of the stamps. The designs are crude, the printing poor, the paper coarse. The issues of the Caucasian republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan are examples. The latter put out a cheap set showing a native soldier with flag, castles, and a rising sun, the labels being printed in three and even four colors. Armenia has been occupied by the Bolsheviki, and the series of 1922 shows the Bolshevik device of hammer and sickle, along with many cheaply-produced local views; the queerest of the lot, though, are those showing ancient bas-reliefs from the ruins of Ani, harpies, winged horses, and such.

Fiume Stamps.

Fiume, especially when D'Annunzio was in possession, has issued sets of stamps as fast as they could be designed and printed. So it is not at all surprising to find them ugly things, but they are even more hideous than could be expected. The series shows a bust of the bald-headed soldier-poet which looks like the contents of the basket after the guillotine has done its work. Another set is replete with knives, thorn-crowned sufferers, and flowing blood, the effect being horrifying.

Epirus, across the Adriatic, is Fiume's chief rival in this chamber of horror business. The first issue placed on sale in 1914, shows a skull and cross bones, and later emissions feature a wicked-looking double-headed eagle.

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Altars and Knights Popular.

Poland had its ups and downs in the stamp game, but now seems to have settled down, a permanent type being adopted and few higher values being necessary. One crude design showed a childishly drawn segment of the sun, but the stamp most interesting to Americans is probably that showing Ignace Paderewski, the noted pianist-premier.

Burning altars, charging knights, and peculiarly clothed and entirely unclothed figures are featured on Lithuanian stamps. Its offshoot, Central Lithuania, set up by Zeligowski's insurgents, has a mask of a girl's head which resembles that of D'Annunzio mentioned before. Central Lithuania has, however, issued a series of postage dues that are effective, the designs showing various scenes in Vilna, all in silhouette. This country was handicapped by lack of perforating facilities, so the contractors perforated what they could and sent the balance imperforate; these latter stamps were sent to country offices, where it was claimed the postmasters had more time and could cut them apart!

Airpost Stamps Queer.

Another Baltic state, Esthonia, has done rather better than its neighbors, producing several pleasing stamps, especially the mark values, showing an ancient Viking ship in silhouette, and a triangular airpost stamp.

These airplane stamps are a queer lot. They emanate from small countries which would seem to have no need of air mail service, but it would seem that an aerial service does exist between various Baltic cities. Several of the airpost issues are, however, purely speculative, one being placed on sale—to collectors—a few days after the service was stopped.

The French have not issued stamps for use during their occupation of the Ruhr, but already six distinct series have appeared for the Saar, the other coal valley under French control. One series is a veritable encyclopedia of coal mining; miners at work in the shafts, slag heaps, breakers, barges, and blast furnaces are shown, convincing anyone that there is no romance in coal mining.

The commissions in charge of the plebiscite district—Silesia, Allenstein, Schleswig, etc.—made their bit by turning out rapid successions of issues, mostly surcharged or crudely lithographed labels.

Bolshevik Crime.

The Bolshevik at first set up the principle of free postage, but this made unprofitable even the haphazard service which they carried on, so the Reds added another crime and issued badly-conceived and poorly-executed stamps. The device of hammer and sickle is prominent, as are anvils and drums, but one well-done design shows a half-naked worker killing the dragon of Capitalism. Weird-looking charity stamps have also been made, one design, which is a tremendous affair of almost mustard-plaster dimensions, showing a scene on the Volga, the people, boats, and houses, greatly resembling those of children's wooden toy villages.

The free city of Danzig has but one effective series in all its attempts; this shows a medieval caravel under full sail. The charity series showing St. George slaying the dragon is by no means as attractive, the drawing being crude and the colors weak.

Two countries in recent years have overreached themselves and issued stamps to commemorate events that did not transpire. Thus Turkey was so positive that it would capture Egypt that it prepared a series showing the Sphinx and Pyramids, but the army failed, and heavy surcharges were used to blot out the Egyptian portions of the stamps, after which the issue was placed on sale in regular Turkish offices.

Map of "Greater Bulgaria."

Bulgaria in 1916 ordered a set showing a map of "Greater Bulgaria", Czar Ferdinand in Macedonia costume, and Macedonian scenes, the issue to be used when Macedonia was annexed to Bulgaria. This, also, was a wrong guess, but after the war the stamps were placed on sale just as though the plan had been carried through. The Allied commissioners, however, stopped the sale of the series. Bulgaria has recently honored two writers with commemorative series: Ivan Vasoff, the Bulgar poet, whose picture, home and characters are shown on the stamps; and J. D. Bourchier, an Englishman, who was Balkan correspondent of a London paper and used his knowledge and influence to settle problems of the peninsula.

The newborn countries have not been the only ones to put forth peculiar and unbeautiful stamps, for such states as Germany and Austria have been among the most flagrant producers of this type. This is due to the political unrest in those countries, for any sane design would cause trouble, but two Czecho-Slovak stamps showing John Huss had to be withdrawn from circulation because of protests from religious sects.

Austria's present issue purports to show the occupations of the country, but this allegory is badly done. Agriculture is suggested by a head of wheat and industry by a half-hidden hammer, but philatelists have yet to discover how a head adorned by a tiara can typify Science. Austria has gone even further in its airpost stamps, which are adorned with a poorly-drawn bird; this is known to collectors as the "Flying Clothespin." One really handsome issue, though, is the charity series of 1922, showing famous Austrian and pseudo-Austrian musicians: Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Bruckner, Strauss and Wolf.

Futurism Feature.

Germany has avoided trouble by using large numerals as the chief feature of its designs, while posthorns, blacksmiths, miners, and farmers are also shown. Futurism ran away with the Germans, and the 20 mark of 1921-22 shows two horses, plough and ploughman, all done in extreme impressionistic style. The recently issued airpost stamps are even worse, the bird there depicted being so bad that it is called the "Flying Egg," a companion of the Austrian "Flying Clothespin." And a late issue of charity stamps shows a queer combination of praying figure, tree, shovel, and star.

The spread of this Futurism is evidenced in recent Dutch issues, the new 1 and 2 cent stamps bearing an utterly unintelligible jumble of lion, tree, branches, and fruit. The Dutch airpost and "floating safe" stamps are also futuristic. These last are used on letters sent in detachable safes which are placed on the decks of ships and float safely away if the ship sinks. A new diamond-shaped 4-cent stamp partly redeems Holland's queer turn.

Switzerland has applied this type of art more aptly in a new series of air stamps. One design shows an airplane flying over the Alps; another, a close-

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Latvia found a paper shortage on its nds when it cut loose from Russia. cordingly, it used whatever paper it uld find, and we have stamps printed cigarette and ruled writing paper, on backs of unfinished banknotes, and the backs of German war maps. ose on the war maps proved so pop-ar that when more paper arrived a sh supply of maps was printed and n stamps were impressed on the re-rse side! So a collection might be med of the backs of stamps as well as faces.

The spread of Western ideas in the ient is shown by the Chinese stamps picting an airplane flying over the eat Wall and by the Siamese stamps the Wild Tiger Corps, an organiza-n similar to the Boy Scouts. The er was made by overprinting regular mese stamps with a tiger's head.

Stamps Like Rugs.

There are many other interesting mps which have appeared recently. land has issued a charity stamp which no frame line and resembles a seal re than a stamp. North Ingerman-d, a Russian district, produced a queer one value of which depicts a burning ding with collapsing tower. The mps of Hejaz (Mecca) are alluring ause they greatly resemble rugs. thwest Africa, ex-German colony, been provided with a series by the edient of surcharging the stamps of Union of South Africa with the name he new colony; the odd thing is that the surcharge is in English and Dutch on alternate stamps, pairs showing both languages being easily obtainable.

Palestine, under British occupation, received a set of stamps, and this is overprinted with the name of the country in three languages: English, Arabic, and Hebrew. The black overprint did not show well on the dark blue 1 piastre so silver powder was sprinkled over when the ink was wet and, adhering, shows the surcharge nicely.

Jamaica recently issued a stamp which had Union Jacks at the sides. One of these flags was soon discovered to be upside down and was ordered corrected; the printers re-engraved the stamp, but a part of the flag is still in distress!

So many interesting and instructive stamps appearing in the last few years have greatly increased the numbers of collectors, but an even greater boost has been given in this country by the new United States issue, showing, besides statesmen, Niagara Falls, Golden Gate, the Statue of Liberty, the Capitol, and other points of interest. The stability of our government is shown by the total absence of any freak stamps such as mentioned in this article and by the fact that we have never had to resort to surcharging.—*Hartford Courant.*

A WORD ABOUT ACKERMAN.

(Clipping from Philip H. Ward, Jr.)

Representative Ernest R. Ackerman, of Plainfield, N. J., who has just advised his sister, Mrs. Frank L. Hatch, a resident of Washington, that he escaped the disaster in Tokio, was once ambitious to be American Ambassador to Japan.

After the resignation of Charles Beecher Warren, of Detroit, as Ambassador, Mr. Ackerman was indorsed for the position by many of his friends in New Jersey. He received some support also from the members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, of which he is a member.

Through most of his career Mr. Ackerman has been active in the politics of New Jersey. During Woodrow Wilson's regime as Governor Mr. Ackerman was president of the Senate and in the absence of Mr. Wilson served as Governor. In spite of his activity in public affairs, he has found time to travel widely. His present trip to Japan, on which he has been accompanied by Mrs. Ackerman and her sister, Miss Juliet Weber, is said to be his forty-eighth trip to the Orient. In addition to being considerable of a globe-trotter Mr. Ackerman has achieved considerable prominence as a collector of stamps.—*Phila. Public Ledger.*

THE HARDING STAMP—AND OTHERS.

The *Herald* has received from A. A. Leve, a Syracuse philatelist, one of the first copies of the Harding memorial stamp. Being available for letter postage, it is of the 2-cent denomination, and its widespread circulation is therefore assured.

In design and execution it is an excellent specimen of the engraver's art. In the upper corners are the years of the late President's birth and death—1865 and 1923. The Harding portrait selected for the impression, which has already been reproduced in these columns, is in profile, and in outline and expression one of the most satisfactory of the many likenesses of the lamented President.

No limitation of time is fixed for the Harding issue. This will be determined by the demand for the stamps. It will be large enough, however, to satisfy all sentimental requirements, and temporarily it will rival the regular letter stamp bearing Washington's picture. As in the case of other special stamps, it will fall into disuse after a while, but for years to come specimens of it will be carried in the mails as a reminder of the genial and popular Chief Magistrate.

Speaking of stamps, it is interesting to note in the Washington correspondence of the New York *Herald* that Postmaster-General New has decided to place on public exhibition at divers points our government's official collection of postage stamps which recently captured a special prize at the international stamp display in London. It includes, of course, all the regular stamps of the government since 1847, when the first postage was issued in denominations of five and ten cents: and also the so-called "errors," such as inverted imprints and wrong colors, which now bring gilt-edged prices from wealthy collectors. To the average layman an interesting feature of this collection is the Department stamps. Beginning in 1873, and until the mid-eighties, each of the Cabinet Departments, State, Treasury, War, Navy, Justice and Post Office and Interior had its own distinctive stamp issue. So had the President's office, and likewise the Bureau of Agriculture.

According to the despatch, the government collection will be put on exhibition in "several large cities," going first to Indianapolis, thence to Chicago, Buffalo, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Syracuse, one of the "largest cities," must have a look at it. That is a matter that can safely be trusted to the energy and perseverance of the Syracuse Philatelic Society, a wide-awake and flourishing organization. — *Syracuse Herald.*

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MR. PACK'S ACTIVITIES.

By Frank L. Coes.

At the risk of duplicating information, I would call your attention to the picture appearing in the current (August) issue of the *Farm Journal* (Wilmer Atkinson Co., Philadelphia), on page 32.

The heading reads:—"Recently another standing army sailed for France. Charles Lathrop Pack, at right, presented, as president of the American Tree Association, a shipment of millions of tree seeds, the gift of the association to the new Consul General for France. These were placed on the U. S. S. Lafayette to be taken to France and used to reforest the war-ravaged area."

Those who know Mr. Pack will recognize the idea of this most thoughtful effort, and the ones who have met him will appreciate the smile and pose of this star of Philately.

Perhaps this effort on the part of the Tree association through their President will in a measure offset the fulminations of the reverend gentleman in England who bemoaned the cost of the Ferrary British Guiana with the "design he could draw with his left foot." The culminative result of such an effort is beyond the ken of any, but it is the kind of thoughtful constructive effort that shows the leaders of Philately are more than mere collectors, and are people of broad vision and full of thought for others.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—George W. Angers in a letter bearing the new 2c Harding stamp calls attention to the fact that it bears a postmark of Sept. 4, the first day upon which the stamp was used in Northampton, Mass. The stamp is in very general use as we go to press.

—From N. Y. City comes the following advertising cancellation:—"Electrical & Industrial Exposition, Grand Central Palace, Oct. 17 to 27, '23." From Toronto (courtesy of G. H. Crouch) "From Postal Educational Exhibition 1923."

—A new advertising cancellation is reported by Ray Zorn. It comes from New York City and reads in four lines:—"Chemical Industries Exposition, Sept. 17-22."

—Thos. H. Drake, 10 Cooper St., Colony St., Winnipeg, Man., Can., would like to correspond with some collector who has specialized in Dutch Indies.

—We have received a clipping from the Takoma Park, Md., *News* giving the particulars of a philatelic exhibit held in connection with a local fair. Prizes were awarded for worthy collections and the judge was Milton Whitney, a well-known stamp collector. Publicity such as this is commended by L. W. Morrisey who favors us with the clipping, and heartily endorse his good judgment.

—Several new advertising cance tions have reached us recently. Am them may be mentioned from Detroit "Michigan State Fair, Detroit, Aug. Sept. 9, 1923;" from San Ang Tex.:—"Allwest Texas Exposition, Angelo, Oct. 8-13, 1923;" and from L coln, Nebr.:—"Nebraska State Fair Exposition, Lincoln, Sept. 27."

—The Cross Stamp Co. is now loca at 99 Nassau St., N. Y. City. firm has taken over a large stock o well-known wholesale stamp dealer New York, which enable them to m the demands of the trade in both 1 and 20th century stamps.

—A new cancellation has come to h from Frank A. Goldsmith, Beverly "V. F. W. Encampment and 80th DI SION Reunion Norfolk, 27-31."

—A batch of clippings has been ceived from Walter Loebl. None them are quite suited for our use we are grateful for the courtesy.

—Frank P. Brown sends us a clipp that is copyrighted or we would gla use it in the Weekly. It gives the p ticulars of a provisional issue of stan in Berlin of an 8,000 mark denominati It was made by overprinting old 25 stamps and the demand was so gr that official notices were posted urg stamp collectors to hold off their patr age for a few days until opportun was given business houses to mail th correspondence.

—Charles J. Rose, recently of Po land, Oregon, has returned to his home at Maywood, Illinois, which he always retained as his advertising hea quarters. Mr. Rose had the pleasure meeting many dealers in the west d ing the course of an extensive tour; a we feel indebted to Mr. Rose for the g of a most remarkable snap-shot of Pre dent Harding taken at Portland that think enough of to have framed. this connection, we wish to thank E. L. Stuart for several remarkal photographs of the Harding fune train that he took at Mansfield, Ohio.

—New York Local Club of the We Meetings every month the fourth Tu day at N. Y. Maennerchorhall, East 5 St., near 3rd Ave. All stamp collect of New York and vicinity are welcon President of the N. Y. Local, Jos. G lant, Hempstead; Secretary, H. Deek 50-6th Ave., Brooklyn; Treasurer, A. Wyser, 994 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn.

—The *Boys Own Stamp Collector,* fortnightly publication for the juni stamp collector, is promised from N York, October 1. It will be gotten c

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12, used, good	7.50
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21	.50	.50
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42b, block 4, no gum	12.00	..

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3a, used, fine	8.00
Square pair, fine	20.00
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Another, used, fine	2.50
Square pair, used, fine	7.00
Another, cut in two sides	4.50
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Square pair, on piece, good	15.00
5a, used on piece, fine	10.00
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Another, small thin spot	25.00
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y the Philatelic Publishing Co., 82 assau St., and will be well edited and andsomely printed. We note that *Phil-elic Gossip* which has been appearing rtnightly has now begun a weekly edi-on. These evidences of activity in wspaper lines speak well for the pros-rity of the stamp trade.

—Frank H. Trafton of St. Paul sends a letter from the State Fair Grounds, . Paul, Minn., under date of Sept. 4. bears a special postmark in violet ink, t. Paul, Minn., Sept. 4, 1923, State Fair rounds."

SOUTH CAROLINA STAMPS.

By FRANK L. APPLEGATE.

Very intriguing are the new South rolina "Business License Tax" stamps, full description and samples of which ve just been received from Mr. Robt. . Tribble of that state. Certain values these stamps were placed on sale ay 1 as required by the new luxury law, taxing cigarettes, tobacco, am-nition, etc.

Of peculiar interest to revenue col-tors are odd and unusual denomina-ns, revenue schedules generally allow- for greater range in this than in the e of postal ratings. South Carolina s already given us much that is unique this line with her 5/8 mill, 3 1/8 mill, and mill feed inspection, and her 6 1/4c, c, 6 3/4c, 6 7/8c, 62 1/2c, and $6.25, and er values of oil inspection stamps; this new emission being for the pur-e of collecting a general revenue tax logous to our National proprietary ying cards, and wine stamp taxes will of perhaps more general interest to rank and file of U. S. collectors. In t, I think we may now expect a revival interest in state revenue issues with advent of the new stamps of South olina supplemented by the interesting issues of Iowa and South Dakota, h others perhaps to follow.

have not yet seen nor have I yet ob-ned a full list of the documentary nps now required in South Carolina, have from Mr. Tribble a full schedule the Business License Stamps, only ain values of which are as yet avail-. Although lithographed they bear imprint of those celebrated stamp ducers, The American Bank Note Co. design is 35x21 1/2mm in size, and well executed. The stamps are per-ated 12 and what I have seen are well ered. Following is the list of de-inations in full which certainly splits cent into infinitesimal and unprece-ted fractions.

/64c, 24/64c, 27/64c, 30/64c, 1/2c, 4c, 39/64c, 42/64c, 48/64c, 54/64c, 4c, all in olive gray.

, 1 1/8c, 1 1/5c, 1 7/32c, 1 1/2c, all in et.

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The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Dec. 8, 1875.
First issued, Dec., 1875.
Last issued, Apr. 26, 1883.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
42,300,117 issued on silk paper.
118,952,819 isued on pink and watermarked paper.

The large quantity issued indicates that about 16 plates in all were used. The die was altered and the first plates from the new die were made by the National Bank Note Company. Probably later plates were made by the American Bank Note Company and by the Bureau. All the stamps on silk and pink paper were printed by the National Bank Note Company. Those on watermarked paper were printed by the National Bank Note Company, the American Bank Note Company and by the Bureau. The different printings on watermarked paper can rarely be identified because no method of identifying them other than by imprint is known, and copies showing imprints are rare.

The Detroit Directory for 1877 lists the Richardson Match Co., and the Union Mills Co., David M. Richardson, Pres., and John E. Oxnard, Treas. The address was Woodbridge Street, corner of 8th. In 1879 the officers of the Richardson Match Co., were given as R. A. Alger, President, and D. M. Richardson Manager, with the note Telegraph, Round, & Parlor Matches". Mr. Alger is believed to be the Russell A. Alger who was afterward prominent in Michigan National politics and was Secretary of War in President McKinley's Cabinet during the Spanish War. The Directory for 1881 lists the Diamond Match Co., D. M. Richardson, Manager, at the same old address.

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The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Dec. 8, 1875.
First issued, Dec., 1875.
Last issued, Feb., 1876.
170 stamps per sheet (17x10).
4,021,530 issued on silk paper.

The die was altered by the National Bank Note Company and the entire issue was printed by that concern. Probably there was only one plate. The issue cost the Richardson concern nearly $110,000.

The stamp varies little in shade and is usually very similar to the darker shades of its predecessors on silk paper. It is not known to have been used in multiple and the writer has not noted any pairs.

Either the stamp was very common or else its true scarcity was little appreciated in the 1880's. Scott's quotation in 1886 and the Sterling price in 1888 were 15c. It is so easily mistaken for its predecessor that for a good many years its value was much underrated. The Scott prices were:

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The largest collection of private die stamps which was ever gotten together, so far as the writer knows, contained 17 copies of the 1c red D. M. Richardson, between 15 and 20 copies of the 3c vermilion and 9 copies of the 3c blue Richardson Match Co. The reader may draw his own conclusions.

THE NEW 2c HARDING MEMORIAL.

Various subscribers have submitted specimens of the new Harding Memorial stamp used on the first day, September 1. The firm of Geo. W. Linn Co. favors us with one postmarked Marion, Ohio, Sept. 1, 4 P. M. A mourning envelope bears in the lower left-hand corner a memorial inscription to Pres. Harding, showing date of birth and death. Fred L. Pauly of Lebanon, Ohio, who chanced to be in Marion Sept. 1 also used one of these stamps upon the cover and enclosed a block of four for our inspection. A. A. Leve submits for chronicle a similar Sept. 1 cover. To Philip H. Ward of Washington must be given the credit of sending us a Sept. 1 Washington postmark. All these courtesies are greatly appreciated.

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We have received a sheaf of letters bearing the new memorial stamp from correspondents who remembered us in connection with this new issue that was released on the time scheduled. From H. S. Adair, ex-secretary of the American Philatelic Society we have had a half-dozen envelopes, each one of which bore the postmark of a city in Ohio, other than Marion, with the September 1 date. W. H. Schaffner of Marion sent a pair from Marion and Howard C. Beck a block of four from Baltimore and P. H. Ward, Jr's., copy was postmarked Washington. The Geo. W. Linn Co., mailed a copy on a mourning envelope from Marion. All of these envelopes bore the September 1 date. The stamp is an effective one, employing as we all know, the favored profile of President Harding, which makes him appear so natural and so representative of the best of American citizenship. The design is not crowded although it is not sparing of detail and one receives a feeling of comfort in looking at the features of Harding as they are shown on this miniature. We believe that there is a real need for the stamp and that it will well perform its mission of consolation. The postal administration deserves the thanks of the people for handling so competently the preparation and production of this stamp.

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George W. Linn of Columbus went to Marion with Mr. Adair in order that they might witness the christening of the memorial stamp and he saw enough to justify the pilgrimage. From particulars furnished us we learn that the first stamps sold officially were sold to the father of President Harding. The stamps were placed on sale at nine o'clock when there were about two hundred persons in line. The post-office was then closed and the persons in the queue were ushered outside where Dr. Harding bought the first sheet. He addressed a letter and stuck a stamp on it while the cameramen played up the spectacle. The public was then served and for a while the activity was inspiring, the movie men being careful to get all the "action." In reality the first stamp was sold at about 9.20 A. M., September first. It happened that Mr. Linn was willing to forego the opportunity to get into the movies by going outside of the office, in order to achieve first place in the line of buyers. He stuck to the post-office window and obtained through his patience the first stamps that were passed over the counter on the regular window sales. Mr. Linn certainly has had his historic moment and he must feel very close to the Harding memorial stamp.

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In order that our readers may understand the conditions as applying to the Harding memorial stamp, we may say that the printing will be a somewhat limited one and the stamps are not intended to supplant the current two cent stamps. Postmasters are requested to apply for "restricted quantities of the stamp only" after September 1st. As for the new air mail stamps, they will not to be placed on sale at all offices but only at such places as may be designated later, according to the third assistant postmaster-general, who adds that postmasters should not make requisitions for the stamps as they will be supplied only to those post-offices "authorized to place them on sale when they are available."

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During the week past a development that will appeal particularly to collectors has been reported from Washington. When it was told that the government exhibit of U. S. stamps that was awarded a special prize at the London exhibition had been shown to the delegates to the convention held at Washington recently, a good many philatelists wrote to the department suggesting that it would be fitting for the frame to be shown in some of the centers of philatelic population; and we now learn that the authorities have recognized the desirability of showing the exhibit to a selected number of cities. In fact, it is announced that already the frame has been sent to Indianapolis where it was scheduled to remain as an attraction until September 8th, when according to the plan it is to be on display until September 22nd, in Chicago. According to the itinerary, the following cities will be given an opportunity to inspect the exhibit: Detroit, Marion, Ohio, Buffalo, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. "Later, it will be placed on public display for the first time in Washington," says the Chicago *Tribune*; and it is evident that the showing made for the benefit of the delegates to the philatelic conventions was considered something in the nature of a private view. We commend the liberal policy of Third Assistant Postmaster-General Glover in developing the interest of the public in the workings of his department; and collectors certainly appreciate the attention that is being paid to their wishes by the postal administration.

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From Mr. C. J. West of Washington, who was in charge of the registration of members and guests at the recent convention of the American Philatelic Society, we have received a roster of those who reported in attendance. We find that a representation of one hundred and sixty-two members was made and the guests numbered ninety-three. It will be seen from these figures that it is becoming a problem to handle a convention crowd and that those who plan for the entertainment of the delegates and guests are now confronted with a proposition that taxes the best business resources of the home folks, if the programme is successfully followed. Opinions are now being expressed that the task imposed on the convention city mem bers is of such proportions as to mak the prospect of entertainment one c serious aspect; and it is felt that th time must come in these prosperous day of philately and of the American Phila telic Society when a curtailment of th time devoted to social features will hav to be made in order that due attentio may be given to the business of the con vention itself. The entertainment a Washington was planned by experience minds and was of the most edifyin kind but we wager that few of us gav much thought to the immense amount c expense and energy expended to ensu the success of the social features.

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In a recent issue of the Chicago *New* we find in Keith Preston's "Hit or Miss column, the following confession:

"ME. N. U.'s recent query as to th educational value of alphabet noodl is food for thought in dead earnest. set us to thinking that despite the se vice of a couple of schools and three c four universities we are practically sel educated, having learned our zoolog from animal crackers, our geograph from stamp collecting and our histor from the Henty books."

Keith is our idea of a great sou He does not need to be a member of th National Geographic Society to qualif as a citizen of the world. He is equall at home in the perfumed precincts o Pristina, the fastnesses of Faridkot c the igloos of Ingermanland of the north and his stamps made Keith the geograph ical genius that he is. Some months ag when Keith mentioned philately in hi column, we spoke as follows and as h did not take advantage of our impulsiv generosity on that occasion we repeat th offer, trusting that again he will set a example of gentlemanly repression:

Even our dulled eye can see the lam bent flames of genius that play aroun the column conducted by Keith Presto in the Chicago *Daily News*. We'l crown Keith with a Dunlap, if he wil betake himself to Dunlap's store o Michigan Avenue and ask Frank Taylo the boss, to charge it to us. We kno that Keith Preston is the sextuple shoote of snappy syntax as well as a pillar o philately, past and prospective, for doe he not clip our recent rhapsody based o a philatelic question propounded by him in the column and print it in heavy typ in the Chicago *Daily News*, with th head, as provided by our hero, "W Qualify as Collector?" Little remain to be told: we did not send in th clipping.

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Dr. Bruns has prepared the descriptive notes in the hopes that those who have such cancellations on cover or otherwise in such condition that the name of the town where used can be determined, will write to him and aid with the identification of each one. This will be a valuable aid to Dr. Bruns in the preparation of an exhaustive book on "Cancellations to be Found on the Three Cent Green" which he is working on. His work promises to be the most complete and valuable ever published on this subject.

Any who have interesting unidentified cancellations on the three cent green can help along by forwarding same to Dr. Bruns. If he cannot already identify such cancellations, he will make drawings for publication.

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Dr. Bruns has overcome the usual objection made by collectors to publishing reproductions of cancellations. This objection is that publication of such drawings is likely to encourage counterfeiting. He has accomplished this by making slight changes in each drawing which, while not sufficient to prevent recognition by any collector owning copies, would nevertheless make these drawings useless to anyone who might wish to make improper use of them.

The writer never places in his collection any stamp that shows traces of two cancellations, unless there is absolutely no doubt about the genuineness of both. For example, a fine red cancellation on a stamp that shows traces, however faint, of a black cancellation, is usually sufficient evidence to cast doubt on the genuineness of the red marking. This, coupled with the fact that the color of the cancellation if a fake, will invariably differ slightly from the shades of orange, vermilion, brownish vermilion, bright red, strawberry red, reddish magenta, real magenta, purplish magenta, purple, violet and blue used during the period from 1870 to 1882 (the limit of the writer's collection), is enough to throw it in the discard, or at least into a collection that the writer is accumulating of forgeries and suspected cancellations. Usually, the value of an unused specimen of the stamp is sufficient to make it profitless for the fakir to use unused copies for his nefarious work.

Here are Dr. Bruns' unidentified cancellations:—

Nos.
1, 2, 3, Grotesque heads, all on the 3c National.
4. Profile. 3c National.
5. Supposed to be caricature of Rutherford B. Hayes. Also on 3c National.
6. Grotesque face. 3c National.
7. Profile in silk hat of some Grotesque animal, 3c Continental.
8, 9, 10, 13. Grotesque heads. All on 3c Continental.
11, 12. Birdlike heads, both on 3c Continental.
14. "Pickaninny." 3c American.
15. Grotesque head. 3c Re-Engraved. (Have found numerous examples and it is always stamped at the right hand edge of the stamp giving it the appearance of peering around the corner.)
16. 17, 18, 19. Pumpkin heads, all 3c National. No. 19 has two mouths so that it forms a face rightside up or upside down.
20. Pumpkin head. 3c Continental.
21. Pumpkin head. 3c American.
22, 23, 24. Skull and bones. All 3c National. No. 22 comes in both black and blue.
25, 26, 27, 28. Skull and bones. All 3c Continental. No. 27 is in magenta.
29. Insect. 3c National.
30. Wasp. 3c National.
31, 32. Birds.
33. Bird flying with letter in its beak. 3c Continental.
34. Running chicken (of sorts, may be a Hippogriff). 3c National.
35. Duck. 3c Continental.
36. Pointing hand. 3c National.
37. Pointing hand, black. 3c National.
38. Arrow-head. 3c National. Fredericksburg, Md.
39. Arrow-head, 2 feathers at side, and 2 triangles at base. 3c National. A similar cancellation with two well defined small arrow-heads at the base of the large one, was used in Savannah, Ga., and was the insignia of the Indian Tribe, The Savannahs. This however is in blue and besides the difference noted, is about a fourth larger than the one illustrated.
40. Paper-doll. 3c National.
41. Mannikin in coffin, 3c National.
42. Fraternal-order. Steel die. 3c Continental.
43. Fraternal-order. 3c Continental.
44. Fraternal-order. Fez with Crescent. 3c Continental.
45. Fraternal-order. Steel die. 3c National.
46. Fraternal-order. 3c National.
47. Man in The Moon and Star. 3c American.
48. Donkey head. 3c American.
49: Forage-cap. Period of American Civil War. 3c American.
50. Hour-glass. 3c American.
51. American Flag. 3c American.
52, 53. Anchors. 3c American.
54. Anchor. 3c National. Grilled.
55. Fouled anchor. 3c Continental.
56, 57. Anchors. 3c Continental.
58. A double "S" or merely an ornamental flourish, 3c National. Grilled.
59. Commonly called the "Open book." 3c National. Grilled 3c National and 3c Continental.
60. Ace of spades. 3c National.
61. Sea-shell. Blue. 3c National.
62. Two hearts. Entwined. 3c National.
63. Leafy branch, purple. 3c Continental.
64. Twin Crescents with a ball, 3c Continental.
65. Pumpkin, 3c Continental.
66. Flower, 3c Continental.
67. Rising (or setting) Sun (or Moon) 3c Continental.
68. Harp. (Strings running the wrong way.) 3c Continental.
69, 70. Hearts. 3c American.
71. Dog's head. 3c American.
72. "H" in a heart. 3c American.
73. Bird's head or skull. 3c American.
74. "O. K" in a heart. 3c National.
75. "O. K." 3c National.
76. "O. K.' in a keystone. 3c Continental.
77. "Keystone" in circle. Magenta. 3c Re-engraved.
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1908-9	4c	(326a)	pair vert. or hor.	.25
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1910	1c	(338a)	pair vert. or hor.	.08
1910	1c	(338d)	single, 4c; pair	.10
1910	1c	(338e)	single, 5c; pair	.12
1910	1c	(338)	pair auto vend. perf.	.15
1910	2c	(339a)	pair vert. or hor.	.10
1910	2c	(339a)	block of four	.20
1910	2c	(339d)	single	.08
1910	2c	(339e)	single, 8c; pair	.20
1910	3c	(340c)	single, 8c; pair	.20
1912-5	1c	(355a)	pair vert. or hor.	.05
1912-5	1c	(355a)	block of four	.12
1912-5	1c	(355d)	single, 3c; pair	.06
1912-5	2c	(356a)	pair vert. or hor.	.08
1912-5	2c	(356a)	block of four	.20
1912-5	2c	(356b)	single, 8c; pair	.20
1914-5	2c	(370h)	single, 5c; pair	.10
1914-5	5c	(373b)	single, 10c; pair	.20
1916-7	1c	(389a)	pair vert. or hor.	.02
1916-7	1c	(389a)	block of four	.05
1916-7	1c	(389b)	pair, 3c; strip of five	.07
1916-7	2c	(390a)	pair vert. or hor.	.03
1916-7	2c	(390a)	block of four	.06
1916-7	2c	(390b)	pair, 2c; strip of five	.15
1916-7	3c	(391a)	pair vert. or hor.	.03
1916-7	3c	(391b)	pair, 12c; strip of five	.30
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With the commencement of the new air-mail service, all collectors will be interested in souvenirs in the form of the new 8c, 16c and 24c cancelled on their day of issue. These were issued in Washington without a great amount of advance notice and it is doubtful if many were sent out. While a few last I offer the three denominations used from Washington, as follows: 8c (August 15), 16c (August 17) and 24c (August 21) on small, neat covers clearly postmarked.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—As previously announced by the Department, the 2c black, Harding Memorial Stamps was placed on sale at both Marion, Ohio, and at the Philatelic Stamp Agency in Washington on Saturday morning, September 1st. A quantity of 200,000 were personally delivered to the Postmaster at Marion on August 31st by Mr. M. L. Eidsness, Jr., Supt., Division of Stamps, and these were placed on sale the following morning at 9 A. M. The Philatelic Stamp Agency did not open their doors until 9.30 A. M. giving the Marion office the first opportunity of distributing them to the public. At the time they were ready at Washington there was a line of fully twenty-five collectors waiting for them and they continued until the closing hour of noon.

These stamps are printed in sheets of four hundred from flat plates and sold in panes of one hundred. They are marked paper. A full description of the perforated 11 and printed upon unwater-variety was given in this Chronicle last week.

A die proof of this stamp, bound in black morocco, together with one of the first stamps was presented to Mrs. Warren G. Harding by the Postmaster-General. Further proofs were also presented to Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, Mrs. Harry S. New, wife of the Postmaster-General and to Miss Emily B. McLean, the little two-year-old daughter of Edward B. McLean, Editor of the *Washington Post* and a great friend of the former President.

The Postmaster-General also used large mourning envelopes, similar in size to the standard size 7 and paper, with a large mourning border. Some of these were distributed with the stamps upon them. I happened to send the Postmaster-General a special delivery letter on the morning of the issue and he acknowledged this and very thoughtfully sent it by special delivery in one of the above described envelopes, franking it by means of a strip of the Harding stamps cancelled on day of issue.

On the first day the Washington Agency had on hand the four panes from plates 14852 and 14853, the northeast panes from 14855, 14856, 14857, 14859 and 14861 together with both of the upper panes from 14854. There were two very distinct shades, a deep black and a light gray, due to the heaviness and lightness of the inking.

1923 Harding Memorial Stamp.
2c Black (September 1, 1923).

The formal opening of the coast to coast air mail service has been postponed and a date as to when it will be inaugurated has not at this writing been definitely fixed. The trial flights, however, were very successful and it is hoped that the regular service will be started during September.

The Information Service of the Post Office Department is in the habit of not only sending out information regarding the administration and actions of the department but now and then runs in a humorous story. Under date of August 28th they issued for immediate release the following:—

"'Pigs is pigs' and 'eggs is eggs' and the twain makes 'ham and aigs.' But in this case it's different. A case of eggs reaching a certain Arkansas village for transhipment to Memphis, Tenn., was devoured at the station by stray hogs, probably of the razor-back variety for which the section is famous, according to a report received at the Post Office Department today.

'The hogs has got a start here eating eggs,' the village postmaster reported, 'and they will not quit until they are killed or put up, or a depot or truck or something put here for the protection of mail. Every time we turn our backs the hogs come to the eggs.'

That the case is really serious is attested by the Memphis postmaster who, commenting on the case in forwarding it to Washington, said: 'You will note that these 'hawgs,' not content with devouring the 'aigs' have also 'et' a box of overalls left there'."

COLOMBIA.—Though the Air stamps of this country are issued by a private company operating under Government license, they have a thoroughly official status, and may possibly have to be included in the catalogue eventually. Meanwhile collectors of Air-post stamps will be glad to have the following information, kindly given us by General Ridgway. May, 1923. New issue. Design slightly changed from previous series, now showing a waterplane instead of an aeroplane. Printed in Hamburg. Overprinted "A"; 5c, yellow; 10c, bright green; 15c, red; 20c, grey (overprint in red and also in black; 30c, deep blue; 50c, deep green. A feature of interest concerning these Colombian Air stamps is that they are affixed to correspondence coming from abroad, in addition to the ordinary postage stamps of the country concerned and correspondence so franked completes the last stage of its journey by Air. The "A" overprint on the series described above indicates that the country of origin is Germany.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

COSTA RICA.—Señor G. Noriega kindly informs us that two new sets will shortly appear, one to commemorate the centenary of the birth of ex-President Dr. Jesus Jimenez, whose portrait has figured on several stamps of the 1901, 1907 and 1910 series, while the other will be a definite issue to replace the series of 1910. The former will include stamps of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 20 cent, and 1 colon, while the latter consists of the same values with the addition of 3, 10, 12 and 40c stamps.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the following new items for this colony, 2d, mauve, 2½d, purple on yellow and 3sh, green all script watermark, engraved as before.

GERMANY.—On account of the enormous fall of the mark postal rates will be raised by 2,000% on August 20th. New values from 20,000 to 100,000M will be created.

SIAM.—Donald W. Smythe advises that he has just received a copy of the 25s, same design as the 1920 issue but printed on white paper. Mr. Smythe adds that apparently this is the only new one as the current issue, purchased at Bangkok, shows the other values to be of the preceding series.

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U. S. Display Winner at London, to be Shown Here.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. So great has been the interest expressed by philatelists and others in the American stamp exhibit which recently captured a sp
prize at the international stamp exh
tion in London that Postmaster-Gen
New today mapped out an itinerary
nine cities where the exhibit will be
played for a few days at a time.

The display will go first to Ind
apolis, where it will remain until
8, when it will be sent to Chicago,
maining there until the 22d. It wil
sent next to Detroit and thence
Marion, Ohio. Other cities in the
erary for which dates will be annou
later include Buffalo, Boston, New Y
Philadelphia and Baltimore. After
tour it will be taken back to Washing
for its first public exhibition there.

GENESIS OF THE HARDING STAM

The New 2c Stamp First Suggested
Detroit Collector.

(Clipping from the Detroit Free P
by courtesy of Gen. C. A. Coolidge

Issuance of the new Harding mou
ing stamp, which was placed on sal
Marion, O., and Washington, Sept
ber 1, was directly due to a sugges
from H. W. Boers, of 2673 Maple st
it became known Tuesday.

Letters bearing the black stamp, wh
is of the 2-cent denomination and car
a profile view of the late presid
were received by several persons in
troit, Monday, from Marion, bearing
date of original issue.

Just three days after the preside
death, Mr. Boers wrote to a friend in
United States Philatelic Bureau at Wa
ington, suggesting the idea of a spe
stamp in memory of the late execut
according to Dr. H. P. Hoskins, pr
dent of the Michigan Stamp Club. Bo
received a letter from Third Assist
Postmaster W. I. Glover acknowledg
and promising to aid his plan. Di
action by President Coolidge finally
necessary to cut departmental red t
and release money for the issue,
Hoskins stated.

As the supply of the new stamps
creases, they will become availa
throughout the country. Detroit will
receive any for a week or ten days, po
authorities here announced Tuesday,
plaining that their requisition was
sent in before the first of the month.

Boers is one of the best known a
most active stamp collectors in the c
He has a complete set of the issue
use today, from the one cent to the
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J. L. Riedel, Nürnberg 2 (Bavaria). Boston, 7 April, 1922.

Dear Sir: Your letter of March 17th and shipment of March 4th both arrived on the same day and our bankers have instructed us to hand you the enclosed check for M40350—in full liquidation of the account. The stamps were very satisfactory, and we wish to thank you for executing our order in such a prompt and business-like manner. Please send us immediately the following:

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H. E. HARRIS & CO.

Dear Sir: My order for stamps, despatched by you on December 4th, 1922, safely received and thank you very much for them. I am simply charmed with the stamps and their excellent condition and manner of packing.

REV. EDGAR CALVERT. The Mission House, St. Eustatius, Dutch West Indies.

Dear Sir: I received your first sending of packets in good order and was well satisfied with contents.

A. C. CAMPE, Third Ave., Crows Nest, North Sidney, Australia.

Mr. J. L. Riedel, Nürnberg.

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*Trinidad, 1sh on green, No. 104, a scarce stamp	.45
*Gibraltar, Morocco Agencies, 1pes, No. 224	.90
*Ireland, Permanent Issue, ½d	.02
* 1d red	.03
* 1½d mauve	.05
* 2d green	.06
* 3d blue	.08
* 5d purple	.14
* 10d brown	.26
* 1sh green	.30
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s of the new issue have appeared
celed. Cleveland, Ohio, and Sche-
ly, N. Y., are now out on the 1
overprinted with the small type
ment electro. I shall be glad to
collectors report new issue items
so that the chronicle may be kept
date.

on, Mass.—Mr. Chas. Metz sub-
fine piece from "The Hub," viz.,
of four of the 2 cent 1912 im-
This is an uncatalogued variety
would be Bushnell's number 51c,
ccurs in Type IV (Boston, Mass.),
single bars above, between and

innati, Ohio—On the one line type
cels an oddity occurs which is a
t variety. The upper bar makes
t bend over the "nn" of Cincin-
d lower part of upper bar is miss-
this place, giving it a dome shaped
ance. Immediately below the dome
rge round dot. Also the top of
rd "n" is missing. This scarce
is one which will please any
r of precancels. I have only the
surface, 6 cent, 10 cent, and 15
erf. 11.

Clinton, Iowa—Type III, the small type electro, comes in two settings, both being about equally plentiful. In one setting the "I" of Iowa falls below the "L" of Clinton while in the other it falls beneath the "I" of Clinton.

Federalsburg, Md.—I took two Federalsburg 1 cent Pilgrim precancels off a couple of auction catalogues and noticed that there was a difference in spacing. The medium sized electro which is now current apparently comes with spacings of 12 mm and 13 mm between lines. The former seems to be the scarcer.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—The minor variety specialist finds an interesting city in Ft. Wayne. Type II, the small type electro just going out of use, has three distinct settings. In the first the "I" of Ind. falls directly under the "T" of Fort and in the second below the interval between "T" of Fort and "W" of Wayne, and in the third below the interval of "R" and "T" of Fort. It will be well to look over your Fort Waynes if these items appeal to your collecting viewpoint.

Howesville, Ky.—A new Kentucky member of the "Royal Order of Precancels" is Howesville. Only the 10 cent new issue has been noticed. It comes normal and inverted in the U-8 type.

Philadelphia, Pa.—In type IX the "A" of "PA." falls below the "E" of "PHILADELPHIA" ninety out of one hundred times. The other ten stamps show it beneath the "L" and of course this latter variety is much scarcer than the former.

Youngstown, Ohio—Mr. Chas. Hermann reports that in the U-16 (small roller) type there are two distinct spacings. In one the "i" of Ohio falls under the "s" of Youngstown and in the other under the "t." Mr. Hermann also submits a 1c New York, U-13 roller showing the errors "NBY" for "NEW" and "NV" for N. W. These occur on the lower line.

Miscellaneous—Santa Barbara, Calif., and New Ulm, Minn., have adopted the U-9 electro which makes a pretty showing. Zarephath, N. Y., is another new comer which uses the U-22 handstamp. Mason City, Iowa, and Jamesville, Wisc., have both added the U-3 handstamp to their precanceling apparatus. Both of these cities have used the U-1 electro for some years. Kansas City, Mo., U-3 type and Indianapolis, Ind. (current type) have been noticed on the old and new special delivery stamps, respectively.

Let me again say that I am gladly at the service of any one desiring information of any sort on precancels.

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Seven five-year renewals in a week!

First, Mr. Parker, who writes us such a fine letter that we quote it in full as a measure of appreciation. The *Courant* article referred to is an excellent bit of philatelic publicity propaganda occupying almost a page. Here is Mr. Parker's letter:—

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I had just about given up hope of seeing any more of Mr. West's M. & M. articles, but I see that they have begun again. Altho I do not collect M. & M. (except such as come my way by chance) I find Mr. West's articles very interesting, combining as they do philatelic information and data about the peculiar little match factories and the beginnings of the industry which is decidedly entertaining. With such a force of writers as Messrs. West, Poole, Huber, Ward, Howes and Bates, I feel that your magazine will contain enough of interest to keep it going for five years, and I also hope that I have enough life in me to last five years.

I am enclosing an article of mine recently published in the *Hartford Courant*. This paper has always been partial to stamps, often taking up the matter editorially, and mine is not the first article that has appeared in it.

Well, good-bye to renewal slips for 1,825 days!"

Frank L. Coes of the Coes Wrench Co., Worcester, Mass., has been admitted to membership in the Renewal Honor Club. Mr. Coes is an occasional correspondent of the WEEKLY and whenever he writes he has something to say. It would please many of our readers if he could spare a little time from his many activities to use the columns of the WEEKLY for a contribution once in a while. Mr. Coes feels that something should be done to correct the abuse in connection with sending out unsolicited approval selections. If any dealer takes advantage of Mr. Coes' address at the head of this article in this direction something will drop hard on the offender.

One of our yellow renewal slips comes in signed E. L. Burg, East Prospect, Pa. Mr. Burg encloses his five years' renewal so easily as to cause us to feel that he is perfectly satisfied with the proposed investment. The same may be said of Ulric H. Childress of Winthrop, Mass., who wishes his subscription renewed similarly for five years. We also enter as a member of the club Dr. L. B. Mitchell of Tampa, Fla., whose five-year renewal has come to hand.

Our old friend Warren L. Babcock M. D., of Detroit, Mich., sends in his check for $5. Dr. Babcock is well and favorably known in Detroit, for his philatelic activities. The writer has occasion to recall the ocean voyage of three years ago when the doctor returning from England brought with him many tangible evidences of a profitable trip.

Just as we go to press a $5 renewal of subscription is received from F. M. Cockrell, New Orleans, La. Our thanks are due to him for his faith in the WEEKLY.

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AN HOUR WITH MR. BARTLETT.

One El Pasoan has a stamp collection valued at many thousands of dollars. He lives in a small, comfortable home and works eight hours every day at the carpenter trade.

"I'm not collecting stamps for money but for the pleasure I get out of it," said J. .D. Bartlett, 311 East Yandell boulevard. "If I bought and sold stamps it would cease to be a pleasure and would become work."

On Mr. Bartlett's table was a large stack of letters from people all over the world who want to exchange stamps with him.

Among the countries represented were Czecho-Slovakia, Bulgaria, Austria, Germany, Poland, France, Canada, Mexico, Brazil and Salvador.

Within the last month two stamp collectors, one from France, the other from Hawaii, stopped here to see him. Mr. Bartlett is listed in "Who's Who in Philately," a book containing the names of about 1,000 of the stamp collectors of the world.

CLUB OF COLLECTORS.

Mr. Bartlett is president of the local stamp club, C. M. Newman, vice president, and A. P. Myers, secretary-treasurer. The club is preparing a stamp exposition to be given in the early fall.

"How much is this book worth?" Mr. Bartlett was asked. It was one of the different Panama issues that he termed a "specialized book."

"About $3,000," he replied.

In his collection are 75 books and many of the stamps have never been placed in books. It would require 135 for them all. He has 75,000 different varieties which run in value from a few cents to $200. In his stock used for trading purposes are millions of stamps.

"I have no really valuable stamps," he explained. "At a sale in Paris the other day a 5-cent stamp issued at Boscowen, N. H., and the only one in existence, sold for $12,000 to an American named Hind.

"This was one of a collection belonging to an Austrian who lived in Paris. He died during the war, willing his collection to the Berlin museum. The allies decided the stamps should be confiscated and have already sold $1,500,000 worth of them. Two or three sales are to be held yet.

The highest price yet paid for a stamp was by Mr. Hind for a British Guiana 1-cent stamp of 1856. He gave $32,500 for it. So you see my stamps have little value."

Mr. Bartlett's first effort in collecting things was 41 years ago in St. Louis when as a boy he started saving tobacco tags. His is probably one of the most complete in the United States.

He saved and collected stamps until 1898 when he sold all he had except the United States issues. He published a magazine called the *Curiosity Collector* in South Amboy, N. J., for awhile and has published several books on stamps, the last one, which is just off the press, being "United States Revenue Stamps."

But stamps are not the only things Mr. Bartlett collects. He has a porcelain gambling chip which passes the same as money in the stores of Siam. In all he has 3,000 coins, including some buried with the Greeks 1600 years ago.

"Enough money was buried with the Greeks for them to buy passage through purgatory," he explained. "With the many excavations now being made many of these coins are dug up. They have no great value but are interesting to a collector."

Among the other things in his collection are:

Print from the copper plate placed in the corner stone of the White House at the time of its construction in 1857 when Fillmore was president and Daniel Webster, secretary of state.

Numerous arrowheads and fossils. He has supplied Smithsonian institute with several rare fossils.

North Carolina ballot for Jefferson Davis when he was candidate for president in 1861.

Bill of sale for a negro slave, Lucinda, for $550. dated May 9, 1847.

All state issues of state and bank notes during the "wildcat" period of 1852.

One of first federal $1 bills issued in 1862.

Postage currency issued in 3, 5, 10, 15, 25 and 50 cent denominations July 17, 1862, and continuing in use until 1875.

Manifest of slaves shipped like so much freight on S. S. Augusta from Savannah to New York City in 1860. The slaves were listed as Leonora, Maria, Georgia and Ann. Their ages, heights and shades of color were given.

The first two stamps in Mr. Bartlett's United States book were issued by the postmaster at New York City in 1845 and bear a picture of George Washington. They are valued at $50 each.

In the exhibit which the local stamp club is preparing to show this fall are a group of all Mexican stamps used from Maximilian's time to the present, including some issued by the late Pancho Villa. It will also include stamps of the new European countries. The date place have not yet been set.—El (Tex.) *Herald.*

MARION, O., ON SEPTEMBER 1

Great Interest Taken In the Har
Memorial Stamp on Day of Issu

(Clipping from W. H. Schaffner.

Sale of the initial issue of 20 Harding memorial stamps which brought to Marion yesterday (Aug. Ed.) from Washington by M. L. ness, Jr., superintendent of the div of stamps of the post-office departr started this morning at 9 o'clock a Marion post-office. Dr. George T. H ing, father of the late President Har bought the first sheet of 100 stamps was the first of a line of several hun people who gathered several hours fore the sale opened.

Marion has the distinction of being first city in the United States to re the stamps and the Marion post-offi the only post-office in the United S with the exception of the Washin post-office to sell the stamps today. all indications the supply of 20 stamps will be exhausted before even Postmaster French Crow stated morning that a second shipment 200,000 Harding memorial stamps arrive in Marion this evening.

Over 40,000 of the 200,000 stamp ceived were sold on mail order req before the sale opened this morning.

Pathe moving picture men were o scene early this morning and took tures of the large crowds. A large ber of photographers, together with moving-camera men secured picture Dr. Harding and the first shee stamps.

Dr. F. W. Hitchings, of Cleve was the first man at the Marion office for the purpose of buying the morial stamps. Dr. Hitchings mot from Cleveland to Marion Friday ing and took his stand at the stamp dow at 7 o'clock this morning.

Owing to the congestion in the of the post-office building it was f necessary to conduct the sale of stamps on the steps in front of the office. Two small desks were p between the two large pillars at Church street entrance to the bui and the people lined up on the west of the entrance west to State street south on State street for nearly h block.

The first letter despatched from Marion post-office this morning beari Harding memorial stamp was maile F. A. Stengel. It was addressed to William C. Mills, of Columbus, dir of archaeological and historical so

All postal sub-stations in the city supplied with memorial stamps and sale was conducted at the sub-sta just the same as at the post-office buil There was no limit to the numbe stamps that could be purchased by person and one person bought $60 w —*Daily Star.*

HERE IS A CHANCE.

By H. R. ARNOLD.

While listening in on the radio evening I unexpectedly tuned in WMAQ the broadcasting station of Chicago *Daily News* whose statio located on the Hotel La Salle and subject, THE PONY EXPRESS, exceedingly interesting.

It seems that a reenactment of pony express ride is to be staged the old route, the riders starting from St. Joseph, Mo., thence to De and on to Frisco where it is expected ride will end and an attempt is to made by the riders to beat the schedule maintained in the old days.

The *Daily News* asks for suggest and criticisms from their listeners I wonder if there is not some on be found in this city who could del to the *Daily News* radio listeners an teresting talk on Philately. There be many stamp collectors listening nig to the talks coming from this stat besides the *Daily News* no doubt wo welcome a suggestion that such a be given from their broadcasting stat

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The pictorial set of 1914 of Egypt has always been very popular and interesting, and all values are very cheap. The two highest values are much the scarcest, but these are not expensive and within the reach of all purses, although some slight increase is to be expected, now that they are obsolete.

The incidence of a new watermark coinciding with the overprinting of this series has produced some scarce varieties, but although one value has already been displaced by the portrait type, the process may be slow, and the overprinted series will get commoner used as long as it continues on sale.

The long expected definite issue for Newfoundland is due any day now. This country is a model in not issuing unnecessary high values. The $1 Air Post, issued for a special purpose, is the highest so far. This stamp, after a period of little demand, has been moving up sharply lately. Perhaps the stock held by local dealers is getting low, and no dealers in this country hold any quantity, the total printing being only 10,000, of which but a small percentage was used for air postage.

The last Caribou series will probably show a sharp upward trend on being superseded. Several values, notably the 6c and 8c, have been obsolete some time, and are going to be good. It is curious how marked has been the increase of most modern sets of this country; the only exception being the Cabot issue of 1897, of which large printings were made, and which, in some values, has continued in issue for over 20 years.

Very different, however, was the fate of the 1910 and 1911 issues, which were rapidly sold out, and all values of over 5c are still soaring.

Mauritius is a colony that has produced some very scarce varieties in the last few years. The Edward set was the first to start the boom, and all values above 15c of this series are good. The 8c orange, however, having been obsolete for some time, is a value that is generally undervalued and cheap at catalogue quotations.

The Georgians, however, except the elusive 25c on surface tinted paper, did not give much excitement until the Script watermark appeared.

The 12c K. G. in grey and red having had a very small life are both likely to be good. The 50c K. G. on the old watermarked paper is another dark horse. It does not appear to have been on sale in London like many modern Georgians, and it is quite likely that dealers will soon find themselves short, with the inevitable result of soaring prices.

Montserrat, one of the most popular of colonies, has recently been causing some excitement by changing the colours of the low value stamps, without previous warning; and as the new watermark had only just been introduced some varieties had a remarkably short life, so that we have the usual factors for the production of rarities. It is too early yet to pick out the best, but the 2½d blue Script is almost certain to become scarce and worth buying now before prices rise much. Its history is very similar to the 2½d Trinidad on new paper, a stamp that is already catalogued at 2s6d. These stamps will probably move up in each fresh edition of the catalogue for some years. Anyone who can look back to the time when the Edwards, in a similar way, were changing their watermarks and colours at the same time will see how the 2½d bicolour stamps like those of St. Kitts, Grenada or Leeward of 1907 have gone up, and are now almost unprocurable in blocks.

Montserrat itself shows a good example of this, nearly all the bicoloured stamps of 1906 have turned out very well. The 5sh is easily the best, and although only catalogued at 5sh more than the 1908 issue on yellow paper, is really a much better stamp, and well worth the extra 5sh on its market price. The scarcity of the 1d of this series has been noted in these columns already, and it is not a stamp one can buy at half catalogue.

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The new French postage stamps bearing the portrait of Pasteur are attracting a good deal of attention. The issuing of these stamps by the government is taken as a recognition not only of the merits of this great French scientist, but of the right of science, in general, to hold a more conspicuous place in the official sun than it has occupied in the past.

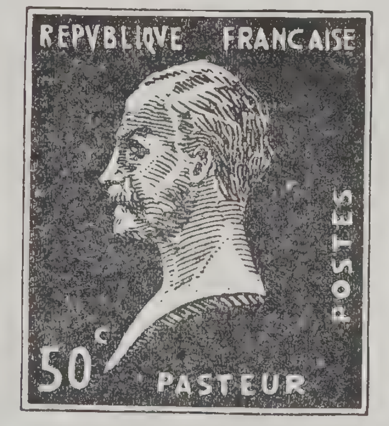
Pasteur's noble head, now appearing on every denomination of French postage, is an acknowledgment that political rulers and plotters and military heroes are not always the most suitable representatives of the essential greatness of a nation.

These new stamps are another reminder that the French are a people of artistic tastes and capacities, which go rather beyond us. I am not an artist or an art critic; I have only my appreciations of such matters, but it seems plain enough to me when I put one of the Pasteur stamps side by side with one of our own stamps bearing the head of Washington that there is here a lesson for us to learn, if only we will take it in good part.

It is not well to give up everything to science, leaving nothing for the esthetic side of our nature. Art can aid science perhaps more than science can aid art. There seems to me to be a touch due rather to science than to art in the machine-like design and finish of the Washington medallion portrait as compared with the free delineation of Pasteur's face and head, set against an indefinite background.

The French design is exempt from the tryanny of detail which is so manifest in the other. The conspicuous, but pinching, oval frame, and the elaborate laurel wreath in the American design tend to belittle what should be the sole feature of the stamp, viz., the head of Washington.

Then why the ugly and awkward designing of the neck? Did Washington always (or ever) wrap up his neck and occiput like that? But it is the general effect that is always to be regarded as the test of excellence, and there in my opinion the superiority of the French stamp is obvious.



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ALL PRICES CANCELLED

All prices quoted in my 1923 price-list are cancelled as of September 22nd. I expect to have my 1924 price-list ready for distribution around the middle of October. In the meantime, I will make special quotations on anything desired.

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The French on the other hand live in an atmosphere that is charged with the sense of art. Children grow up in it. Their minds imbibe it as they imbibe their native language. And it is, perhaps, not one of the least of the advantages it gives them that they use much finer postage stamps, bank bills and coins than we have as yet turned out for ourselves. But we shall learn in due time—at least we may hope so.

One way to bring that time on is for everybody to try to have a well-thought-out opinion on these things. Go to look at good pictures and statuary, study the way they are done and analyze the impressions you get from them and the sources of their effects.

THE "IMPERFORATE 3c CANADA.

By Edward E. Goodchild.

Reports are current that the 3c present Canadian issue has been issued imperforate. Such is not the case. Passing by the stamps in the various stages of manufacture on a recent visit to the works of the Stamp Company I enquired of the Superintendent how it came that stamps were issued without the perforation. Such he claimed was impossible and from what I saw I can thoroughly agree.

My next visit was to the Superintendent of the Postage Stamp Department. Certainly not! we have not, and do not intend to issue stamps in such condition, the trouble and inconvenience to the public to separate such stamps would call forth universal condemnation and the department is not seeking for trouble, was this gentleman's reply to my enquiry.

After a few more discreet enquiries I found that before the strict supervision which is now in force, things were a little lax and the only solution is that it is possible that some of the sheets of proofs of the three cent confederation and present issue, which are submitted to the department for approval of color, etc., may have reached the hands of a party who saw a way to turn same to advantage. Such proofs are submitted ungummed and imperforate as I witnessed with my own eyes.

Single imperfs. can and are doubtless being homemade from the stamps of the coil variety and some of the outside stamps on sheets which readily lend themselves to same. Collectors, however, can rest assured, no imperfs. are either issued officially or for postal purposes, the only exception since the introduction of perforated stamps being the King Edward variety.

MARION, SEPTEMBER 1, STATISTICS.

By W. G. Windhurst.

Following are statistics from local P. O.

Stamps brought by messenger,	200,000
Stamps sold first day,	180,000
Covers mailed Sept. 1,	5,000

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William Evans writes us as follows:—"While looking over some of my 3c 1861 covers recently I ran across this:—The cover bears a 3c 1861 stamp. Postmarked 'San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 6,' no year date. It is addressed to Rowayton, Connecticut. The interesting feature is the words 'Island of Kodiack, Alaska, Lery' written at the top of the cover in mss. In pencil at one side is the date Oct. 13/69. The authenticity of the cover is established. Has anyone a cover from Alaska at as early a date?"

For a long time I have had in my collection of the one cent 1873, a copy perforated all around but showing an arrow in one corner. My first thought was that the stamp had been reperforated on the arrow side and, in fact, there seems to be a slight difference in the perforations on that side and on the others. Yet the perforations measure all right and after studying the specimen a while it is easy to convince oneself that the stamp has not been reperforated.

One thing in favor of the genuineness of this specimen is that it was located in a lot of one thousand stamps which cost a very nominal sum and which, I have every reason to believe, was not the remainder of any collector's stock, and therefore unpicked. That being so how would a reperforated stamp come in the lot. Or were there those who would reperforate stamps way back in the seventies and eighties when these stocks were being accumulated for the first time?

At any rate, I was inclined to question the genuineness of this arrow copy perforated all around on the ground that there was no way in which such an error could have occurred in the shop of the printing company that made these stamps. But the other day I made a nice little find of covers that I absolutely know have never before delighted any collectors eyes. And among them was a three cent 1869 on cover showing arrow in upper right hand corner and the stamp perforated all around.

Not being a collector of the three cent 1869, I do not know whether the arrow occurs on stamps perforated all around in this issue or not. I would therefore appreciate it if some reader who has a large collection of the '69 issues would inform this department whether this is the usual thing for that issue or is an oddity. If the latter, I shall be inclined to believe that my one cent 1873 is o. k.

The only way I can figure out that this could have occurred would be that the sheet slipped over so far in being perforated that perforations were run through the center of the sheet which is supposed to be unperforated for cutting the sheet into panes. That is, the sheet slipped over in the same manner that accounts for end roller grills. Who can say whether this could have happened under the method of perforating used at that time?

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It makes a lot of difference, and the Post Office Department stands ready to lend its moral support to the postmaster in his efforts to induce heavy mailers to purchase stamps at the point of dispatch.

In fact, it is the one obstacle in the way of complete success of the present method of rating postmasters of the first, second, and third class, and for fixing their salaries.

The method is fixed by law and can not be changed or modified by the department. Not only are the salaries of postmasters determined by the amount of revenue produced by their offices, but the allowance for clerk hire, as well as other expenses, is based upon receipts and not on the quantity of work performed.

The system operates as a check and balance, preventing the employment of unnecessary help when a particular office is on the decline and, on the other hand, automatically disclosing the need for additional clerks and carriers when increased business produces increased revenue.

This flexibility renders the system of great value in preventing an excess of employees and in maintaining the service machinery at a standard of efficiency commensurate with requirements for handling the mails. It is deemed far better than any previous scheme for rating postmasters and fixing allowances for clerk hire, and since its operation no plan considered superior has been suggested.

There are, however, a considerable number of firms, principally large corporations, maintaining branch offices in various cities, who make a practice of purchasing stamps in large quantities at the headquarters office and doling them out to their local branches on requisition.

When a large quantity of this mail is dumped into the local post-office, especially one of the smaller offices, the result is a demoralization of greater or less extent, depending upon the quantity of mail.

It is inequitable to the postmaster, whose salary might have been increased had the stamps been purchased at his office, and it is unfair to the clerks and other employees who must handle the additional mail without its being credited toward increased allowance for clerk hire.

But, above all, it is unfair to the regular patrons of the office whose mail, of necessity, must be delayed by an influx of entirely unexpected matter, unless the postmaster or the clerks, actuated by wholly human emotions, hold up the offending foreign mail until the other mail has been dispatched.

Usually a firm is willing to co-operate rather than incur the ill-will of postal clerks, especially when the importance of maintaining the system of rating postmasters and determining clerk-hire allowance is explained to them.

Some firms, however, have been reluctant to make the change. They advance the argument that it is preferable to purchase stamps at the main office so that they may be perforated with the firm's initials to render them less marketable by dishonest employees.

The department answers this argument by pointing out that other firms have solved the problem by instructing their agents or dealers, when making their regular remittances to the home office, to render a certain proportion of the amount in postage stamps. The stamps then are perforated and returned to the branch office for use on the company's mail.

So important does the department consider the maintenance of its rating system, and so concerned is it that its employees be not required to "work for nothing," that frequently representatives are sent to interview firms not conversant with the necessity for the request, with a view to inducing them to make a change in their method of purchasing stamps. Not a single firm has yet declined to co-operate after having had the department's problem explained to them.

The department feels justified in asking this co-operation, particularly in view of the fact that postage rates have not been increased for years.

W. IRVING GLOVER,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

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Stamps and addresses upon some of the returned request cards show that *Fashions of the Hour* reaches almost every corner of the globe. Events and happenings, both national and international, are strangely reflected in the stamps in use in certain of these places; France is celebrating the memory of Louis Pasteur with a *Dix Centime* stamp bearing his head; the new Irish Republic shows its independence with bright red and green stamps; the international city of Constantinople uses surcharged British stamps; while the Panama Canal Zone, once a part of Panama, uses surcharged stamps of that country. Other nations whose stamps are included in our collection are: Argentine, Australia, Canada, Chili, China, Cuba, England, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Porto Rico, Sweden, Switzerland and Panama.

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PIERCE MATCH CO.

By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

There are many features in connection with the stamp used by this firm that are similar, or in some way suggests a similarity with that other rare Illinois match stamp—the famous Rock Island. Excepting that they are almost identical in color the stamps themselves have very little in common, but both have been so eagerly sought after and so highly prized by the few collectors who have been fortunate enough to obtain them, that the romantic glamour associated with the Rock Island has diffused its splendor also upon the volcano stamp used at about the same time only 150 miles away.

In one respect, however, the Pierce stamp stands in a class entirely by itself. It is either larger or smaller than any of the other match stamps and its design as a whole does not suggest any other.

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Jan. 21, 1867.
First issued, Mar. 5, 1867.
Last issued, Mar. 5, 1867.
144 stamps per sheet (18x8).
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"But one lot of these stamps were ever delivered; the balance on hand, 206,700, were destroyed as obsolete."

The entire issue cost the proprietors only $500.00, plus the cost of the die and plate, which probably was not a great deal less than the cost of the stamps alone.

The design forms an upright rectangle measuring nearly 20x36 mm. The central portion is occupied by a circular disk showing a lake or river in the mountains. On the shore of the lake at the foot of one of the mountains are what appear to be the buildings of a town. The largest mountain in the center of the group is a volcano in full eruption. Above and below the central disk are curved labels inscribed "Pierce" above and "Match Co." below. The background of the upper and lower portions of the stamp is formed of parallel vertical lines. The upper part of this background is inscribed "U. S. Inter. Rev." and the lower part reads "Chicago, Ill." There are small ornamental panels in the four corners of the stamp; the upper ones each enclose a five-pointed star and the lower ones similarly enclose the numeral 1. The space between these small panels at the top and bottom is inscribed to read "One Cent" at the top and similarly at the bottom. The engraving in the central disk is a striking piece of work and fully equal to the best bits of scenery portraiture found on any of the Butler & Carpenter productions.

For many years the history of this firm was quite unknown to stamp collectors generally. Efforts to trace a recor the factory or of any Pierce engage the match business in Chicago were ren of result, and the only clue which present writer was able to obtain i search carried on intermittently for eral years, was in the United States B ness Directory for 1867, wherein one E. Pierce is listed as a match manu turer at Charlemont, Massachusetts. seemed not unlikely that this Pierce related to the Robert W. Pierce went from that part of Massachusetts established the first match factory Milwaukee in 1844. One of the proprietors of the Milwaukee fact was Frank H. Greenleaf, whose name earlier Milwaukee stamps bear (Gre leaf & Co.) and who was born in Cha mont and probably went to Milwau from there in 1844.

Through the kind efforts of Mr. E. Sterling of Trenton, New Jersey, h ever, the connection between H. E. Pi of Charlemont and Robert W. Pierce Milwaukee has been established, and original correspondence between H. Pierce and Mr. Sterling in the sum of 1890, when Sterling was gather material for a history of the vari match manufacturers, has been placed the present writer's hands for use in article.

H. E. Pierce was brother-in-law George O. Seward of Trenton, New J sey, who worked in, or was connec with, several match factories in differ parts of the country, and particularly Trenton, where he worked for Hendri son & Leigh, The Trenton Match C and later was Manager of the Sewa Match Manufacturing Co. The matc sold by J. J. Allen's Sons of Philad phia were made by Seward in Trent For several years he lived near Mr. St ling there and they were personal frien

The correspondence between H. Pierce and E. B. Sterling does not clude any of the letters from Mr. St ling, but as those letters apparently c tained mostly questions asked of Pie in regard to his experience in the ma

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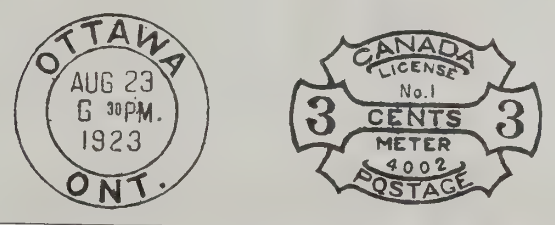

sess, their absence is not important, ially as the letters from Pierce are lete and go into considerable detail. e are six of these letters dated from 10 to July 29, 1890. All of them written from the Postoffice Village ar, in the Township of Charlemont, achusetts.

the first letter bearing date of July 890, Mr. Pierce states:

began the Match Business in 1843 at emont, Mass. I first made round hes. Finding there was no money I turned my attention to the split or match and got up machinery for manufacture of the block match, er, I believe, than any other manu- rer in the world. I had a close run the Boston card match, they coming to 28c, I got down to 25c per gross matches in a bunch. In 1850 they me for infringing on the Phillips et. I made a compromise with them tarted the business in Springfield, near Otsego Lake 2 or 3 years."

ringfield is in the northeastern part sego County, about ten miles south ttle Falls and southwest of Ilion. W.]

1855 I went in a company with 4 e company at Detroit, Mich. (I lived in Charlemont, Mass.) I left it in January, went back first of found the Co. had manufactured of poor matches. Found a part of the company had over-ruled my Agt. that I left there to superintend. I sold out. The company had failed and sunk $10,000 in less than six months. I got 50c on the dollar. A few years after they started up again, called the Richardson Mfg. Co. I don't know but they are running yet. It has been one of the largest in the country."

[In the letter of July 17, Pierce writes, "The Richardson Co. should read Richardson Match Co. instead (of) Mfg. but the Co. at Milwaukee sold out before the Stamp Act was passed by Congress."—C. W.]

"In 1867 I started with a company of 4 in Chicago. I got up the design for the stamp, thinking that the volcano (was) a fitting emblem of the business. I think I sold you the last stamps that I had, (at one dollar a piece).

There were three match companies that happened to start in Chicago about the same time—one called the Pierce Match Co., one the Gates Match Co. (started from N. Y.), one called the Garden City Match Co. They called on us for stamps but we could not sell them any from a private die. They told me they had paid out $11,000 to get started. At that time, the match business was so close that we called a Council of Manufacturers. They came from all parts of the west and as far east as the State of N. Y. and held a 3 days council. One party told me that he had over ten thousand dollars invested in stamps and that he did not expect to get the interest of his money back. That was before the combination. After that, I am told, it became one of the greatest monopolies in the country. Our company lost $6,000 there in the business. Since then I have not had much to do in the business.

(I will say that the passage of that stamp act by Congress giving 10 per cent discount by taking $1,000 worth at one time ruined the business for all the smaller match manufacturers of the country, the larger ones working for the profits on the discount and manufacturing at cost.)

P. S. I am told that I am the oldest match manufacturer in the country living. My age 72 years."

[Note. Alexander Underwood, who was eight years older than Pierce, died June 7, 1890, only a month before this letter was written.]

(To be continued.)

CANADA'S "OFFICIALLY SEALED."

By EDWARD E. GOODCHILD.

Lack of knowledge of the postal rules and regulations of Canada is accountable for another postage stamp of an official nature being dubbed a label instead of a rare and hard to get variety. I refer to the officially sealed dead letter office stamp.

It may not be generally known that until a few months ago the system in vogue in many countries, that of returning undelivered letters was against the postal rules and regulations of Canada. As a matter of fact even a letter discovered insufficiently stamped was not forwarded to the addressee, but found its way to the Dead Letter Office. These facts cannot be disputed; they are on record for any person to see.

In the course of events letters found their way to the Dead Letter Office containing items of value; these could not be burned as were those of no value, and neither could they be returned as it would be contrary to the rules, as aforesaid, for the department to send through the mail letters for which prepayment had not been provided for. It was therefore decided that the stamp department would issue a stamp which distinctly stated that the letter had been officially sealed by the Dead Letter Office and that the stamp being of an official nature was in prepayment of the postage. No account being available whereby a charge could be made for the postage, such stamps were given no denomination as their use could apply to parcels or letters requiring more than the usual postage rate. The cost of manufacture, however, was charged by the Postage Stamp Department against the Dead Letter Office which it must be distinctly understood is a branch by itself.

The system with the introduction of the Dead Letter Office envelope for the return of such mail, has been done away with, and no more officially sealed stamps are used.

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School has begun and as the stamp season is said to start with the opening of educational institutions, the present fiscal year of philately is on. What of the prospects for the season? What of the results of movements that have been under way for some time? An answer is not so easily made this year as on former occasions because there are a number of conditions to be taken into account that were not within our orbit heretofore. It is surprising to us and somewhat mortifying as well that from various quarters that should be better informed, we have had inquiries asking if the interest in stamp collecting was not waning. We attribute this strange blindness to the evidence presented on almost every side, to the several newspaper references to the present state of collecting that we have commented on recently. It is apparent that not a few persons accept without question, comments that they may read, even though they are made by writers who have no conception of the activities of the philatelic world. Thus, it is proved that publicity of the wrong kind is as damaging to philately as advertising of the right kind is helpful. It becomes incumbent upon us to correct impressions based on error as we have reason to know that if they are permitted to have wide currency without being challenged, the effect of them is to disparage stamp collecting in the minds of those who once were collectors or whose interest in stamps is a latent one. Now that we must think of stamp collecting in broad or national terms, it becomes our duty to protect it from the insinuations of those who do not take the trouble to investigate before they place their conclusions on record.

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With so many constructive factors at work for the upbuilding of philately, it follows that we are entering upon a period of collecting interest that will eclipse anything of the kind that we have heretofore experienced. While the growth of stamp collecting in its most advanced form mav be aligned somewhat with the financial and social conditions of the country, yet, despite them, there is no reason to assume that anything can check the increase in the number of collectors who do not take the pursuit as seriously as those who have about all their thoughts and energies bound up in stamps. Collecting may be indulged in nowadays under the most favorable auspices as one may obtain a large number of stamps at a comparatively small outlay. The wide-spread interest of the public in stamps as a result of the developments that we have enlarged upon many times is beginning to have its effect and one may say that we have opened a new era. Never before was it to be said without any reservations whatever that a coming year would carry the collecting wave to a height never before known. The long fight to have philately recognized as a work that is worthy of inclusion in the list of standard pursuits will show beneficial results this coming season.

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The following clipping is from a newspaper of 1851, whose name we are unable to find: "Great Call for Post Office Stamps.—Seventeen hundred dollars' worth of postage stamps were sold during business hours in Boston on Friday last; this, too, under the rule that no individual can purchase more than three dollars' worth at a time. The reduction of postage has, even at this early period, given ample evidence that correspondence has been and will be materially increased." We suppose that the rule of restricting the amount of the sale of stamps to one person was adopted locally in order to conserve as much as possible the limited supply of the stamps of the new issue of 1851. Any further information on this phase of the sale of stamps at the post-office would be of interest.

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In conversation with Mr. W. C. Stone, he said that we were within the bounds of probability in saying that the first philatelic society in this country was the New York Philatelic Society, organized in March, 1867. A correspondent says that he read somewhere that the Royal Philatelic Society, London, was the oldest body of collectors but we know that this society was founded on April 10, 1869. The Dresden society and La Societie de Timbrologie in France did not antedate the New York society; and so the claim is now made that the first philatelic society in the world was the New York Philatelic Society.

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The enterprise of the United Cigar Stores in placing on sale the Harding memorial stamp soon after it was issued calls for commendation and in Chicago and no doubt other cities, some collectors had their first sight of the stamp through the forethought of this large corporation. Placards announced that the stamp in question was on sale in the stores controlled by the company. The specimens were marketed in envelopes, five stamps to the packet, that bore the advertisement of the Realite pencil.

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A correspondent asks for an explanation of the words, "The Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Company, St. Joseph, Mo.," on a Pony Express envelope that he finds pictured in a newspaper, opportunely of the recent revival of interest in Pony Express days. The contracting firm of Russell, Majors, Waddell Co., one of the oldest and largest of the carrying firms in the west, who established the Pony Express, held control of the central route or that by way of Julesburg, Colorado; F
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carried letters for Oregon, Washing
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Mexican ports, Russian possessi
Sandwich Islands, China, Japan
India, but these letters were mailed
San Francisco. While on the subject
pioneer mail days in the west, it may
added that a postmaster who kept
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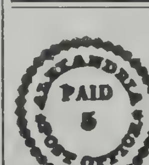

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(We have already indicated that the government's stamp exhibit at London is to be shown in various cities of the country. The following clipping from the "Philadelphia Inquirer" is a fair sample of the publicity that the feature is receiving. Without a doubt this move upon the part of the Post Office Department will be of material value in arousing a great interest in philately.—W. O. W.)

So great has been the interest manifested by philatelists and others in the American stamp exhibit, which recently captured a special prize at the International Stamp Exhibition in London, that Postmaster General New has acceded to numerous requests to have the exhibit displayed in nine large cities for a few days at a time. The collection will be brought to this city, probably late next month.

The display was taken to Chicago yesterday, where it will remain until September 22, when it will be sent to Detroit, Mich., and then to Marion, Ohio. Other cities in the itinerary besides Philadelphia are New York, Baltimore, Boston, Indianapolis, Buffalo and Washington, where it will be brought after the tour is completed.

The exhibit was entered in the London exposition by Third Assistant Postmaster-General W. Irving Glover. Since it was not a collection of rare or old postage stamps, but was more in the nature of a work of art composed almost entirely of the newer series of stamps, many of which have not yet been put into current use, the American exhibit did not come within the field of those entitled to one of the regular prizes.

So impressed were the officials of the exposition, however, with its appearance and beautiful workmanship, that a special prize was awarded. The inverted airplane stamp in the American exhibit, valued by collectors at from $1,000 to $1,500, attracted unusual attention and was especially noted by King George of England, who is an ardent philatelist and who has a valuable collection of stamps.

The prize-winning exhibit is made up of various-hued stamps to represent the American shield, which is surrounded by a wreath of blue stamps and a border of lathe and ornamental work reproduced from United States notes and bonds.

At the top, in an ornamental frame, is an engraved portrait of President Harding. At the bottom appears a portrait of Postmaster General New, under which is the gold seal of the Post Office Department with blue ribbon streamers. On the four corners are engravings of the White House, the Post Office Department, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Washington city postoffice.

The background of the exhibit is made up entirely of the new golden yellow ten-cent Monroe stamps. The other stamps forming the design are inlaid. The national colors of the United States shield are made by using the ordinary two-cent stamps of the old issue for the red stripes, the background for the white stripes and the new five-cent Roosevelt stamps for the blue field.

The wreath, surrounding the shield, is formed by a double row of stamps, the outer one composed of the new dark blue 14-cent American Indian and the inner row of the new light blue 11-cent Hayes stamp. Within the circle, in an oramental panel, the entire new issue of 1922 stamps appears, while the old issue is in a similar panel directly beneath. Surmounting the shield is the spread eagle of the United States with transparent rays shooting forth. In panels on either side, above the shield, are the commemorative series of one, two, five and ten-cent San Francisco stamps of 1913 and the tercentenary series of one, two and five, and the three-cent Liberty stamp.

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1916-7	1c	(389a)	block of four	.05
1916-7	1c	(389b)	pair, 3c; strip of five	.07
1916-7	2c	(390a)	pair vert. or hor.	.03
1916-7	2c	(390a)	block of four	.06
1916-7	2c	(390b)	pair, 2c; strip of five	.15
1916-7	3c	(391a)	pair vert. or hor.	.03
1916-7	3c	(391b)	pair, 12c; strip of five	.30
1916-7	4c	(392a)	single, 5c; pair	.10
1916-7	5c	(393a)	single, 5c; pair	.10
1917	3c	(411)	Shermack, 3c; strip five	.20
1918	6c	(430)	aero (per 10, 30c)	.04
1918	6c	(430)	same, nice block four	.16
1918	16c	(431)	aero (per 10, $1.10) ..	.14
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—Within a week after the Harding memorial stamp was issued in Marion and Washington, on September 1st, it had been distributed by the department to most of the larger cites and by the time these notes reach our reader it will possibly be on sale throughout the country. The Bureau of Engraving & Printing is making extra efforts to have these in the hands of all post-offices as promptly as possible and under date of September 5th the Third Assistant Postmaster-General instructed postmasters "so far as practical, to temporarily displace the regular issue of 2-cent stamps with the Harding memorial stamps in making sales to the public." To date I have found stamps from twelve flat plates on sale, these bearing numbers 14852 to 14863 inclusive.

I now learn that all of the 200,000 stamps alloted to Marion, Ohio, were sold on the first day and an additional quantity of like amount was immediately dispatched. The *Marion Daily Star*, owned by our late President, tells us that 40,000 were sold on mail orders from this lot. We are also informed that Dr. George T. Harding, father of President Harding, was the first purchaser. A Cleveland doctor motored to Marion to be among the first to purchase. Moving pictures were taken of the event and we are told that the congestion was so great in the lobby of the post-office that small desks were placed outside on the front steps for the sale of the stamps and that even with these precautions that there were two lines over a half block long All sub-stations in the city were supplied.

On the first day the Philatelic Stamp Agency sold stamps to the value of $29,250 with an estimated $5,000 worth of orders unfilled. In a bulletin sent out by the information service of the department we learn that a representative of a large chain cigar stores corporation (supposedly United Cigar Company) called upon Postmaster-General New and laid upon his desk ten $1,000 gold certificates and one hundred $100 gold certificates, a total of $20,000, for the purpose of memorial stamps. The stamps will be sold to the public and the majority probably never will be circulated but will be retained as mementos.

On the day of issue I personally sent special delivery letters to a number of prominent persons and one reply is especially interesting. Written on mourning paper it reads as follows:—

"September 5, 1923.

My dear Mr. Ward:

Mrs. Harding received your letter with the new stamp issue in memory of President Harding. It was the first letter she had received with this stamp and she wants you to know of her appreciation of your kind thought.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) LAURA HARLAN,
Secretary.

Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr.,
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another letter of the previous day headed "The White House" reads

"My dear Mr. Ward:

The President has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant and to thank you warmly for your courtesy.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) C. B. SLEMP,
Secretary to the President."

Similar letters have come from Secretary Hughes, Secretary Mellon, Postmaster-General New, most of the other cabinet members, Henry Ford, Gov. Gifford Pinchot and others and I am looking forward for a number of letters from abroad, for they were mailed to most of the crowned and uncrowned heads of Europe, Asia, South America and the like. I am after a specialized collection of this one stamp and all that pertains to it and I would suggest to other collectors that this single variety will offer untold opportunity of getting together something of interest to collector as well as non-collector.

Under date of September 10th, the department officially announces that the Harding stamp from the rotary press, perforated 10x10, will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency on Wednesday, September 12th. We are told that "the demand by postmasters throughout the country for supplies of the new Harding stamp has become so great that it was necessary to authorize the Bureau of Engraving & Printing to supplement the flatbed process with the rotary process, used heretofore only on one-cent stamps."

Under date of September 1st, the department announced that the frame of stamps that was prepared for the International Philatelic Exhibition at London and which was illustrated in MEKEEL'S some months back would be forwarded to the different cities where it would remain on exhibition for several days. Indianapolis, the home of the Postmaster-General, was the first city so favored. It remained there until September 8th when it was sent to Chicago, where it will remain until the 22nd, upon which date it will go to Detroit and then to Marion. Other cities which are included in the itinerary, for which dates will be announced later, include Buffalo, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and then back to Washington, where it will be placed on public exhibition for the first time. Such advertisement is certainly a boom to stamp collecting and we would suggest to philatelic organizations throughout the country that they take the matter up with their postmaster and try and have the exhibit which is most handsome visit their city.

Mr. LeGrand Payne, together with Mr. Ioor, kindly sends clippings from an Indianapolis paper showing that the exhibit there was placed on view in the window of one of the large department stores.

AUSTRALIA. — Mr. R. Roberts advises that the ½d postage due stamp, perf. 14, watermarked narrow A and Crown, has been placed on sale.

BELGIAN CONGO. — Mr. Henry Hooreman, writing under date of August twenty-fourth, informs us that the following values of the new set of stamps manufactured in the United States are expected daily: 50c blue, picturing a native hunter (pulling his "arc") to shoot his arrow; 75c orange, showing the likeness of a native weaver at work; 1fr brown; 3frs, with a view of a native working rubber; 5frs, with a view of a Congolese working palm-oil; 10frs, with a picture of an elephant's head. Mr. Hooreman also adds that a 5c and 40c will also appear, the former with a likeness of a Ubaughi Chief and the latter showing a basket maker.

GERMANY.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the appearance of the 200mk red and 4 dark lilac in the current types.

GREECE.—The set of 56 provisionals sued to commemorate the Revolution rather a heavy philatelic dose to swall but many of the stamps have been ov printed in small quantities and are likely to trouble the ordinary collect Mr. P. J. Drossos states that the 56 va eties listed by us are the only ones c cially authorizied and issued. M other stamps of Crete were overprint but they were ordered to be destroyed, that if any of them come on the mar they can only be the result of leak and cannot be regarded as issued va ties. Applicants at the Post Offices o received five or ten stamps of each k that happened to be available, while complete sets were sold to collect and dealers. An official list of quantities overprinted is expec shortly.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly C cular.*

GRENADA.—Mr. R. Roberts has sho us the 5sh value on new yellow pa script watermark.

SARAWAK.—Mr. Ho Hong Soon wri that there is an interesting variety the 10c blue, in the current portr type, all the stamps in the sixth verti row having the word "POSTAGE" right and the line below it double. T specimen before us shows clear traces this, and the variety is, of course, al found in the 1c on 10c Provisional cently chronicled. In the "TWO CENT provisional listed last month there we two different types of "W" in "TWO the first type used for the first to eigh rows and the second for those of t ninth and tenth rows.—*Stanley Gibbo Monthly Circular.*

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—From Mr. W. G. Windhurst, Marion, Ohio, comes the disquieting news: "I have just got word from Cleveland that mail clerk thieves have torn off a lot of pairs, blocks, etc., of the Harding stamps that were on the several hundred of covers that I sent to that city."

—We do not remember having mentioned an article that was published in several newspapers, concerning the enterprise of William L. Leighton of Seattle, Washington, who conducts the Queen Anne Stamp Company successfully, albeit Mr. Leighton has been bedridden for three years with cerebral rheumatism and does his work while lying flat on his back. When he became incapacitated, he found his old stamp collection and began to collect again. Exchanging stamps was followed by the idea of dealing; and the Elks gave him a big lift by getting the brothers who were in a position to obtain stamps to save them for Mr. Leighton. The grit of the man who is down but very far from out has been instrumental in building up the business until now it is profitable and of no little importance.

—Looking through the latest table of transit charges on packages to be dispatched by an indirect service *via* a foreign intermediate country, we find that the highest tariff on an eleven-pound package is allotted to Northern Rhodesia, with $3.08. Even Ascension, Palestine and St. Thome and Principe may be reached for $1.02, an eleven-pound. These charges are in addition to the postage rate of 12 cents a pound; and both postage and transit charges are to be paid by postage stamps affixed to the packages.

—An advertising cancellation reaches us from Memphis, Tenn.:—"Tri-State Fair, Memphis, Sept. 22-29." Also from Tulsa, Okla., the following:—"International Petroleum Exposition, Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 8-14, '23."

—We commend the enterprise of the Yorkton Sask. Stamp Society in connection with its stamp exhibition held in the Town Hall of Yorkton, September 19 to 22. By courtesy of Edw. E. Goodchild we have seen a program demonstrating that the entire exhibition was well handled. A special cancellation was issued reading:—"Yorkton Stamp Exhibition, Sept. 19th-22nd, 1923." Mr. Goodchild had a paper "What is Philately?"

—We have received from Mr. A. E. Kratz, the publisher, a bound volume of the *Chicago International Philatelist* which looks well on the shelves of our library.

—Recently, the Los Angeles *Examiner* showed the portrait of Bertram W. H. Poole and included an interview with Mr. Poole in the course of a column stamp article by a "feature" writer. Here is the finale of the story: "Recently a friend of Mr. Poole dropped a parcel in a hotel lobby. A bellboy found it and returned it to the owner with the remark: 'You dropped some stamps, sir.' 'Yes,' replied the collector, '$2,000,000 worth.' 'Gosh,' bellowed the emissary. 'Ain't that just my luck? I thought they were good for a two-bit trade at Woolworth's.' "

—A. A. Wassersheid sends us a new advertising cancellation from Rutland, Vt.:—"Rutland, Vermont, Live Stock Exposition, Season 1923."

—A new advertiser in the WEEKLY is the Cortlandt Stamp Co., 5 Cortlandt St., New York City. The proprietor of the firm is H. C. Meyer.

—The Rev. L. C. Walter, Kansas City, Kansas, sends three new advertising cancellations for listing:—Tulsa, Okla.: "International—Petroleum Exposition—Tulsa, Okla—Oct. 8-14, '23,, in four lines. St. Louis, Mo.: "Third—National Aero—Congress—St. Louis, Mo—Oct. 1-2-3" in five lines. Minneapolis, Minn.: "Minnesota State Fair—And—N. W. Dairy Exposition—Sept. 1-8" in four lines.

—In a letter from Mr. F. G. Browne, he calls attention to the great preponderance of white and blue stamped envelopes in a large everyday mail; and to the seeming decline in popularity of amber paper which used to follow white paper in commonness. We quote the following details from Mr. Browne's chronicle of little things of interest:

"I have been looking over five or six thousand envelopes as they come in our daily mail, with a special eye to the new two-cent stamp. I am impressed with the immense improvement in the uniformity of color of the different processes and especially with the perfection of centering. It might interest you to know that out of these five or six thousand envelopes I have found exactly four cancellations not black—three were in red and one in purple."

—Mr. G. M. Mosler of Cincinnati passed through Chicago on his annual pilgrimage to the forest primeval of the north. Mr. C. W. Best of Honolulu attended the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, held September 6th, and made an interesting philatelic talk to the members.

—"On Friday, August 31st, there was started from Saint Joseph, Mo., to San Francisco, a Pony Express rider similar to the famous Pony Express of Civil War times, even taking as nearly as possible the same route. At first only a message from Pres. Coolidge and one from the Mayor of St. Joseph to the Mayor of San Francisco were to be carried, and I was told upon inquiry that no other mail would be carried. Not satisfied, I made the same inquiry several days later and was told that a small pouch of first class mail *might* be carried. Finally on the day before the start I was informed thru a friend in the post-office that mail would be carried, and that a special cancellation had been made up for the occasion, reading 'VIA PONY EXPRESS ST JOSEPH MO AUG 31 1923 A. M. The rider left at 10 a. m. carrying one small locked mail pouch containing 389 envelopes for California points only. Mail was to have been picked up also at Topeka, Kas., but the rider there "forgot the Mail" (!) and it was forwarded in the regular way. Topeka pouch contained only 14 pieces. No doubt these covers will be much sought after and should be very good property. Mail was carried from here to Omaha the same day by airplane, this being St. Joseph's first airplane mail. No special cancellation was used, the hour of cancellation—'2 P M'—being the only identification."—HAROLD K. FREDERICK.

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30c, No. 8	.30
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$3.00, No. 13	2.75
$1 on $3, No. 16	3.50
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4c, No. 3	.04
10c, No. 6	.15
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By Frederick W. Allen.

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This was indeed luck, as Jack was beginning to be bored with looking at the fleeting landscape. Rising from his chair, he stepped over and remarked, "Stranger, I guess we are two of a kind. I have a match to that button of yours."

"Well, by Jove! that you have," the stranger replied and the two shook hands, at the same time exchanging introductions.

In ten minutes Jack Bartlett and Larry Stone were fast friends.

Each found the other to be a philatelist of standing. Both were possessors of valuable collections and professed to be striving for quality, not quantity.

"Jack, did you ever get taken in on much of the new Europe stuff," asked Larry.

"Yes, Larry, I did. You remember the Hungary Tanac set. When it cost me three dollars (around one-ninth catalog) I thought it was cheap. It sure was a 'cheap' set. When the bottom fell out, it dropped as low as forty cents. Then again I "invested" quite a few dollars in Baranyas, Czechoes, Fiumes, etc. The whole mess rather disgusted me and I rid myself of the lot of them. Since then I have confined myself to the gilt edge British Colonials and U. S. stamps. I experienced a great deal of pleasure mounting up the artistic new issues for the provinces of Britain but the report comes from England that from now on new series are going to be mighty scarce. Then the U. S. portion of my collection is fairly complete except those very highly priced items. Of late it has occurred to me that I should delve into a side line. There is much agitation for old issue cancellations and also for—"

"PRECANCELS!", broke in Larry. "Why! old man, do you know that this finest side line is in favor with philatelists. It is a specialty of mine and I want to tell you that for every one who is a lover of the good old U. S. stamps there is a whale of a kick in precancels. If you are a lover of variety, you'll find it; if what you seek is beauty, it's there in systematized arrangement, both of the regular and special issues. A page of Aeroplane precancels are as pretty an array as one can find in any sort of a collection. Then if you want an investment this is really the most likely of which I know. There are two live societies catering exclusively to this branch and there is a great deal of talk about combining them. If this is done, there will exist a club which will in five or six years take its place among the leading three collectors' organizations of the U. S. You have, of course, read all of which I speak, but I want to tell you face to face that I have unslighted the hobby and from experience strongly advise you to take it up."

"Larry, you have interested me greatly in it. I may do so, but I cannot think of how to go about the arrangement of the stamps. Also, I don't know how to develop a sense of values that I'll have to have if I wish to consider the investment side. If you can give me any help on these points I shall be grateful and the field of your favorite specialty will be enriched by the addition of another enthusiast."

His friend thought a minute and exclaimed: "Here, we have been so interested in each other that neither of us has asked 'whither bound are you?' My home is in Minneapolis, are you still living in Buffalo? The last 'ad' of yours that I noticed gave that place as your address."

Jack replied that he still lived in Buffalo, according to a fashion being on the road a great deal of the time. Thereupon Larry insisted that he stop over a day and go out to his home. The invitation was gladly accepted for this would break the monotony of long ride.

They were now out of St. Cloud speeding along the Mississippi.

Jack spoke of the contrast the presented with its expansive self far down along "where the Burlington Soon they rolled into the big Union tion. Here they left the train wended their way out onto Henn Avenue; awaiting them was a brand "Studebaker" driven by Larry's Mrs. Stone was a very pleasant y woman and also an exceptionally sk driver. After quite a drive the stopped before a bungalow, nes prettily among some spreading elms.

"Here we are," called out La "Come on Jack, let's eat." The t moved towards the house, Larry Janet Stone hand in hand.

After a meal which seemed wh satisfying to all, Janet said: "Lar suppose you and Mr. Bartlett will to talk stamps. I don't see anythin them but I am glad you have a ho Gladys and I are going out this a noon and so you can go on a rega stamp spree."

An hour later the two philatelists comfortably settled in the library be a table. For some time they exam the various albums belonging to La At last one lone book remained opened. Larry then spoke as follo

"Jack, this is the most precious session along the stamp line that I sess and when you get through loo at it you are going to be a dyed in wool precancel fan. Now sit steady I'll begin."

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"Well! here goes." Larry then ope the album and Jack got his glimpse the first page. Immediately he let an exclamation of appreciation.

There on the first page was a sm snapshot of Larry Stone, artistically rounded by a colored design. In wording, read the following: "This lection belongs to Lawrence K. St and consists only of U. S. precance stamps, that have been selected w care; quality, not quantity being the ai This brief introduction prettily displa itself, as it had been worked out in striking manner.

The next page gave Jack his fi glimpse of a quantity of aeroplane p cancels. Six stamps across and ei down making forty-eight to a sh "Oh, you Aeros!" was inscribed in panel at the top. Larry now took the conversation, remarking that wh they cost a lot of money, he did not grudge the buying for nearly all w now unobtainable.

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"They fill up four pages, and while not very handsomely engraved, are quite eagerly sought after. I have arranged the printed ones in separate rows according to the position of cancellation. Doesn't that make a neat display?"

"It does," replied Jack. "You sure know how to fix 'em up. Is that 3c red violet variety precancelled La Junta, Colo., worth any more than the ordinary color?"

"You tell 'em! That's a rare bird. It only cost me twenty cents from Mr. Cullers, in Missouri, about two years ago but two dollars would be cheap for it now. There are few red violet Victory precancels in existence and collectors are eagerly grabbing them up. Just a minute before I turn this page. How do those interesting 'errors' from Indiana, Pa., Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tenn., Moorhead, Minn., and Pharr, La., strike you?"

"Pretty nifty," agreed his friend, "there must be a 'history' back of each."

"There is, but I can't take time for it now. Let's pass on to the Pilgrims."

This issue filled ten pages and comprised 400 varieties. As the stamps were a little larger than the Aeros and Victories, they were hinged five across and eight down, making forty to the page. Here the same plan of arrangement was followed out. The 5 cent variety was considerably in the minority. There were nice showy sets from Knoxville, Chattanooga, Boston, Denver, Easton and other cities. Also dozens of fine things from out of the way towns. Larry produced a few copies of the 1 cent and 2 cent Minneapolis Pilgrims in Type IX. As in the case of the 6 cent Aeroplane, only a few exist which are prized very highly by the fortunate owners.

Precancelled commemorative stamps, Parcel Post, Special Deliveries filled nearly twenty pages and much time was spent discussing them. Larry pointed out the 1c and 2c Columbians from Techny, Ill., which were made to order, but legitimately used by H. S. Powell. A page of Pan-Pacifics produced a cry of approval from Jack. San Francisco, Salisbury, Md., Aurora, Mo., Roseburg, Ore., Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Boston, New York, Miles City, Mont., all helped to complete the array. Then Jack saw red fields of Parcel Posts formed by a host of cities.

"You must secure some of these," Larry urged, "for now is the time to buy. They are quite popular and still exist in dealers' stocks. Dr. Mitchell has over 1,500 varieties of these stamps alone, and ranks as the authority on them. Mr. F. C. Mertz of Denver, Prof. A. A. Johnson of Tacoma, and Mr. Theo. Lincoln, of Hartford, Conn., also have a wonderful lot of Parcel Post precancels. Enough, though, for the special issues. Let's begin on the regular series.

I have not made much of an effort to secure the real early ones, as you can readily perceive, but have endeavored to obtain fine things in the 1898 and 1902 sets. Aren't the dated Chicagos pretty? They come in wide and narrow spacings, the narrow being much scarcer. I am very proud of these 125 varieties and will gladly purchase any others I need. Dated early issues are about as fine an investment as there is. I only have a few Binghampton compared to the number of varieties in existence. Notice some of the others; Attica, Ind., Lockport, N. Y., and Boston. Mr. Fred Raff of Chicago is quite a specialist of dated precancels."

After dated, came the others. "Circle type" Northamptons, "cogwheel" Waterburys, "Railroad track" Lansings, "double lined oval" Jacksons, Ft. Wayne "frames," all standing out from the simpler types. Elgin, Ill., precancels, struck Jack as being "quite the berries" and he straightway determined that he would amass as many varieties of these as possible when his precancel collection was begun. This was going to be started without delay for Jack was beginning to catch Larry's enthusiasm and it affected him in no mild way.

Page after page was passed until finally the perforated 11 stamps were reached.

"The most pleasant work I have ever experienced with stamps," said Larry, "was the arrangement of this series into the form you see them. Attraction has been my aim and to perfect it I paid particular attention to color schemes, balanced types and selection of copies. To secure this I have had to put quality first and I do not regret it, for although this is not such a large collection, it has a higher average value per stamps than any I have seen."

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"Next is a whole page of Universal Type I precancels making a colorful appearance. The top row are all of the two cent denomination, second, all six centers, third 11 centers, fourth sixes, fifth eights, sixth tens and the bottom row only has twelve centers in it. That 11c Allentown, Pa., is a 'peach.' Also the 12c Bismarck is rare. Look at the various towns using this type: Norwich, N. Y., and Conn., Portland, Me., and Ore., Houston, Easton, Charlotte, Oakland, Duluth, Helena, Roanoke, Utica and Pittsburg, among many others."

"I followed this method in the arrangement of the popular types throughout, but of course do not confine myself to it exclusively for the more varied the methods of mounting the more beautiful the collection becomes. Of Universal Type V and Universal Type XVIII I have similar pages. See this U-5 page. Look at those from Long Island City, South Bend, Cedar Rapids and Cedar Falls, Iowa (the Cedar Falls are quite scarce), Providence, Salt Lake City,

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Charlestown, St. Petersburg, Fla. Don't they show up fine? Then on this page we have the new U-18. This is becoming very popular. The first cities to use it were Anderson, Ind., Brooklyn, N. Y., Lemont, Ill., and Shelby, Ohio. Baltimore employed a type somewhat similar to it, a few years ago. Then Lincoln, Nebr., Rochester, N. Y., and others came out after Brooklyn in slightly heavier letters. This type I call U-18a but in a revised list of types it might be classed as U-19 and the present U-19 (used by New Washington, Ohio) given a different number. Some new cities using the U-18a are Canajoharie, N. Y., Ottumwa, and Waterloo, Iowa, DeKalb., Ill., Reading, Pa., and Hastings, Nebr."

Jack turned the page and Larry beheld a solid black group of seven centers all carefully put in. The inscription told the story in two words, "Black Beauties." Right after these came 150 varieties of the 13c apple green, a much prized precancel. Jack was enthusiastic over the future of this stamp and had especially gone after them. He said, "Even the common Chicago is worth a dime, and if this is the case with Chicago, doesn't it stand to reason that the small towns are going to be very valuable. There is a greater demand than dealers can supply. Mr. H. S. Haller of Big Creek., Calif., possesses about as many varieties of this one item as any collector I know.

"We'll rapidly skip over these pages of Dues: Rotaries 10x10, 10x11, 10x12; Coils; oddities and types of all sorts (a sort of dumping ground for all miscellaneous types which won't fit in anywhere)." This was done in about five minutes. Before turning over the last named sheet, Larry looked at Jack and said: "You have seen all my precanceled postage except two groups. May I ask you if you feel anything lacking so far?"

"Well, Larry, I am not up much on precancels but it seems as though sets of cities would be necessary in any sort of a precancel collection."

"Good guess, Jack, that's just what we are coming to. When I began collecting I tried to get complete sets from towns but found that it was in most cases a pretty hard task. There were so many blank spaces that the appearance of the collection was spoiled. Therefore I hit upon this plan. Sets of seven from the cities I wished to represent. Why seven? Because seven just makes a row in this album. When I am able to get fourteen varieties from a city then I put in two rows on different pages because I like to have seven cities to a page. It is either fourteen, seven, or none with me. Of course, if I get four or five, I lay them away until I secure seven and then mount them up. In this way there is always a sense of completeness staring one in the face. If I get a more desirable item than one I have in a set, I substitute. My aim is, always, to get the seven scarcest ones and it often works out 7, 9, 11, 12, 20, 30, 50. I do not aim to place the different values in sequence for I pay more attention to color scheme than numerical order."

"How do you like these sets from San Francisco, Binghampton, Los Angeles, Omaha, Bay City, Seattle, and Minneapolis on this page; and Sheboygan, Endicott, Portland, St. Paul, Lima, Piqua and Utica on this? The total number of these sets that I now have is over one hundred. I am mighty proud of them."

"You have a right to be, Larry. I see that condition counts in precancels as in everything else. Do you ever put in a straight edge or badly centered copy?"

"Once in a while I put in a well centered straight edge but not often. As to a badly centered stamp—Never! It would ruin any page. Now to turn to the last group. I specialize in North Dakota precancels and am trying to complete this state. Fargo, Bismarck and Grand Forks are fairly plentiful but all the others are rare. The Wahpetons were hard for me to get as also were these from Kulm, Mott, Minot and Willeston. I only have a few from Carrington, Mandan, Mohall and Devils Lake. I selected North Dakota because of the opportunity I have had to get precancels from there, and because it is not a large user of this class of stamps. That is an advantage for there is not an impossible field to cover in completing the state."

"Good idea," agreed Jack, "I shall remember that when I pick out a state in which to specialize."

"This completes my postage precancels. I am starting a collection of precancelled revenues but have only a few as yet. There are some fine things in the 1898 Proprietaries."

Extracting a small stock book Jack laid it before Larry. "Larry," he said, "I have been laying away a few of these precancelled proprietaries that you speak of, thinking that perhaps I'd run across some one very much interested in them. I want you to accept them as a token of gratitude for the fine evening you have shown me."

They opened the book and sorted over the lot. It contained probably several hundred varieties, including such interesting cancellations as Internat'l Food Co., Chattanooga Med. Co., Pond's Extract, Dr. K. & Co., Morley Bros., Lewis Med. Co., The Piso Co., The Antikamnia Chemical Co., Job Moses & Martin Rudy.

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"That'll be fine, Larry. I'm going to order a 'Permanent' from Roessler immediately and begin a collection which will be patterned after yours. I'll fill out this application blank to the Precancelled Stamp Society right now." This being done Jack and Larry went up to bed fated to dream of wonderful finds in sundry scrap heaps.

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We appreciate very much the five-year renewal just at hand from Isaac V. S. Hillier, Cranford, N. J. In making his remittance of $5, Mr. Hillier says:—"Your paper has been coming on a trial subscription and we are pleased with it." This is the first instance of a member joining our Honor Club from the ranks of trial subscribers.

Albert W. Claflin of Providence, R. I., sending in his five-year renewal, wants to know whether we have a "life membership" proposition to offer. We have hardly thought it advisable to try this experiment. Mr. Claflin writes:—"Enclosed find my check for five years' renewal just to join the happy throng." The Club certainly is growing in numbers, and we sincerely trust in happiness as well.

Of all the applicants for membership in the Club, no one thus far mentioned has been so nonchalant in submitting his renewal as Willard Hall Porter, Jr., Wilmington, Del. The check comes in in a very matter-of-fact manner. We welcome Mr. Porter to the charmed circle.

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By PHILIP H. WARD, JR.

The largest statistical organization in the country, who as a part of their service present conclusions as to conditions in the business world, travel men in order to gain that personal contact so necessary in forecasting what we might expect. What, therefore, would be more natural than to look to one such as Mr. Charles J. Phillips of New York, for data as to what might be expected in the world of philately for the season just opening. Mr. Phillips since severing his connection in London has been constantly moving about, not only in the United States where he has been traveling from coast to coast but abroad as well. In spreading the famous Duveen collection to the four winds he has come into close personal contact with the larger buying philatelic public. It is this personal contact that lets us know what the other fellow is thinking and planning and when taken in combination with general business conditions can readily be interpreted by one such as this expert who has lately taken residence among us.

It was my good fortune, quite recently, of having the pleasure of spending the afternoon with Mr. Phillips at his apartment and meeting his charming American wife. As our conversation was mainly stamps his remarks will be of interest. Mr. Phillips, it might be well to mention, was for a number of years manager and main owner of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., of London, and during this time, purchased, handled and sold many of the world's finest collections. He was one of the few that had access to Ferrari and his wonderful collection and counted among his friends most of the large collectors and dealers of the last generation and a half. About a year ago he sold his Gibbons holdings and has since moved to this country, where he has applied for citizenship.

"The prospects of good business in the stamp trade," says Mr. Phillips, "never seemed brighter than the outlook for the new season. The great prices obtained in all of the Ferrari sales have opened the eyes of the richer classes to the real investment value of fine stamps. The man who has heretofore looked upon stamps simply as a hobby has been made to realize that in stamps there is a vast opportunity offered for gilt edge investment, comparable with the best seasoned stocks and bonds."

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"The next point to which I think we should all work with a view to establishing philately on an unassailable position in this country, is to have a club house of our own. The wealth is here and it only needs one or more of the great philatelists of this rich country to found a home for philately which would be a monument to himself and an example to the rest of the world.

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Mr. Phillips dwelt on the ethics of the trade when he said, "It seems to me that this consists in establishing confidence between the dealer and his clients."

"If a collector goes to a dealer for advice or help he should get correct advice and not be misled as is so often the case. Stamp collecting now-a-days is not a boy's hobby but is a serious means of investment and a dealer is shortsighted who advises his clients to purchase classes of goods for which there is little or no sale when he may wish to dispose of them."

Speaking on the point of stamps as an investment Mr. Phillips' thoughts on the subject are of interest. They are not only of interest because he believes what he says but actually practices what he preaches. When he sold out his interest in London he received a certain amount of cash at the time of the transaction. This, along with money that his wife desired invested, has actually been put into stamps and these are buried for the time being, that is, not for sale. He feels that his returns will be greater than on stocks and bonds and that there will always be a market for his holdings.

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He states that "In the great rush for United States stamps most of the other countries are neglected but this is to the advantage of the student and to the man of vision, who can look ahead and form collections of countries now neglected but which will prove a fine investment in the not distant future."

Mr. Phillips made a great many additional suggestions which he believed if put into effect would promote the interests of philately and put the hobby on an even sounder basis. He suggests that we all support the American Philatelic Society and attend its annual meetings. "This fellowship," says he, "or brotherhood, is a great factor in building up collectors. We get the competitive idea by meeting one another and this all helps business and should be encouraged."

"I have never been one of those fellows," continues Mr. Phillips, "who believed in getting hold of a collector and building a wall around him. The lonely collector seldom becomes a big and permanent buyer. The best men are those who join stamp clubs and associations and thus meet their fellowmen, exchange ideas, and learn how the other fellow collects and then tries to go one better."

Mr. Phillips also believes that an International Exhibition will have a considerable degree of influence on the stamp business of the near future.

"A real International Exhibition opened to the whole world to be held here about 1925 or 26 will be a grand thing to look for and I hope soon to see a strong committee formed to carry out the preliminary work. There has been some talk of a stamp exhibition in connection with the Sesqui-centennial exhibition, to be held in Philadelphia, in 1926, but it might be much better to have our stamp exhibition at a different time and not lost as a small adjunct to a huge exhibition."

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CANADA'S "SALES TAX" ON STAMPS.

By E. E. Goodchild.

The following is a copy of a letter received on the 7th Sept. in answer to a communication directed by myself to the Commissioner of Customs:

Department of Customs and Excise,
Ottawa, 6th Sept., 1923.

Sir:—I acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 4th inst., with further reference to sales tax on importations of collections of postage stamps.

Answering your enquiries, you are advised as follows:—

(1.) Postage stamps *exported* out of Canada, for inspection by a prospective purchaser, are subject to sales tax at the time of *re-importation* into Canada.

(2.) Postage stamps sent to you for the purpose of inspection and possible purchase are held to be subject to payment of sales tax at the time of importation.

(3.) In the case of collection of stamps valued at $100.00 being imported for the purpose of *inspection or purchase,* sales tax of 6% would be applicable.

(4.) There is no provision for refund of Sales tax paid at the time of importation of these stamps.

(Signed) S. W. Hobart,
for Commissioner.

Most readers like myself will be amazed to learn that a Government can be justified in charging a Sales tax on a person's own property which does not constitute a sale, yet the fact remains, if I send a fellow collector a selection for inspection outside of Canada and it is returned I've to pay 6% before I can obtain my own property to say nothing of the time lost in proceeding to the Customs office to get same.

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Our dealer friend J. J. Lockie of Twin Falls, Idaho, adds his name to the roll of membership in our Honor Club. Mr. Lockie will be remembered as an advertising patron of our columns and we hope he will be with us during the coming season. Our relations with him as a dealer were very satisfactory and his kindly attitude towards the subscription end of the Weekly is appreciated.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—From an article by Mr. Ward in the latest number of *Stamp Collecting* to reach us, we take the paragraph: "This last week I had an appeal from an old dealer friend, who before the war had a very fine stamp dealer's establishment on the Nevsky Prospect in the then St. Petersburg. He requested me to send him *via* the American Relief Committee, a dollar for foodstuffs!"

—Here is a question and answer as reported by way of the *Postal Bulletin* that will be of interest to precancelled collectors in particular:—

Question. Should the department make some kind of ruling whereby precanceled stamps should be sold in no less quantity than blocks of 25? This will do away with the small folks who persist in getting one or two stamps of each denomination. There is no saving to the department or consumer in this method.

Answer. In authorizing the use of precanceled stamps, it is with the understanding that it will facilitate the handling of matter and be of advantage both to the Postal Service and the mailer. This is not the case under the conditions described in the foregoing question and postmasters should courteously explain the matter to their patrons with a view to having the latter use precanceled stamps only in mailing matter where the advantages will be mutual to the mailer and the Postal Service.

—Souvenirs of the stamp exhibition held at Vienna in the early part of September have been received from C. S. Watson and Eugene Klein. The card sent by Mr. Klein bears a Vienna airmail postmark, while the cancellation upon both cards commemorates the stamp exhibition.

—Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co., of Dundin, advise us that New Zealand is to have a new penny stamp on 1st October, 1923, to celebrate the Dominions return to Penny Postage. The design is a map of the dominion, and the color is to be "Flesh."

—We are indebted to C. J. West, a member of our Honor Club, for a specimen of the new 2c Harding stamp from the rotary press. The cover bears the date of first day of use, Washington, Sept. 12. Mr. West also favors us with pages of the *Aeronautical Digest* which contain no fewer than three articles of interest to philatelists. One is entitled "Extension of the Air Mail Service to Boston," a second "Night Flight of the Air Mail" and a third "Postage Stamps of the Air Mails" by Stanley Phillips.

—A. Atlas Leve of Syracuse, N. Y., issues what he terms a "Lively Little List." It is all that its name implies. If you are interested in books, publications, catalogs or other accessories, to say nothing of stamp bargains, send for a copy.

—We have seen a clipping from the San Francisco *Chronicle* sent us by W. E. Dunlap, giving the particulars of a big pony express fete held at San Francisco, September 8. The preliminary story recalls pioneer days of the pony express and has a fine illustration of a Wells Fargo cover, the property of E. O. Gerberding, formerly of San Francisco but now of Santa Monica.

—Frank E. Hadley has removed from Plainfield, N. J., to Detroit, Mich., where he has opened a stamp shop at 2033 Woodward Ave. This will no doubt be good news to the collectors of Detroit and vicinity and the change of location upon Mr. Hadley's part will be very welcome.

—A recent caller at the office of the Weekly at Portland was John S. Reynolds of York, Pa. Philatelic visitors are always gladly received at any of our three offices.

—Harry B. Mason of the Stamp Shoppe has been nominated for County Treasurer by the Republicans of Arlington County, Va.

—A new advertising cancellation comes from Milwaukee:—"Food-Home-Elec. Exposition Milwaukee Auditorium Oct. 15-21."

—Wm. A. Lozenz suggests that the sign x be used to indicate a cancelled stamp. We feel that the best plan in writing advertisements is to allow the absence of any marking whatever to indicate that a stamp is in used condition.

Some dealers have employed circles to indicate used stamps, but the policy of past years in this direction seems best. Let the asterisk indicate the unused stamp and the absence of the asterisk the used in preparing your copy for the Weekly.

—The Walcott Co. is a new firm recently established in Cleveland, Ohio. George H. Walcott, the proprietor, has signed a contract for displayed space and the advertising of the firm will appear regularly in the Weekly in coming issues.

—With this issue two new advertisers will be found in the Weekly, Henry L. Dean of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Alling Stamp Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio. We welcome them to the columns of our publication.

—A New York subscriber wishes to know what day in the week the Weekly goes into the mail. A glance at our first page will show that the publication date is Monday and on that day, unless it should be a holiday, the paper leaves the Portland post-office.

—A. E. Hussey, M. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio, a long-time advertiser in the Weekly, is now manager of the Sales Department of the S. P. A. and is working to place it upon a sound basis. Under his supervision the members will be taken care of properly.

—Our subscribers in the west are keeping us very busy in connection with clippings from papers dealing with the Pony Express commemorative events that are being held more particularly in San Francisco. We are unable to use very much of what has been sent in, much to our regret. Our space is limited and we are compelled to use what seems to be most pressing. We appreciate all these courtesies upon the part of our subscribers.

—Richard Lamprecht and various other subscribers have sent us in specimens of German envelopes that are stampless. The postage rate upon these letters was paid in cash at post-offices, this condition of things having been forecasted in a late Weekly.

—The Philadelphia *Inquirer* is running a series of "Adventures of Dr. Dolittle." Numbers 55, 56 and 57 have a decided philatelic flavor and we should reprint them were they not copyrighted.

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Clipping from F. P. Brown.

Word has been received by John A. Klemann, a stamp dealer, of 116 Nassau Street, that his collection of stamps from the Philippine Islands won the gold medal in its class in the recent international postage stamp exhibition held in Vienna. The collection was shown in five volumes, containing 25,000 stamps, including all of the rare first issues of 1854 and countless varieties and errors. It is considered one of the best Philippine stamp collections in the world, and Mr. Klemann has spent several years in accumulating it.

This is the first time since 1911 that an international philatelic exhibition has been held in Vienna. Mr. Klemann was the only prominent American exhibitor. At the 1911 Vienna international exhibition, J. Murray Bartels of this city, won a gold medal with his collection of Philippine Island stamps.

The American Philatelic Society at its annual conference in Washington last month contributed a gold medal for one of the leading classes, and a fund for the Vienna exhibition also was sent by the Collectors Club of this city.

The stamp collector has appeared on the stage and the foibles and enthusiasm of his hobby are entertainingly portrayed in the new comedy, "The Talking Parrot," by Hutcheson Boyd, which had its opening night last Monday in Kathleen Kirkwood's Triangle Theatre, on Seventh Avenue, between Eleventh and Perry Streets. The theatre is the latest addition to the amusement resorts of Greenwich Village and is novel in that it occupies a triangular-shaped basement beneath a Seventh Avenue laundry.

There is a real talking parrot in the play and he has been so well trained that he talks only when spoken to. The stamp collector, who fills the role of the hero of the play, is played by John Parrish. He is shown looking over his rarities and calls attention to his fine Brattleboro specimen, his Hawaiian "missionary" stamp, his circular British Guiana and other choice treasures, indicating that he is no mean philatelist.

Against the protestations of his friends and newly-wed wife, he insists upon making an ocean journey from his home in Washington Square to New Brunswick to obtain an early error variety of the first Tasmania issue. His ship is wrecked and his two closest friends reveal an amusing spirit of rivalry as to who shall marry the charming young widow, each insisting that the other is the more eligible man.

The climax is deftly arranged, one of the striking scenes being the apparent appearance of the shipwrecked philatelist as a ghost in the midst of a terrific thunderstorm. He eventually returns, however, telling of his escape and just in time to prevent the contemplated marriage. He intensifies the spirit of philately by first making sure that his album is safe, *saying that wives may be replaced but rare stamps never.*

J. L. RIEDEL DISCREDITED.

In our Sept. 17. issue we printed an advertisement of J. L. Riedel, Nurnberg, Bavaria. It contained several testimonials and we now find that one of these is protested by the party who sent it in, the firm of H. E. Harris & Co. The subsequent relations between the two dealers were of such a character that the Harris firm feels that the original testimonial was used dishonestly in this advertisement. It has not been our practise to look up the matter of "consent" in connection with the use of testimonials, and it may be necessary for us to make a rule in this direction. We feel that an apology is due the Harris Co. as well as the WEEKLY by Mr. Riedel, and we shall certainly await a letter from him before accepting any further advertising.

The protest received from Mr. Harris of the Harris & Co. is as follows:—

"We are writing to protest the action of J. L. Riedel of Nurnberg, Bavaria, in printing an unauthorized testimonial from us in his advertisement on page 469, September 17th issue of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. As a matter of plain fact, complaints regarding the packets obtained from Mr. Riedel were received from a large number of our customers, and after a rigid investigation we arrived at the conclusion that he was guilty of flagrant substitutions both in the quality and contents of said packets. We wrote Mr. Riedel that many of his packets were unsatisfactory, requested a cancellation of our entire order, and have not made packet purchases from him for almost a year. The testimonial which he so brazenly produced was therefore not only unauthorized, but extremely misleading, in view of subsequent events explained above."

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EDITORIAL.

The stamp season is now declared to be officially opened and for the next nine or ten months stamps will be the ruling passion with many of us. It is strange that each year, philately runs so true to form in that at the close of the outdoor season or with the coming of cold weather, there is a ripple of interest, followed by successive waves whose height may be said to measure the success of the season. Latterly, we have been confronted with a situation that is out of the ordinary and though we have spoken of this circumstance before, we cannot dismiss it readily from mind. We know that the collector who forswears philately and no longer comes in contact with stamps and collectors often wonders if philately is on the wane; and the person who may have a collecting desire but who is not familiar with the workings of the stamp world has no conception of what is taking place in it. Those who fall under these classes seem to be under the delusion that stamp collecting is in the doldrums, judging from comments that have been heard and opinions that have appeared in print. If there was the slightest reason for pessimistic views, we could give heed to the left-handed opinions but as it is, the guesses are about as wide of the mark as they possibly could be. These folks have their umbrellas up on a sunshiny dav and seeing only the shadow made by their covering say it is raining.

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We dare not ignore the erroneous ideas that the ignorant have of the present state of philately, else it would be thought that silence was a tacit admission of the weakness that is alleged. The statement is made without any qualifications that stamp collecting is in a happier, healthier condition today than it ever was before. This assurance is made for the benefit of those who are some distance away from the ring, as those who are in a position to see what is going on in philately need no restoration of confidence. The WEEKLY being in the thick of things in a stamp sense, knows that the past summer has more than held its own; and for the past few weeks there has been a decided spurt that puts to blush the preliminary period of other years. Our advertising columns are telling arguments in favor of what we have said; and we know what we are doing in the subscription line. All through the hot months our advertising has held up well and now the inquiries for space are being received in large number. Our five-year subscription renewal club is an indication of the collecting fervor of collectors and soon this club will be a standing refutation of the claim that is sometimes made that stamp collectors are transients. We hear of the formation of stamp clubs and the activities of societies already established. In different ways we learn of the demand for information on stamp subjects on the part of the public; and an outstanding accomplishment is the recognition of newspapers that philately is an accepted and not an eccentric pursuit. The attention given by different governments to their stamp issues fixes public notice on stamp issues; and everything considered, there is no comparison to be made with the flourishing philately of this moment with that of previous years that is not wholly in favor of today.

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Here is one of the questions submitted to the Minnesota Postal Conference convention held recently at Minneapolis and the answer to it made by the post-office department: "Question. If Congress authorizes a charge of one cent for return cards how would it be to print and sell for one cent a stamp to be used for this purpose only? It might be a square, or some other distinctive shape, and have the words 'Return Receipt' printed in heavy type at the bottom. Answer. This matter will be given attention, if a charge is made for return receipts. However, it is believed that registered and insured articles (for which return receipts are issued) are in many instances prepared and presented under conditions which render it impracticable or inconvenient to use a distinctive stamp to represent payment of a charge for a return receipt, and at present it is not thought advisable to provide such a stamp if such a charge is authorized."

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From a correspondent we have received a translation from a European newspaper which recites how sunshine, a thimbleful of coffee or a few drops of raspberry juice is used to enhance the value of certain stamps. It is alleged that the Baden, first type, black on white is dipped in coffee to produce No. 1, the black on buff; and that the blue Mercury newspaper stamp of Austria is submitted to a sun-bath, with the result that it is metamorphosed into the rare yellow Mercury. The raspberry juice is used to change the white gum of the Hanover stamps into the pink gum of the originals. We cannot say just how successful the results of these experiments are but it is admitted that a scrutiny of the closest kind is justified for many of the stamps coming from some of the countries of Europe.

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The following advertisement is taken from the "agony column" of the London *Times* and sent in by Lowell J. Ragatz: "Business man, married, children, temporary difficulties, requires 750 to 1,000 pounds; has stamp collection; dealer offered 600 pounds; will anyone give more? Write Box H, 134, The Times, E. C. 4." The stamp collection, it is shown, is an anchor to windward. Mr. Ragatz adds: "By-the-way, a granddaughter of Rowland Hill was doing graduate work at the University of Wisconsin last year. Her family name is Crump. She lives in London and did her under-graduate work with the University of London."

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Some weeks ago, we mentioned that J. A. Pierce of Chicago had died as the result of injuries received from a street car in front of the office of the Chicago *Tribune*, where Mr. Pierce was employed as one of the custodians, on the night watch; and we now append the following biographical details of Mr. Pierce with whom in years past we were in contact almost daily. Before the Chicago fire of 1871, Mr. Pierce owned one of the largest sporting goods stores in the city and enjoyed a remunerative business but the great conflagration wiped everything away. About 1874, Mr. Pierce became interested in "scrap-pictures" that were such favorites with the people young and old, fifty years ago; and he opened an office in the down-town section of Chicago, dealing in the little pictures used in autograph albums of that period, fringed cards and postage stamps for collectors. When the decalcomania pictures were the rage, Mr. Pierce stocked them with his stamps. Mr. Pierce pursued the stamp business with varying success and it is not to be said that his aptitude for philatelic salesmanship was great. He really liked his stamps and those that the customer wanted were just the ones that Mr. Pierce was reluctant to sell. Every now and then Mr. Pierce found conditions adverse and on different occasions he disposed of his stamp stock. With the

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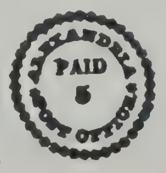

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ption of a short time in Cincinnati, Pierce spent his business life in ago and he was most successful in tamp business during the years 1875 386. The first few meetings of the ago Philatelic Society in 1886 were in his office. During the last twenty- years, our friend did nothing to ify himself with stamps but acted as tary of one of the civil war veterans' iations; and later he was with the ago *Tribune*, as has been mentioned. Pierce was about eighty years old singularly well preserved at the time is passing away. His personality an engaging one and when he cared companionable, he was an interest- addition to any party. Mr. Pierce d with distinction in the civil war in later years was a leader in the activities of the G. A. R. Mr. e while often matter-of-fact with dult customers was uniformly kind considerate in his relations with the g collectors. Mr. Pierce had never ied and his obsequies were con- d under the auspices of U. S. Grant Mr. Pierce was not a philatelist e sense that the term is used today is liking for stamps was so genuine he found it hard to part with them. early price lists showed that his was above the average run but the tion question had not then become ther; and later when it did, Mr. e calmly ignored it. Outside of go, Mr. Pierce was not well known, was not a dealer who catered for le trade by advertising.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—We take the following memorial from the editorial in the *London Philatelist* for August: "Beyond the general knowledge of this great man open to all readers of the public press, we had only the personal information gathered from the talks we had with our American friends at the recent Exhibition and its attendant functions, to guide us, but the more we heard the deeper we were impressed by his simplicity and transparent sincerity." We need not say that President Harding is the one referred to.

—Concurrent with the change in German postal rates on September 1st, covers appeared bearing no postage stamps but with printed or written inscription, either in French, "Taxe Percue" or in German, "Gebuhr bezahlt."

—L. W. Wickes sends us a copy of the Los Angeles *Evening Express* containing a news story, in which M. H. Newmark, veteran business man of that city as well as philatelist, figures. The story is a bright and interesting one and is accompanied by a large illustration showing Mr. Newmark studying his album treasures while behind him as a background is a vertical strip of four of the $200 U. S. internal stamps, issue of 1862.

—C. W. Stiles, formerly of Wadsworth, Ohio, is now located at the Lafayette Hotel, Lexington, Ky. During the past two months Mr. Stiles has been unable to give attention to details of business.

—The *Christian Science Monitor* last month contained an illustrated article, suggested by the new 5m., portrait type, of Egypt, issued April 16, 1923, and called attention to the contrast furnished by this stamp, presumably the first of a new series, to the other issues of Egypt. We submit the following paragraph from the article as disclosing a fact both interesting and important:

"The new stamp has created great interest in collecting circles. It is such a novel design for the land of the Pharaohs; it marks the beginning of the new régime, and last, but by no means least, H. M. King Fuad is a keen collector himself. He became Sultan on Oct. 9, 1917, and possesses a general collection in 35 volumes and a specialized collection of the stamps of his own country."

—From Mr. James A. Cook, Waterloo, Iowa, we have received a two column notice of Mr. Frank J. Stillman of Waterloo that appeared in the local newspaper. A picture accompanies the text which describes the activities of Mr. Stillman as a newspaper man. Older readers of the Weekly will remember Mr. Stillman as our Washington correspondent and also, as having published one number of the *Stamp Age* in April, 1904, which in size and general make-up resembled the old *Boston Stamp Book*. The occasion of the interesting write-up is Mr. Stillman's removal from Waterloo to Los Angeles, Cal.

—The government stamp exhibition is being shown in Chicago, where it has attracted the attention of collectors and some of the newspapers have given it publicity, the *American* having illustrated the "world's finest collection." The frame was exhibited first in the post-office and then at the National Business Show at the Coliseum in Chicago. We welcome the exhibit to our city and trust that its tour will be attended with great favor.

—We find ourselves reading the latest trade circular of the J. O. Moore, Inc., dealers, "Midsummer Gleanings," with interest, and the editor says that he found it difficult to lure U. S. from their holders at the Washington conventions.

—In our issue of June 30th, the news of an accident to Mr. Henry N. Mudge, Chicago, was told and it is only now that we are able to say that an improvement in Mr. Mudge's condition may be chronicled. Mr. Mudge was removed from the hospital to his home several weeks ago and the cast was removed from the injured members; and while progress has been made, Mr. Mudge will be house-bound for some time to come. At the recent convention of the American Philatelic Society, a telegram was sent to Mr. Mudge as an ex-president of the organization, expressing the hope of speedy recovery.

—In answer to an inquiry why a limit of size is not placed on first-class mail, in view of the fact that there is a limit of weight, the post-office department says that the law does not fix any limit of the kind and that "furthermore it would not seem to be necessary to prescribe any limit of size for first-class matter in view of the high rate of postage chargeable thereon."

—The "Weko" Local Stamp Club of Chicago, a branch of the World's largest collector club, is holding now two meetings per month instead of one, that is every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Hotel Morrison, Parlor "L" 7.30 P. M. Information will be given upon request by the secretary, G. C. Huebner, 1015 Oakdale Ave., Chicago.

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*Barbuda 1922, ½ to 6d, 6 var.	.45
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* 1915. 20c. No. 269	.20
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.—The Harding Memorial Stamp has created considerable interest and quite a few correspondents have written to ask about its history as well as advice as to the plates which have been made. Several parties have claimed to have been the one who proposed the idea of such a stamp and as we wanted real historical information upon the subject, I communicated with Mr. W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster-General in regard to the emission.

Under date of Sept. 14th Mr. Glover informs me that a few days after the death of former President Harding he was in conversation with the Postmaster-General when the subject was thought of and discussed. The Postmaster-General stated that he certainly would as Postmaster-General like to show his appreciation of his very dear friend, the Late President, and that he felt that a Memorial Stamp would be the ideal way of doing this. Mr. Glover stated that he would take the matter up with the Postmaster-General at a later day and that he then suggested the same to Mr. M. L. Eidsness, Jr., Superintendent of Division of Stamps, and that Mr. Eidsness put the suggestion in effect and that the Bureau turned out sketches in short order. Mr. Glover states that the Postmaster-General is entitled to the fullest possible credit. I feel that we can safely say that while several people on the outside may have thought of such a thing—in fact your own editor mentioned such a variety in his Chronicle written previous to the announced intentions of the Department, nevertheless, the idea comes from the Postmaster-General along with his Third Assistant.

While I have not as yet received an official list from the Bureau of Engraving & Printing of the exact number of plates used in connection with this stamp, I have found on sale flat plates numbering from 14852 to 14863 inclusive. These stamps are perforated 11. I have also seen stamps from two rotary plates which are perforated 10 bearing plate numbers 14866 and 14867. A number of collectors have called attention to numerous imperfections to be found in the plates and we notice that on the row of stamps immediately below the right and left plate number of No. 14857 that there is a horizontal line—no doubt a guide line on the plate running nearly across the entire sheet. Mr. A. A. Leve states that there is a blemish in the engraving of the stamp consisting of a black line across the face from above the temple to the necktie. Personally, we believe the stamp to be a very fine piece of work and cannot feel that the shadow described by Mr. Leve is a blemish.

The latter part of August the Department arranged that registered letters valued at $100.00 and so insured at the time of mailing by payment of a register fee of 20c should be indicated by a round circular mark ¾" in diameter with the figure "20" enclosed within. This mark is put upon the front of the envelope.

Belgian Congo.—We have just received from Mr. Henry Hooreman the following values of the new set, 5c orange, 50c grey blue, 75c red orange and 1fr olive brown.

British Levant.—We are officially informed that, on the ratification of the Treaty of Peace with Turkey, the British Post Offices in the Levant will be closed and the overprinted stamps withdrawn from sale.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s List.*

China.—The dollar values of the current issue were issued sometime ago overprinted "Manchuria" in Chinese characters. The Director General of Posts, Peking, informs us that these were issued for use exclusively on money orders issued by certain offices in Manchuria and other districts, that they are not available for postage, and are not sold to the public.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s List.*

Germany.—Our Berlin agent, writing under date August 16th, states that on August 24th a new postal tariff would come into operation, increasing the present postal charges twenty-fold, for example the postage on an inland letter will cost 20,000 instead of 1,000 marks. All stamps now current will be withdrawn and some will probably be surcharged with higher denominations pending the printing of a new definite series. The same thing will probably happen in Danzig, where stamps of 10,000, 20,000 and 100,000 marks have already appeared, the latter being overprinted on the 20,000 mark stamps.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s List.*

Mr. James Van Meyers advises that he has received the following new stamps, type A31, 5,000mk slate green, 10,000mk Cologne Cathedral, but upright in ol green; type A26, 30pf surcharged Tausend" in black in two lines, type A 12mk overprinted as the 30pf but w the value "20" instead of "8." Also ty A35, 200mk has been surcharged in l manner and value also in black.

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HOLLAND AND COLONIES.—On August 31st, the birthday of Queen Wilhelmina, new stamps were issued to commemorate her 25 years reign. The following is a list of denominations:—Holland, 2, 5, 7½, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50 cents, 1, 2½ and 5 florins. Curacao, 5, 7½, 10, 20 cents, 1, 2½ and 5 florins. Dutch East Indies, 5, 12½, 20, 50 cents, 1, 2½ and 5 florins. Surinam, 5, 10, 20, 50 cents, 1, 2½ and 5 florins.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s List.*

MEMEL.—Five more provisionals are chronicled by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie.* We should prefer to have ignored them.

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3 cent. on 40m purple.
10 cent. on 400m dark brown.
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SAN MARINO.—To mark the presentation of an Italian flag to this tiny Republic, and the fêtes which took place on the day it was publicly presented (April 6th), two oblong labels have been issued, examples of which are to hand from our Milan confrère, Ing. L. Rivolta. The first, 30c, is upright in format, with the picture of a haloed patriarch hammering with chisel and mallet at what is either a boat or his coffin. The other 50c, transverse, has a Venetian vignette at left, the tricolour of Italy in the centre, and the three familiar towers of San Marino at right, both stamps having suitable inscriptions, which we are too exhausted to decipher.

As above. Perf.
30c brown. 50c grey.

Also a provisional, viz.: "Cent. 60" on the oblong 25c rose, Express stamp.

60c on 25c Express.
—*Stamp Collecting.*

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS — *Trengganu.*— Mr. C. D. Twynham informs us that there is no immediate intention of issuing 6c, 12c and 35c stamps, though these are now the rates most frequently required.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

A. H. WEBER MEETS WITH DISASTER.

As we go to press we have just received a telegram from A. H. Weber, North Berkeley, Cal., announcing the devastation of that part of the city by a serious fire. We quote from his wire:—"Fifty blocks have been burned. My home has gone with contents, including my collection. Tried to save a few approvals but don't know what I rescued. I walked out with some clothes that I could grab. Will start life over again. I am broke financially but not in spirit."

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CAYMAN IS.	King George, new type, ¼d to 1sh, 10 vars.	.90
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DANZIG	**Airpost**, Nos. 201 to 203 ..... **Airpost**, Nos. 210 to 215	.08 .08
DANZIG	**Charity**, Nos. 254 & 255 ..... **Official**, 150m to 100m, 8 vars.	.06 .12
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(Christian Science Monitor.)

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A late issue is a single denomination, 5,000 marks, blue, with quite a novel design, for with one or two exceptions the pictorial type of adhesive has not been included in German issues. The stamp shows a view of the Castle of Wartburg, and is line-engraved on stout white wove rag paper, watermarked with a mesh design and perforated 14.

THE SANGERSAAL OF WARTBURG.

The Wartburg is near Eisenach in the grand duchy of Saxe Weimar, and is built at the top of a precipitous hill. It is notable not only on account of its historic associations but as one of the best examples of the palace Romanesque in existence. The original, of which some parts still remain, was built by the landgrave, Louis "the Springer," who flourished in the early days of the twelfth century, and from his time till 1440 it was the seat of the Thuringian landgraves. Under Herman I, it was made the scene of high revel, and from all accounts the wandering minstrel and the strolling player came there in one incessant stream. Day and night this boisterous court presided, and here in 1207 was held the minstrels' contest immortalized by Wagner in Tannhäuser.

The minstrels and the courtiers pass away, the Sangersaal is silent, and "Junker Jorg" takes up his abode at the Wartburg. He came one day in May, 1521, and for 10 months or more he was busy writing. He was always writing, this mysterious stranger, and Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony, was at great pains to safeguard the industrious student, who was no other than Luther, and the work which occupied so much of his time was the translation of the New Testament. You may still see the room in the buildings of the outer court once occupied by the great reformer and the Sangersaal, or hall of the minstrels, with its fine fresco representing the contest by Moritz von Schwind, who also did the frescoes in the other parts of the building illustrating the legends of St. Elizabeth and the founding of the castle by Louis. The armory has a fine collection of arms and armor, with suits once worn by Henry II of France, the Elector, Frederick the Wise and Pope Julius II. It was after Luther's stay that the Wartburg began to fall into gradual decay, until it was restored in the eighteenth century in the questionable taste of the period, and its present magnificence it owes to the Grand Duke Charles Alexander of Saxe Weimar, with whom it was a favorite residence during certain seasons of the year.

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143	1c on $1	.25	08
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205	3c War, large type	.18	.09
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105	1½d orange	.12	.06
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211	**G. E. A. on E. A. & U.**, 1c	.04	.02
212	3c	.06	.03
213	6c	.08	.04
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101	**Gilbert & Ellice**, 1d War	.08	.04
201	**Gold Coast**, 1d War	.10	.05
202	**Grenada**, 1d War	.08	.04
201	**Malta**, ½d War	.05	.02
202	3d War	.20	.10
101	**Montserrat**, ½d War	.15	.07
103	1½d War	.08	.04
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55	5d	.75	.35
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4	2½d	.65	.30
5	4d	.65	.30
6	6d	.60	.28
101	**Virgin Ids.**, War, 1d	.08	.04
102	War, 3d	.20	.10
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	used	1.50	.75
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6	3d blue, unused	.30	.15
6 or 6a	used	2.50	1.25
7	6d yellow green, unused	7.50	3.75
7a	blue green, used or un'd	2.50	1.25
8	9d violet, unused	1.00	.50
	Same, used	2.00	1.00
9	4d black, unused	.30	.15
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WASHINGTON, MARCH 27—More than a hundred years ago, when the United States mails were being transported by carriers on horseback the editor of the *Freeman's Journal*, now the *Norristown*, (Pa.) *Herald*, suggested the use of flying ships" and Postmaster-General Work has decided it is time publicly to acknowledge receipt of the "friendly advice."

In the issue of the *Freeman's Journal* of March 1, 1822, the editor wrote:

"We would advise the Postmaster-General to avail himself of the novel and the very ingenious flying machine, invented by James Bennett, of Philadelphia, by which we conceive, the mails would be transported with more celerity and their arrival at the places of destination be much more certain than is the case at present."

In approval of the development of the air mail service Postmaster-General Work said:

"If that was true then, it is true today, and I wish I might be able to advise this old editor that we are today using the 'flying machine' with splendid results in transporting the mails with safety and celerity."

Post-office records show in 1833 a 'wonderful feat' was performed in carrying the mail and news despatches by relays of horses every five miles, between Washington and New York, in fifteen hours.—*Norristown* (Pa.) *Herald*.

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In Champion's *Bulletin,* No. 243, dated July 25th, mention is made of several sets of stamps issued by the Persian Government during the years 1914-1921. This reference does not apply to the Coronation stamps, the subject of this article, but to the provisional issues.

Anyone reading this *Bulletin* casually must be struck with the extraordinary story how these provisional issues were put into circulation one day, only to be withdrawn the next and again put into circulation, due to a lack of fixed policy but more often to politics which sometimes play a considerable role in the issuing of postage stamps.

Sometimes these issues were reported to the Postal Union but more often because of the few numbers issued the postal officials did not report them. Most of these issues were temporary issues as the stamps which for years were not made locally could not be supplied because of the World War. Then with sudden changes in policy the stamps were withdrawn or put into circulation again seemingly at the whim of the administration.

Here we have a record of stamps which have been in circulation for several years and only become known to us now and on further investigation find that the Postal Union has been informed regarding their issue at a time considerably later than when the stamps were in current use. Such a state of affairs must not be considered unusual for it must be remembered that Persia had been completely cut off from the contemporary world for some time during and following the period of the war. The philatelic facts which I am about to present will, I hope, explain much that has been obscure concerning the recent postal issues.

For more than twenty years the stamps of Persia were printed by the firm of Joh. Enschede en Zonen in Haarlem, Holland, and it was in 1910 the Persian Government placed an order for an issue of stamps in commemoration of the coronation of the Shah. In everything concerning style and execution they were to be the finest that had ever appeared in the way of stamps, and at the same time were intended to create a sort of propaganda for the mysterious fairy-like country of the Orient by the magnificence of the landscape and historical designs and by the richness of their truly oriental coloring. The important sovereigns who had distinguished themselves as heroes and the most beautiful parts of the country had been selected for the designs of the stamps and the government did not spare any means to produce something really remarkable in this line. It is said that the designs alone cost more than £1,000 in gold and 38 different plates, not less than 60,000 francs in gold. These figures speak for themselves.

A well known Parisian stamp collector who was well connected with the Persian Government went personally to Teheran at two different times in 1910 and it is especially to his ideas that the style and execution of these stamps are due, because he presented on those occasions finished plans according to the wishes of the officials. The following excerpts are from letters of that time on the part of the Ministry:

"It is well understood that the stamps shall be printed at Haarlem with actual control mark; but after having said that you would furnish the post-office with stamps for its use, you say that the cost of printing will remain a charge against the post-office which appears to me to be contradictory.

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Evidently this concluded the contract with M. Saatjian and the Director took up the matter with another contractor, whose name unfortunately did not appear on the photographic copy of the letter on the subject which follows, but taken in connection with the rest of the correspondence undoubtedly was the firm of Joh. Enschede en Zonen in Haarlem.

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1) the conditions under which you would undertake the matter of the commemorative stamps proposed by M. Saatjian which he appears to have abandoned.

2) in case you would not desire to undertake this business, the conditions under which you would set yourself of making another commemorative set, which appears preferable, being given, as M. Saatjian has paid no attention to a letter in which I asked him to remit immediately all the plates and dies of these stamps to the firm of Enschede en Zonen at Haarlem.

He received this letter three months ago and during this time he has had the leisure of duplicating all these cliches. This is why it appears preferable to abandon that business and create another series on the subject of which I wait your suggestions.

I am, dear sir,
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL."

March 8, 1911, the Persian Post Office Department wrote as follows concerning this issue:

"That it will not be possible to employ the plates of the regular stamps for printing the commemorative stamps even by placing the lion with the effigy of the Shah, providing that the cliches are destroyed when the correspondence in which we are engaged with another house for the sale of the complete stock of these provisionals shall be terminated.

Under these circumstances if you continue to have a preference for a commemorative series of 1 chahi to 30 krans without a postal packet series, &c., I beg of you to acquaint me with any new propositions .... which you suggest to make an ordinary series, a postal packet series, an official series and a postage due series of these commemorative stamps."

There seemingly was much correspondence, but mostly departmental delay because the next letter of importance is dated May 7, 1913, and is from the Director-General to the same unknown person.

"TEHERAN, May 7, 1913.
Postal Administration of Persia
Direction General
No. 9462

Sir,

I have your letter of April 25th, and your proposition on the subject of the issue of a series of commemorative stamps of the date on which His Majesty Sultan Ahmed Schah shall attain his Majority.

This proposition has interested me very much and I would be disposed to submit it to the Minister of Posts and the Treasurer-General, if you would be so kind as to give me the following information:

1) you will undertake to submit to the Postal Administration the suggestion for vignettes for printing in the frame of the cliches furnished by M. Saadtjian; if in the affirmative, I would ask you to send me designs.

2) you consent that the quantity of stamps to be printed be limited to the ordinary needs of the Postal Administration for a period of 15 days calculated according to the sale of the year preceding the issue.

3) the sets which remain not used of the quantity mentioned in Section 2, will these remainders be the property of the Postal Administration?

4) would you explain to me the significance of the phrase following your letter: "the quantity that the Postal Administration will demand and the remainder will be sent directly to me according to the order of the Administration as soon as these stamps will have been put out of course."

5) do you not think it is preferable to write me a letter for the total number of ordinary, service, and postal packet sets which you desire to receive for that sum of 50,000 francs which you offer independently of the payment of all expenses.

In awaiting your response, I am, &c,
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL."

Evidently the progress was too slow, and complaint made to the firm of Enschede en Zonen, because on February 24, 1914, they write:

"JOH. ENSCHEDE EN ZONEN
HAARLEM
HAARLEM, 24th February, 1914.
REGISTERED
VIA RUSSIA
Mr. C. Molitor
TEHERAN,

Sir,

In response to your valued communication of the 7th current we have the honor of informing you concerning the subject of commemorative stamps, that we regret very much to have to tell you that it is impossible to furnish one series of stamps in taille douce or typographed (the only two methods which resist counterfeiting), for the month of June, because the preparation of the engraving and of all the necessary material demand much time. In view of our contract concerning the exclusive furnishing of the stamps of the Empire of Persia it goes without saying that if the execution of that order were within our power, we would employ every means to satisfy you.

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Confident that you will agree with us, we are," &c.

The note of October 7, 1914, quoted in full is one of the most important documents relative to this issue as it would tend to show that only with the authorization of the government could the order have been carried out and the delivery of the stamps made:

"JOH. ENSCHEDE EN ZONEN
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(Signed) JOH. ENSCHEDE EN ZONEN."

When all the details were finally settled and the first impressions were being made, press of work for the Netherlands government held up the delivery of the Persian stamps and the postmaster complained to the printer. His reply of February 1, 1915, is very interesting, especially as it shows that the delay in delivery had only begun.

"JOH. ENSCHEDE EN ZONEN
HAARLEM
HAARLEM, 1st of February, 1915.
REGISTERED

Dear Sir,

I hasten to answer your personal letter of January 21st last. Yes, it is indeed true you have much reason for complaint, but on the other hand we have none to reproach ourselves.

It goes without saying that you complain because of the delays which have arisen in nearly all the work which you have demanded of us, but we have been swamped and overwhelmed with work which we were given by other governments.

For instance, the Netherlands Jubilee stamps of 1913 made it necessary to employ all our electro and taille douce equipment and when one was able to breathe, there came the terrible year of 1914, and we had to suffer the severest exigencies of the Empire of Persia and (after the declaration of war) of our own government. Being the official printers of paper money in Holland, we were obliged to leave everything in order to procure to the State and to the National Bank the values without which our politics and commercial independence would have run the greatest danger.

So please do not be vexed, we believe we have done our duty. This will always be with us the reverse side of the medal.

You will find with us the greatest honesty of purpose and the greatest security possible, but when the needs of the government become urgent, we will be obliged to accord them the first place.

These are our excuses. We can do nothing. We appreciate very much the relations with you and we promise you to work regularly on your different stamps, hoping that time will be more favorable to us on this subject.

In case that you no longer desire the commemorative stamps, will you kindly advise us definitely in that regard?

We are, dear sir," &c.

Of course, it is impossible in a brief article of this kind to give all the correspondence written concerning the issuance of these stamps but from various letters it is shown that delivery was delayed partly through inability to obtain the proper materials and partly because of the time required for the execution of the work. Then too it must be remembered that all Europe was at war and that deliveries could not be made freely and in many instances parcels of mail were stolen or held up and confiscated by the censors so that when the stamps eventually arrived, if ever, many were very often in bad condition.

In a letter dated October 4, 1916, bearing on this subject we find the following reference:

". . . . except the shipment of commemorative stamps entry of which is forbidden in France, and which we have asked the post-office to return to us and will hold after their receipt."

In this same letter on the question of costs the printer says:

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—From Dr. Emilio Diena we have received a postal card bearing his best wishes from Vienna and the International Stamp Exhibition there. The 200k stamp on the card shows an ornamental cancellation especially employed to celebrate the exhibition and is dated September 5th. Dr. Diena says: "The exhibition is interesting although not to be compared to the last one at London."

—In a letter from Mr. R. S. Nelson, Birmingham, Alabama, we read: "My friend, Judge Alfred H. Benners, is a gentleman of seventy-five years and he has just begun to collect stamps. He told me that it was through me that he began and that I had started him in a most wonderful field of pleasure." A white mark of credit goes to Mr. Nelson.

—Dr. C. W. Hennan, Chicago, has about completed his book, Stamps of Holland, Curacao, Dutch Indies and Surinam, which will be published in sumptuous form as the first hand-book of the Chicago Philatelic Society. The edition will be limited to five hundred copies and for the information of readers, prices will be placed on the blocks and pairs, as well as other stamps. Those who have ideas on prices of such things might get in touch with Dr. Hennan, to the advantage of all concerned; his address is 852 E. 63rd St., Chicago.

—On Sunday of the week of the conventions at Washington, August 12th, Mr. James F. Duhamel of that city was represented by a sterling stamp article in the magazine section of the *Star* and in the mass of material is a description of the use of the "semi-official" issues of the U. S. that impresses us as worth quoting:

"Just before the days of our regular carrier system it became the custom of various local postmasters to receive the national mail at an authorized post-office, and charge the addressee about a cent for delivering the mail to his house or place of business. Very few of our cities back in 1850 were so large that the people could not find it an easy matter to visit the post-office once or twice a day, but such cities as Baltimore, Boston, Charleston, Louisville, New York and Philadelphia issued these stamps in denominations of one, two and three cents, to be charged against the party addressed and in addition to the prepaid five-cent letter rate of that day."

—We have received a beautifully illustrated booklet of thirty pages or so from Messrs. Plumridge & Co., the philatelic auctioneers of London, in which is depicted a host of the noteworthy stamps that have been distributed through the means of the Plumridge sales, during the season of 1922-23. The auction buyer will find the book, with its foreword by "F. J. M." something to linger over and if he has engaged in any of the auction tilts that yielded the stamps shown, he will have an intimate interest in the compilation. The several New Yorks pictured sold at good prices.

—We have received the first two instalments of Kohl's Briefmarken-Handbuch, through Bhopal; and it is seen that over three hundred pages are required to get well into the B's. The catalogue is progressing on encyclopedic lines and it will be a monumental work when completed. Not alone are the stamps listed thoroughly but descriptive text covers practically all of the details of the issues from first to last. For exhaustive treatment of the stamps of the countries of the world, the catalogue will be without a peer, as a compendium designed for general use. We express our admiration for the application of Dr. Herbert Monk, the compiler and Kohl the publisher, both of whom have unbounded faith in the permanency of philately.

—L. W. Morrisey sends us a clipping from the Washington (D. C.) *Post* giving the particulars of a new photoplay "Loyal Lives" which will depict the romance of the United States mail service. We do not know the lines that the photoplay will follow and shall be glad to hear more concerning this tribute to letter carriers and the men in the postal service.

—Greetings are acknowledged from Donald A. King, a long-time subscriber to the WEEKLY, who has been spending a brief vacation in Minnedosa, Manitoba. Also from Harry E. Huber, who has been taking his annual trip to the south and has been visiting Cuba, Yucatan and Mexico.

—The September-October number of *The World's Correspondence*, official organ for Weko, contains the pictures of three philatelists of national standing. We refer to Joseph Gallant, George Zimmerman and A. R. Wyser. The ma- zine is published in English and Germ and gives evidence of being the rep- sentative of a flourishing organizati The vice-president of Weko, Ad Gunesch, kindly inserts a large com- mentary advertisement of the WEEK which will no doubt bring good resu Mr. Wyser forwards the WEEKLY se subscriptions as his material interest our paper.

—We have received a subscript from one W. H. Krinsky of Chica Ill., and no street address was furnish Can anyone supply the desired infor- tion?

—A. S. Davenport and others have s in clippings concerning the present pr- tise of the German government in mail letters without postage stamps. The ters bearing cancellations indicating t the necessary postage has been paid, the new order. The WEEKLY has cently received a letter from Germ bearing two stamps of the 100,000 m value, indicating the rate paid on a ter of the lowest unit of weight.

—The Chicago *Daily News* recen showed a photograph of a young la holding up for inspection a letter ceived from Chemnitz, bearing seve hundred stamps on front and back, w the heading: "Here's 'Fortune' Stamps." We take the following t that appeared under the cut:

"Business men in Germany must millionaires, reckoned in marks, if th conduct much correspondence by m nowadays. Marshill Field & Co.'s wh sale house has just received curi proof of this in a letter from one their agents at Chemnitz. The cost the postage was 330,500 marks.

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—Every now and then someone ri to bewail the fact that philately has tricksters who cover up their trac rather well at the expense of the c lector. We have always thought that were fairly well off in this regard a the following statement that the depa ment of commerce at Washington issu some months ago does not change o opinion. Worm-holes while you w puts repairing neatly done in the shad

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—The *Daily Record* of Kitchener, Ontario, has been giving us a bit of publicity recently and its story of the sale of stamps to philatelists through the Canadian stamp agency at Ottawa, recently established, is well told. The paper takes occasion in the course of the article to say: "It is reported that there are over sixty journals published in the interest of stamp collecting and that there are, in the different countries of the world, at least six million stamp collectors."

We always admire the hardihood of the man who will estimate the world's census of philatelists and the six million named on this occasion is all right with us.

—The news of the resurrection of Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* is most welcome and we shall await impatiently the coming of our new old friend that in years gone by was *facile princeps* in the class of journals that while serious were not unbrokenly scientific.

—The question of the special envelope for registration purposes has been given further consideration and from the post-office records we take the following discussion of the subject:

"It is respectfully suggested that the Post Office Department issue a special stamped fully prepaid envelope for registered mail. This envelope to have a thin cloth lining. Purpose, to easily recognize and for better protection of the registered mail. Envelopes of this kind are used at the post-offices in England for registered mail.

This subject has been given consideration by the department from time to time for years past. There are several things to consider in connection with the manufacture of a specially designed registry envelope. The Third Assistant Postmaster-General in his report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1911, stated on this subject that "there are various ways in which such envelope could be manufactured—such as the addition of an extra fold, which would bear the name and address of the sender and become the card receipt of acknowledgment to be torn off and signed by the recipient of the mail on delivery and returned to the sender; or, the use of an envelope having a pocket in which to carry the card receipt to be signed upon delivery and returned to the sender. After consideration of the subject I believe that an envelope having the pocket feature would be preferable," and recommended "that the department adopt a specially designed envelope, exclusively for registered mail, bearing an embossed stamp representing the registration fee, and that it be sold at the cost of manufacture in addition to the value of the stamp."

It is anticipated that the increased cost of manufacture of an envelope which would meet the full approval of the department, and the inability to require the use of such an envelope to the exclusion of every other for registered mail, would retard its use, and in the face of such difficulties this feature was doubtless allowed to rest without decisive or aggressive action in the past.

The department is still open minded on the subject if it becomes practicable to introduce a special designed envelope for registered mail only, but it is not believed that a linen-lined envelope would sufficiently answer the purpose unless the lining failed to extend to the sealing flaps and the sealing flaps were made of sufficiently thin material to prevent opening without detection."

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E. R. Vanderhoof of Denver calls our attention to the death of F. E. Heydon of Washington, D. C., which occurred about the time of the A. P. S. convention in that city. Mr. Heydon will be remembered by many of our readers for his painstaking and authoritative work on the stamps of Panama. It is a MEKEEL booklet and will stand as a monument to his energy and ability as a philatelist. We do not have the material at hand for an obituary notice and will be very glad if some Washington subscriber will give us some of the facts in Mr. Heydon's philatelic career.

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EDITORIAL.

An astute playwright, Hutcheson Boyd, aware, no doubt, that philately's star is in the ascendant, makes a stamp collector the hero of "The Talking Parrot," which opened September 10th, we read, at Kathleen Kirkwood's Triangle Theatre, in Greenwich village. The stamp collector certainly has come into his own and we shall assuredly give ourselves airs now that a discriminating dramatist has selected him to stand forth as the hero of a play that must be a success. From a review of the comedy that has been read, it is evident that the parrot shares the lime-light with the collector-hero, who is impersonated by John Parrish, but there is no jealousy between the two on that score, as the real talking parrot is so well trained that he speaks only when spoken to. We take the following readable description of the play from the columns of the New York *Times*:

"He is shown looking over his rarities and calls attention to his fine Brattleboro specimen, his Hawaiian "missionary" stamp, his circular British Guiana and other choice treasures, indicating that he is no mean philatelist.

Against the protestations of his friends and newly-wed wife, he insists upon making an ocean journey from his home in Washington Square to New Brunswick to obtain an early error variety of the first Tasmania issue. His ship is wrecked and his two closest friends reveal an amusing spirit of rivalry as to who shall marry the charming young widow, each insisting that the other is the more eligible man.

The climax is deftly arranged, one of the striking scenes being the apparent appearance of the shipwrecked philatelist as a ghost in the midst of a terrific thunderstorm. He eventually returns, however, telling of his escape and just in time to prevent the contemplated marriage. He intensifies the spirit of philately by first making sure that his album is safe, saying that wives may be replaced but rare stamps never. The Triangle Theatre is as entertaining as the play in which Ruby Hallier enacts the part of the English aunt with her cockney accent in a very engaging manner."

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Philately is no stranger to the stage, as in the '60's Sardou in Paris presented one of the characters in a play as hopeful of accomplishing a philatelic *coup* in connection with the issues of the Confederate states. In the late '80's, the "Postage Stamp" was given issue in New York, and at one of the meetings of a stamp society there it was moved and seconded that the members attend a performance in a body. We have somewhere a leaflet telling of the rich delights of this roaring farce, whose name was the only philatelic attraction about it. We trust that the Talking Parrot will have a prosperous run and vindicate the judgment of the author in making a hero out of a philatelist. Collectors should be true to their own and make it a point to patronize this play; and the playwright would not take it amiss if appreciative collectors would write to him to say that they commended him for the true touch he has given philately in the comedy.

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From the Duluth *News Tribune* of September 17th, a bit of grist comes to our mill; and Mr. F. R. Gellerman, Cloquet, Minn., who sends in the clipping, does not allow himself to comment on it. We read that a newcomer to Duluth, aged 26, asks the editor of the *News Tribune*, as a *fidus Achates*, how he may employ his evenings and Sundays to advantage. The young man has ambition and while not professing to be a saint wants to lead "at least a semi-respectable life." The editor divides his answer into three parts, the first one of which furnishes our mutton: "Get a hobby and ride it. It doesn't make much difference what the hobby is. It might be anything from such a dumb-bell occupation for a grown man as collecting postage stamps or it might be studying music. But get a hobby and ride it." We are glad that the ed. says, by inference, that it is permissible for kids to collect stamps as we should dislike to have the little innocents thus cruelly characterized even by inuendo. However, according to the editor, grown men who collect stamps cannot escape the dread descriptive but it is possible that the dulled minds of these collectors, recognizing an athletic suggestion to "dumb-bell" may think that a compliment has been paid them. Among the adult collectors that we know are university professors, doctors of all kinds and a host of chaps who are perfectly at home in the aristocracy of intellect, as a fanciful writer calls it. If the men who have seared their eye-balls bending over stamps under the midnight lamp should turn their reproachful orbs on the Duluth editor, we are sure that he will feel ashamed of himself and easily grant that while some of those who collect stamps may be dumb-bells, stamp collecting is not a dumb-bell occupation.

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In the New York *Times* of September we find a column of timely philatelic news based primarily on the news that the Philippine collection entered by Mr. J. A. Klemann in the recent Vienna exhibition was awarded a gold medal. It is to be added that the Associated Press made a seven-line story out of the success of the "Yankee philatelist" and newspapers taking the service carried the notice, as a rule. The New York paper gave a few details of the exhibition and said that the only American who attended was Mr. Klein and it was mentioned that at the 1911 Vienna exhibition, J. Murray Bartels was awarded a gold medal for his collection Philippines.

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In a recent issue we told of the ma ner in which James Stephens, the Ir writer, paid his disrespects to philat and at the time we said that the li that was quoted was not his sole offen Here is another fling at collecting, whi is taken from his story, "The Horse and it is needless to say that we plore that the brilliant pen of this ge ius just will catch in the paper at tim and spatter ink on us harmless folk "Whoever has married a prim wom must hand over his breeches and purse, he will collect postage stamps his old age, he will twiddle his thum and smile when the visitor asks him question, and will admit and assert th a man's place is the home—these thin come to pass as surely as the processi of seasons." It is not worth while

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mpt to point out the inconsistencies i this sketch but of one thing we may sure and that is if the "prim wife" exes the purse, the husband will not much collecting these days. Again, have seen the time when the philatelic band may have said that a man's e was the home but he was reluctant put his preaching into practice. We wder just why Stephens will have e of us.

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ne thing that collectors must become reconciled to is criticism, now that lately is making preparations to take place in the sun and they must school nselves to take ridicule and sarcasm nly. One of the surest indications the advance of collecting to a position of independence is found in the ntion that philately is receiving from ers of all kinds. The humorist and philosopher, each has an opinion on subject now that philately has bee of sufficient importance to merit a ight and writers generally are turning it to account. Sometimes, collecting he victim of uncomplimentary comt to say the least. Recently, an Engs doctor of divinity said that it was candal that thousands of dollars ld be spent for an ugly postage p when so many people are starving. idea conveyed that stamp collectors a scurvy lot because of this condi was not allowed to go unchallenged we believe that the English collec had something to say in rebuttal. know that the Rev. Clarence Clark ster, All Hallows Rectory, Wyncote, wrote to the English critic and we et very much that our friend did keep a copy of his letter, which we sure was a complete, if courteous, tation of the claims of the English-

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—J. A. Urquhart of San Francisco submits a clipping from the September number of the *Pacific Telephone Magazine* dealing with the Pony Express. We wish it were possible to find a place for it in the WEEKLY but we cannot begin to use the excellent clippings that have come to us dealing with the presentday revival of interest.

—We notice that at the meeting of the Nottingham, England, Rotary Club recently, Mr. L. O. Trivett, "a recognized authority on the subject," spoke on "Philately as a National Asset." It is well to bring the many phases of philately to the attention of Rotarians; and in this connection it is to be said that both Mr. Wylie of the WEEKLY and Mr. Charles J. Phillips of New York qualify as members of their local clubs, as "philatelists."

—From a despatch in the Chicago *Tribune* it is learned that the Italians have placed their own stamps in circulation in Corfu and all of the other occupied islands.

—In the illustrated news pages of the great dailies of different cities, we notice an excellent picture of Charles Lathrop Pack, who has been signally honored by France "in recognition of his gift of American tree seeds for reforesting war areas." We are proud to hear that our great philatelist has been given a commandership in one of the French orders.

—A newspaper says that Japan has now about resumed its mail service in the stricken areas, and that the foreign mail is being distributed by volunteers. Several weeks ago the news of the safety of Congressman Ackerman was given but we have been gravely worried of the absence of word about Prof. and Mrs. Middleton of Tokio. Happily, our fears are set at rest by the receipt of a letter from Mr. Middleton: he says that they escaped with their lives and the clothes on their backs, all else being destroyed. Mr. Middleton will soon be at his old home in Madison, Wisconsin, his friends will be glad to know.

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—The Association of Air Philatelists founded by Mr. Theiry in Brussels two years ago has been taken over by George H. Jaeger, editor of the *Baltic Philatelist*.

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United States.—Many of the larger cities have exhausted their initial supply of the 2c Harding memorial stamp but these stocks will shortly be replenished, for the Bureau of Engraving & Printing is daily increasing its output and it is hoped that in short order the country will be supplied. Up to September 19th, forty-three plates had been made and most of these have gone to press. Twelve transfer rolls in all have been made, three of which have not been used at this writing. The first supplies were entirely from the first twelve plates bearing numbers 14852 to 14863, but panes from the other plates will possibly be on sale by the time these remarks reach our readers.

There has been quite a little demand for the variety in an unperforated condition for the purpose of framing and the like, and there is a strong possibility that the department will comply with these requests and that we will have this stamp from the flat plate in an unperforated condition.

All of the printings from the flat plates to date have been distributed in panes of one hundred, perforated 11, with straight edges on two sides of the pane. Those from the rotary press are in similar size panes, perforated 10, but as these have margins on all sides there are no straight edges. The rotary variety by the way shows the lines of the engraving more clearly and softer so that it has a more pleasing appearance. The rotary stamp is vertically about a millimeter longer and the black border lines appear to be made up of small lines instead of one solid border as is the case with the flat plate stamp. They are, however, all from the same die. The stamp has already appeared precancelled from Indiana, Pa., and from Gaston, Pa., but I am afraid both of them have a philatelic tinge.

A very interesting letter was received this week on crested paper from the Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales acknowledging receipt of the Harding memorial cover that we mailed him on the day of issue. We are still awaiting a letter from the King telling us that our letter to him arrived safely.

Under date of September 18th, the Second Assistant Postmaster-General informs me that the question of operation of the night transcontinental air mail service has not been given final consideration and they are not in a position to state at this writing when the service for which the special stamps were issued will start. I understand unofficially from another source that they are held up on account of lack of proper funds. If this is really the case it will mean that the service will not start until after Congress meets in December.

Mr. B. K. Miller writes to inform us that he has recently obtained something that I did not know existed, namely, a complete set of the Columbian issue of 1893 in mint imperforate pairs. I have not had the pleasure of inspecting these varieties but heretofore had never heard of any of this series in this condition with the exception of the 2c denomination.

Under date of September 24th, Col. Clyde S. Ford, the last representative of the Post Office Department to leave China, reported at the department at Washington regarding the official closing of the United States Postal Agency at Shanghai, China. This branch in the Orient was suspended under the agreement of the Four Power Treaty signed in Washington. Col. Ford also reported that the other nations had closed their agencies.

Although all arrangements had been made to suspend the agency on January 1, 1923, maturing of United States War Savings stamps made it necessary to keep the station open three months longer. War Savings stamps matured on the day the office was to be closed and as a result, Col. Ford said, a riot almost precipitated. When the office was finally terminated in May more than $125,000 in War Savings stamps had been redeemed. These stamps had been purchased not only by Americans but by a great many Chinese. This business has now been turned over to the Bank of Asia for the Treasury Department.

The United States Postal Agency in Shanghai was established in 1868, its business being conducted by the Consul General until September 25, 1907, when a direct representative of the Post Office Department was appointed to take charge. The agency did business to the amount of $125,000 a year, utilizing the services of two American clerks and 40 Chinese.

In appreciation of his services the Chinese Government conferred upon Colonel Ford the order of Chia Ho, but due to the restrictions on honors this decoration is being held at the State Department. Colonel Ford was in charge of the agency for two years.

Danzig.—One of the forebodings which clouded our otherwise peaceful holiday was the knowledge that, on our return to the chronicler's corner, we should find an accumulation of new denominations of stamps of the Free City of Danzig. And here we have the following, for examples of which we have to thank Capt. H. Streatfield, and Messrs, Singler, Blümel, Hepworth, and Whitfield King & Co.:—

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500mk grey and red.
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Some of the specimens before us postmarked, and an entire shown by Singler bears no less than 22 of 10,000 mk.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Hungary.—The Economist Stamp have shown us the 40k green in the of Scott's A9.

Irish Free State.—Mr. R. Rob has shown us the new 2½d of the manent issue. The design is in the sh of a shield, with the division into parts, in each part a different emb of the state. The shade is brown.

Italy.—The Economist Stamp have shown us the 2c orange br stamp of the issue of 1901 with the charge "10 centesimi" in two lines black. Also the 40c brown of the 190 type overprinted "Cent. 50" in black.

Mauritius.—Mr. R. Roberts rep the R2.50 King George design on sc watermarked paper.

Latvia.—We are informed by George H. Jaeger that in a very sh time there will be issued a set of th surcharged stamps for the benefit of invalids of the country. It is unc stood that the issue will be 200,000

Morocco (*French Protectorate*) *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* reports the covery, at Casablanca, of one sheet the 15c orange with the overprint limi to the words "Protectorat Franca (*i.e.*, no Arabic superscription).

Meanwhile the fine pictorial series been reissued in new colours, and, certain cases, modified types, a full cussion of which we must postpone u next week.—*Stamp Collecting.*

(*Spanish P. O.*).—The new 10c gr of Spain has been overprinted "Zona Protectorado Español en Marruecos," four lines in red.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Nauru.—Mr. R. Roberts advises a new value has appeared. The 1½d the stamps of Great Britain has b overprinted "Nauru" in black.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us of the following new items: 2½d orange and 5sh new yellow paper, both on script watermarked paper.

PONY EXPRESS CANCELLATION.

We are indebted to Harold K. Frederick for the privilege of inspecting a most interesting cover, connected with the recent Pony Express trip across the continent. The cover in question is postmarked St. Joseph, Mo., August 31, 10 A. M., and bears the receiving postmark of San Francisco, Sept. 9, 3.30 P. M. The Pony Express cancellation is in black and is circular in shape accompanied by three heavy horizontal rules. The marking reads:—"Via Pony Express, Aug. 31, 1923 A. M." In addition to this cover (which is in excellent condition) Mr. Frederick submits two other specimens that give evidences of a hard passage. Pinned to the two torn covers is a notice signed by Postmaster Power of the San Francisco office reading:—"The enclosed piece of mail matter was damaged by abrasion while in transit by Pony Express."

Among other things Mr. Frederick writes:—"This ride was made partly with an eye to beating the old record, and it was prophesied that it could not be done because the old riders had great endurance. Nevertheless the ride was finished just forty-two hours ahead of the best time ever made."

STAMP TRIBUTE TO POILU.

(Clipping from Robt. Heubach, Jr.)

France aims to honor various fields of activity of the country by representative scenes on her postage stamps. Thus agriculture was symbolized in the "semeuse" design recently replaced by the Pasteur stamp, in honor of scientific achievement. The Olympic games stamp, soon to be printed in honor of the games to be held in Paris in 1924, will symbolize French athletics.

The latest suggestion for a French postage stamp is that of the brave poilu. Such a picture would have a general appeal throughout the country even on the most remote mail route. It is suggested that the poilu be used on the 25-centime stamp, the "horizon blue" of his uniform harmonizing with the color of that stamp. No official action on this has been taken as yet. It comes merely in the form of a suggestion to the postal department from M. Dessein, deputy of the Haute-Marne, and from M. Bertrand, deputy of the Seine.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

CANADIAN NOTES AND NEWS.

By WILLIAM BUTLER.

Precancel fans will be interested in a brand new type of precancel. Instead of the customary "Toronto Ont." and its bar enclosures there appears only three parallel pairs of heavy black lines running directly across the face of the stamp, the name being omitted. The only specimen of this type that I have seen so far is the one cent orange, but as such an overprint would be much cheaper than its predecessor it is likely that the new type will become general despite the fact that it greatly resembles the issues of the eighties and nineties.

Toronto, Ont., is using two new cancellations as follows: "Broadview Boys Fall Fair, Sept. 12-15. Toronto Y. M. C. A.," in four lines; and "Place Return Address On All Mail," in three lines. Other admonitory exhortations of this nature that have been used are: "Post Your Mail When Ready and Ensure Early Handling," four lines; "Stamped Envelopes Save Time and Money," three lines; "Mail Early and Take Advantage Of Mid-Day Mails," three lines; and "Have Street Address On All Stationery," in four lines.

Co-incident with the announcement that postage stamps can no longer be used as revenue stamps a new light blue excise stamp of the value of two cents has appeared, which replaces the brown stamp of the same denomination bearing the likeness of King George, and the blunt inscription "War Tax." At the very top of the new stamp "Canada" appears while under this is "Excise" in English and French and at the bottom is "Cents," the numeral "2" being the principal part of the design. A number of fancy scrolls and maple leaves complete the design, which, on the whole, is much better than the old stamp. One of these stamps must be affixed to each check and receipt so that the discontinuance of postage stamps for this purpose will make a noticeable difference in the postal revenue.

The Canadian Postal Exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, which, by the way, is the world's largest annual fair, was of immense interest to the 1,500,000 visitors to the Exhibition, the majority of whom were totally unfamiliar with Post Office routine.

Hitherto the Post Office has always been in the Government Bldg., but this year it was changed to the International Building, where all that transpired "behind the scenes" could be plainly observed by the public. A general postal business was conducted, including the sale of stamps, money orders, postal notes, and the handling of registered and

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In the commodious lobby provided was a large Union Jack composed entirely of postage stamps together with the original document of the First International Postal Conference between the United States and Canada, Dr. Work signing for the former and Hon. Charles Murphy, M.P., K.C., B.A., for the latter.

The Dead Letter Office had an extensive display of wrongly mailed articles, experts being in attendance to give advice and suggestions. A unique feature of the exhibit was a school for postmasters while close by an illustrated postal lecture was given every fifteen minutes in which "movies" and "stills" were shown.

An identical exhibit was shown at the Central Canada Fair at Ottawa during September.

Philately is booming in Canada. Dealers are doing an unprecedented business, and have been all summer, local clubs are springing up everywhere and the hobby is gaining many new followers. Some of the new local clubs that have recently come into existence are: St. Lawrence, Montreal; Nova Scòtia, Calgary Philatelic Society, Eastern Townships, Edmonton Stamp Society, and the Yorktown Stamp Society, which staged an unusually successful Convention and Exhibition on Sept. 19-22 last. Among the established clubs the only ones showing any activity are the Winnipeg Philatelic Society and the British Columbia Philatelic Society. The Canadian Philatelic Association, being afflicted with rigor mortis, if it has not already passed to its reward.

An event of the year is the Broadview Boys Fall Fair which has been held annually for over twenty years by the boys of the Broadview Y. M. C. A., Toronto. This year special prizes were given for stamp and coin collections, some excellent ones being on display. There can be no doubt about the excellent publicity our hobby is thus receiving.

I would like to correct a mis-impression that exists concerning the postal meter which has recently been officially sanctioned for use in Canada. It has been erroneously stated in various philatelic journals in an article reproduced from the *Montreal Gazette* that these machines are in actual use. The machine authorized is the Pitney-Bowes Postal Meter and while it has been officially approved it has not been used and will not be for some time.

Commencing with "Have you a little postage meter in your home?" a phrase already hackneyed and threadbare from continual usage, the article gives one the impression that the postal meter can be bought for a song down at Woolworth's on the corner. The machine is admittedly expensive to install, but it is believed that it is worth the price. One of these machines was shown at the Postal Exhibit at the Toronto Fair.

Sample impressions have been made and the specimen that I have is exactly the same as that now used by the United States Post Office with the exception that the device containing the license and meter number is slightly different in shape. At the top is "Canada" and at the bottom "Postage" while between the two "3 Cents 3" appears; it is overprinted "Sample," the license and meter numbers being ciphers. It is in red and is marked Ottawa.

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Tho' not a general collector, I can visualize the thought that the great mass of stamp selling is done to general collectors. The specialists—despite their high-brow attitude—do *not* support the philatelic industry.

In a measure these specialists are to be compared with the typical office-holding type of politician—their's the glory, the other chap produces only to help along the good work!

Specialists have their uses, but not as valuable adjuncts to the stamp industry and it behooves the philatelic press to throw a little ray of light on to the trade generally.

Personally I have no grievance. I am not a general collector (I am aiming to specialize, because it pleases me to do so). I agree absolutely with Mr. Morton and so will many of your readers.

Possibly, most of the philatelic journalists have forgotten they were once young. The same may be the fact with some of the stamp dealers—but the fact remains that the greater proportion of stamp sales are made to young people and these young people should not be made to feel as if they were only an evil part of the stamp industry.

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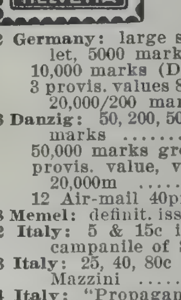

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The First Issue.

In *The Philatelic Record* for August, 1881, the arrival of the new Haytian stamps was announced in the following paragraph:—

"The stamps were issued on July 1st, on the entry of the Republic into the Universal Postal Union. They are evidently of French manufacture, and are lithographed upon tinted paper. The artist has not wasted his time over any of the conventional emblems of peace, but perhaps because they are more easy to draw, has substituted in the lower spandrels, in lieu of the usual olive branches, anchors, bales of merchandise, and such lamb-like trash, two good honest piles of cannon balls."

The stamps of this type, so indecorously introduced in the foregoing paragraph, form a very interesting group for philatelic study on account of the story connected with their issue, the method by which they were manufactured, and the fact that though they are a comparatively modern issue so little is known about them. Indeed for many years the only article of any importance, and the one upon which all recent writers have founded their comments, is one written by the late Monsieur J. B. Moens. This originally appeared in *Le Timbre Poste* but was later translated into English and published in the *Monthly Journal* (Vol. X, page 64).

The first notes of any importance concerning these stamps seem to have been those contained in the late Mr. J. B. Leavy's article, which appeared in the *American Journal of Philately* for February, 1898, and it was the manifest errors in that article that led M. Moens to study the subject. Mr. Leavy asserted that the stamps were produced by lithography, and though the method described by M. Moens seems, from some points of view, almost to border on the impossible, there can be no doubt whatsoever, as we shall endeavor to show later on, that this famous philatelist was nearly correct in all his statements.

In 1881, President Salomon who, according to Mr. Hesketh Pritchard, was "a notorious sectary of snake-worship, beneath whose iron hand the country groaned for years," was in office and it was probably due to his initiative that Hayti decided to follow in the steps of her civilised neighbours in the matter of issuing postage stamps. It was suggested by some of the President's toadies that his portrait should adorn the new stamps, but Salomon was averse to this and proposed the Arms of the Republic as a more suitable device. This proposal did not win general favor and a deputation waited on the President to suggest that the portraits of former Presidents and national heroes should be placed on the stamps to mark the "glorious past of the Republic." The natural jealousy of the negro prompted Salomon to give a flat refusal to this proposition and, in turn, he offered a new suggestion—that the head of Liberty, as typifying the Republic, should form the central device in the design of the proposed stamps. This was ultimately agreed to, the Haytian Minister in France was instructed to order the stamps, and arrangements for their issue when ready and the opening of various post-offices on July 1st were made.

Some hitch occurred regarding the production of the labels and at one time it seemed very probable that the Republic would have to open its post-offices before the stamps could possibly reach the island. However, matters were satisfactorily settled so that the stamps arrived before the official date for their issue.

In "My Souvenirs," which were published in the *Monthly Journal* (Vol. XVI, page 273), Monsieur Pierre Mahé gives an amusing account of how he very nearly secured the contract for the manufacture of this first issue, and from this we make the following interesting excerpt:—

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time appointed. There was a great ado on the part of the Minister and Chargé d'Affaires of Hayti in Paris. The date of issue had been published in the official journal; all the post-offices had to be furnished with the stamps on a certain day, and at all costs the stamps must reach Port au Prince by the right time. There was not a moment to be lost; steps must be taken, and at once.

The manager of the Crédit Industrial et Commercial, a bank which had the charge of Haytian interests, Monsieur H. D———, who was one of my best customers, knew that I possessed a knowledge of printing matters which would enable me to carry out successfully an operation of this kind. He sought me out, explained the critical situation to me, and said at last 'Monsieur Mahé, you alone can get us out of the mess in which we are now. I have assured the Minister that I know a person upon whom we could depend, and I have undertaken to meet the case. It is absolutely necessary that you should do us this service; you cannot refuse us.' There was scarcely a fortnight for putting the matter right; it was running things very fine. However, I accepted, for by hurrying up a bit it was more than enough for carrying the matter out properly.

I asked for a list of the values and colors, with the quantity of each stamp to be supplied, and I told Monsieur D——— that we were going to make a provisional issue by lithography, for that would give time to prepare a permanent issue produced by a better process. I told him also that the following evening I would submit a scheme, that I would have seen a printer, and ascertained what would be the cost of the stamps per thousand, and I added that I would bind myself to supply at the appointed time the desired quantity of each value of the stamps.

I spent a good part of the night making sketch after sketch, and finally I was satisfied with the last I had made, in the designing of which I was helped by a piece of Haytian money bearing the Arms of the country, I had produced something similar to the designs of the issues of 1891, 1892 and 1898, but of a simpler nature— lighter and with better effect. At least, such was my opinion, which was shared by everyone.

On the following evening, according to promise, I laid my plans before the assembled council, who accepted it with enthusiasm. I had saved the situation. I told the Minister that I could supply the stamps at so much per thousand, all gummed and perforated, and that I undertook to be in time for the departure of the boat. My price, moreover, was considerably lower than asked by the first printer.

All was thus for the best, and peace returned to the minds of those gentlemen from Hayti. On the following morning—for it was a case of hurrying up—I was to receive the official order, and it would only remain to go straight ahead. But on the morrow all was changed. The night had brought wisdom to the Ministers' printer who, having learned what was going on, and thinking better of it, had sent an express messenger to say that, thanks to a new method, he was able to promise the execution of the order which he had accepted. And there I was left stranded, after all the trouble I had taken, and obliged to inform my printer that he must not reckon upon this work, for which he had to make special arrangements. I was rather ashamed of the blunder."

The design, which is stated by Monsieur C. Lemierre to be the work of M. Laforesterie, a Haytian sculptor, consists of a profile to left of a female head, typifying Liberty, on a circle of solid color. Around this is a circular band inscribed "REPUBLIQUE D'HAYTI" at the top, with the word "POSTE" at each side below, the upper and lower inscriptions being separated by small dots. In the centre below the head, is a small tablet containing numerals to denote the different values. This extends across the lower portion of the circular band and reaches to the bottom margin of the design, crossing a tablet at the foot, which bears the word "CENT" at each side. This is an abbreviation for "centime," the currency of Hayti then consisting of a gourde divided into one hundred centimes, and worth about 96c in American money. In the centre at the top is a small Cap of Liberty, which projects into the outer frame of the design; in the upper spandrels are palm branches, spears and flags; in the lower spandrels are piles of cannon balls; and at each side of the upper part of the shield is a curved scroll-shaped ornament. The design is completed by an outer frame line.

Altogether it is a very warlike and aggressive design, and opinions as to its merits as a work of art are somewhat divided. Monsieur Mahé, who was perhaps a little prejudiced, describes it as "an old, bloated, white negress, with a grin on her countenance and wearing, in place of the Phrygian Cap, a Madras handkerchief, like those which the aged Naiads of the bathing machines wrap round their heads." Other writers describe the design as "admirable," and though it can perhaps hardly be described as beautiful or as representing the highest form of art, the design as a whole is not unpleasing. It has suffered somewhat by the unskilful manner of its production, and gives ample corroboration to M. Mahé's remarks that the stamps were manufactured in a great hurry.

The "Liberty Head" stamps of Hayti have always been more or less popular with specialists owing to the fact that they can be plated, though we believe no one succeeded in reconstructing both the imperforate and perforated series until the late Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg took the matter in hand with his usual characteristic thoroughness and at the New York Exhibition of 1913 he showed practically all the plates complete.

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e must confess that when writing article on the subject of Haytian ps for *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* in (although not actively collecting the ps of the Repubic at the time) we were very sceptical regarding the Moen's theory of movable plugs. It seemed such an awkward and almost impossibly stupid method of procedure and yet, on the strength of the published evidence, we had to accept this theory as there seemed to be no legitimate or logical grounds on which it could be combated. We were, therefore, delighted to read Mr. Hausburg's article in the *London Philatelist* and find that such an eminent authority was of the opinion that the Moen's theory was untenable and, moreover, adduced excellent arguments showing its weak points. We cannot do better than quote Mr. Hausburg's own words:—

"Various theories have been put forward as to the method of production of the 'Liberty Head' stamps of Hayti. At first they were thought to have been lithographed but any specimen, when closely examined, points to another process having been employed. There is none of that smooth appearance which is essential to a lithograph, and in many cases the paper is very deeply dented by the figure of value. In *Le Timbre Poste* of May and July, 1899, M. Moens gives some interesting data with regard to the production of these stamps. A Haytian sculptor (M. Laforesterie) is said to have designed them, and a die was engraved on wood by M. J. Richard, of Paris. The plates were made up of electrotypes. The shield which contains the figure of value in the completed design was at first left blank. It is stated by M. Moens that these shields were filled up by movable plugs, thus indicating that there was only one plate and that the plugs were altered for each value. This theory I am afraid I do not agree with. In every one of the fifty stamps on the plate of each value the position of the figure of value varies, and the edges of the plug in the shield are more or less defined by lines of color. But taking a stamp of any one value in any particular position on the plate, it will be found in all copies of that stamp the figure in the shield is always in exactly the same position. This shows that if the plugs were altered for printing each value, and only one plate was used, the whole number printed of each value must have been done in one printing. This is hardly likely, and a study of the stamps will, I think, show that it was not the method employed. Supposing the 1c were all printed first and the 20c last it would mean that the 1c would be only from the early state of the plate and the 20c from the last, but this is not the case. It is possible to find both these and all the other values in early and late states. There is another point against the use of one plate only, and that is that in each value it is possible to find flaws and defects in the design itself, apart from the shield, which are peculiar to each value. My idea is that a separate plate was made for each value from the original plate with vacant spaces in the shield for the value plugs. Some of the values exist in such different shades that there must have been more than one printing of these values."

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No collector, however cheap he likes to buy, is pleased when the prices of his stamps fall still lower. Although a fair number of modern colonials have been coming over from Germany and elsewhere, the supply appears exhausted, notably in Edwardians which, with the exception of the commoner values, are very hard to buy abroad, in fact London is by far the cheapest market for these, and prices will probably show a marked hardening during the next few months, especially in some of the West Indian

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There is no reason, also, why anyone should not invest in stamps as in any ordinary shares, also only paper representing value; and wisely chosen, it is on the average a far sounder proposition. Whatever may happen to oilfields or mines, rare stamps have an international value, like gold, and even better than that commodity, have a constant upward trend.

The only discouraging feature is the presence of certain disgruntled collectors who have joined the ranks with the idea of getting rich quick, then perhaps, disposing of their holdings themselves, instead of consulting an expert in touch with the market, have lost on the transaction. Then no word is bad enough for the dealers who sell at say half catalogue and will only buy at one-fifth. Of course, all this is very futile and foolish. Pick up bargains by all means, and there are plenty of them to those of discernment, but stick to the stamps and learn to love them so that parting is a pain, and build up a collection with the idea of passing it on intact to posterity.

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W. R. Taschenberger, Waterbury, Conn., adds his name to our Honor Club by remitting $5 for a five-years' renewal. It is accompanied by the terse statement "Can't live without the WEEKLY." This class of subscribers is growing more numerous as the months go by.

It belongs to K. Y. Woodward of Blairstown, N. J., to be the least informal of all the number who have yet become members of the Club. A letter is at hand containing the sentiment, "Shoot the enclosed on to my present subscription." And it is signed "W." However, Mr. Woodward did not fail in the most important part, as a check for $5 was enclosed in the letter.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

MINOR VARIETIES.

A reader writes that he wants his money back if the Editor does not have something stirring to say every month. Unfortunately stirring topics do not present themselves at regular intervals, while we have been dashed into comparative silence by a French contemporary's heart-breaking description of a recent effort as "literature à la Lloyd George."

There is, however, one subject which we may treat with benefit both to our readers and to ourselves—that of minor varieties. Every Editor and New Issue Chronicler receives hundreds of letters each year, sending stamps for inspection as worthy of catalogue rank or a place in the Chronicle, and a large proportion of these consist of minor varieties of stamps already listed.

Now we do not claim that the Gibbons' Catalogue is absolutely consistent—as the work of many different hands, it would be strange if it were so—but there is a general basis on which Catalogue Editors and Chroniclers work, for if they mentioned everything submitted to them they would be swamped within a very short time.

For example, the Gibbons' Catalogue does not include inverted watermarks, yet we receive notes of dozens of these every year, most of which we know of, and none of which can be listed.

Then, again, there are varieties of surcharge or overprint. These are so liable to show broken or misplaced letters that there is practically unanimous agreement against according such varieties catalogue rank. Yet, here, too, there is a continual stream of letters from readers who point out such minor variations.

Shades, too, are a prolific source of correspondence. While there are certain distinctive colour variations which must be included, it is impossible to include all that come along, and in cases where there are many variations, lack of space causes a stricter censorship than where there are only one or two. This makes for inconsistency, perhaps, but it avoids overloading the lists, and thereby confusing the collector. Given a catalogue list, there is nothing to prevent him from elaborating the shades in his collection to any degree which pleases him. Catalogue Editors prefer to have unused stamps for comparison, when shades are in question, as exposure in the post, moisture when floating, and the presence of the postmark, tend to destroy the colour values of used stamps.

Freaks caused by foreign matter on the plate, and other "curiosities," are also submitted, though they cannot be given catalogue rank. A variety of any kind should be "constant," i.e., present in the same position on the sheet throughout at least a considerable portion of a printing, before it can strictly be accorded ca logue rank (this also applies to o prints), and even then the ease which it may be distinguished, and general importance, have to be con ered, before it can gain admission. Ot wise our catalogues would speedily come unwieldly and unintelligible to ordinary collector.

For the collector of comparati limited experience it is a safe rul consider that if a minor variety of stamp more than ten years old is already in the catalogue there are reasons for its exclusion, and littl be gained by submitting it to an Ed Students with greater knowledge of course, always likely to make coveries, and are better able to app them at their true philatelic value.

We would not have collectors t that we do not want to hear from th We are always glad to see anything puzzles them and to help them in e possible way, but if they will ce their "discoveries" on the lines sugge here, they will save both themselves the Editor and chroniclers concern great deal of time and trouble.—*Sta Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.

(Clipping from F. H. Hawley.)

There will be general approval only by philatelists but by the e American public of the special issu 2-cent postage stamps bearing the trait of President Harding. It is a fi tribute to his memory and a wo addition to the already consider series of history-recording stamps is by the post-office department.

It is a reminder, too, of the differ between our postage stamp system the systems of other countries. Great Britain stamps of all denom tions are of the same design but different colors, all bearing the por of the reigning sovereign. So in Fr all bear the symbolical representatio the republic. Japanese stamps, admired for artistic beauty, all dis the chrysanthemum. Some coun eschew portraits and put minia landscapes, mountains, pyramids what not upon their stamps. We a use chiefly portraits of eminent me the past, generally with a different ject as well as a different color for denomination, and in addition pra the plan of making special issue memory of great events.

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(Clipping from F. W. Boling, Jr.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The old fad or collecting postage stamps not only s not on the wane, but is going stronger han ever, according to members of the American Philatelic Society, who recently concluded here what they characterized is the most successful gathering since he organization was founded 38 years go. More than 250 attested to the poparity of collecting when they bid quick nd lively at an auction in which several hundred stamps and groups were put up.

In all more than $6,100 was paid over is a result of the bidding. The highest rice paid was $560 for a four-cent blue tamp issued by British Guiana in 1856, nd which was considered a rare specinen. The fact that such a price was aid for a stamp not in best condition vas regarded as indicative of the interest ollectors still retain. This stamp in rime condition is listed at a catalog rice of $4,000.

Stamp collecting, though, isn't what it ised to be, the "old timers" say. There re too many "wise ones" in the field and t is no longer possible to pick up valuble rarities for a song. Even the children, hey declare, now know a good one when hey see it. They all hark back to the ime when such and such a stamp could e got anywhere for a few cents but is ow quoted and bought for as many lollars.

One of the interesting specimens which voked a lively minute of bidding and inally brought an exceptional price was pink three-cent United States stamp f the issue of 1861, the cancellation on vhich was a Devil with pitchfork. This ype has come to be known as the "Old Boy Himself" issue.—*Norfolk Virginian Pilot.*

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(Continued from page 477)

In the second letter, bearing date July 15, 1890, Mr. Pierce wrote:

"First, I began the match business in Charlemont, Mass., bought out a man in West Troy, N. Y., by the name of Williams who had been manufacturing some kind of a card match. Added to his receipt some Chlorate of Potash to harden the composition and make it nearer waterproof, called it the Percussion Match. Began on a small scale. Cut my strawboard for boxes with a butcher knife. Cut out the corners with a chisel. As I have said before, I began on the round match finding no money in it. Turned my attention to the split or block match taken from plank, sawed the right length, put glue on one end to hold or stick the match(es) together, split with a hand machine worked by a lever.

Finding the business so close my first attention was to get up machinery for saving labor. My first machine was for cutting strawboard the whole length of the sheet. It consisted of a knife worked up and down by cam motion and would cut through 2 or 3 inches of strawboard at a time and would do as much work in a day as a man could do by hand in a month. The next machine was for marking or scoring by cutting the sheet half off so that you could pick the corners out with the fingers. It consisted of an iron cylinder turned by hand or power with circular cutting knives hung in a frame above the cylinder and turned or raised up and down by set screws. I have scored or marked with power as many as 30,000 in a day. The old way was to mark or scratch with an awl around a pattern block put on the strawboard by hand.

The next machine I got up was for splitting the block into matches by power. It consisted of a table or frame of wood upon which rested the iron work of 3 half circles, one at each end and one in the middle of the wooden table or frame. Upon the 3 half circles of iron ran a shaft. At one end was a balance wheel. at the other end a driving pulley. In the middle hung a lever on which was a splitting knife. By a cam on the shaft the carriage was drawn forward that held the blocks by a ratchet wheel worked by a cam at the end of the shafts at right angles to the cam that drove down the knife. With this machine a man with power could split over 20 bbls. a day, by hand power 3 bbls. was a good day's work.

The next machine was for crushing the fibres of the timber together so as to hold the matches together instead of glue, saving the stock as well as labor. This was patented Jan., 1854. It consisted of iron rollers hung in (an) iron frame and geared together in such a manner as to be driven nearer together by set screws and matting the fibres of both ends of the block—one end to be shaved off for the composition and the other end to hold the matches together. It so happened with me as it has with others, I have done the work for others to make the profits. Well, I have the satisfaction of thinking I have done some good in the world.

You will please excuse me from writing more at this time. I have sold machinery at nearly all the match firms in the northern states from Maine to California. At some other time I may write you more.

As I have said before, I was sued by the Boston Match Co., called Byam, Carlton & Co. They owned the Phillips Patent, dated in 1836. I employed Hon. George T. Davis to defend me. He went to New York City where they had suit, where (the) Hyatt(?) Match Co. got beat. That cost I have heard over $60,000, he got evidence of the trial, among it was a copy of the Phillips Patent. The question (I think I have the papers somewhere) turned on the point whether Antimony was a mineral or a metal. The Phillips Patent claimed any Mineral substance. He used whiting(?) and the Hyatt Co. Antimony. As I have written you, I preferred a compromise so as not to have cost and went to Springfield, N. Y.

I was not interested in the Washington Match Co. I have seen the paper but don't remember much about it. In the Pierce Match Co of Chicago we employed about 50 hands. The company did not fail but dropped the business because there was no money in it. I don't remember how many stamps we took but think there were $3,000 worth printed. I have heard that the building where the die was kept with all the stamps was burnt up. It was in Philadelphia not New York."

[Note. There were 52,500 Pierce stamps issued and 206,700 remainders, indicating a total printing of 259,200 stamps, which if ordered at one time, would have cost the Pierce Match Co. $2,356.37. The Jayne Building in Philadelphia, where the Carpenter firm had their establishment. was burned on March 4, 1872.—C. W.]

"That council at Chicago was, I think, in the month of April, 1867. I don't recollect all the parties that were there. There was Gates of N. Y., one of the largest making 1,000 gross a day, Richardson of Detroit, Bruns(?) of St. Louis, Greenleaf of Milwaukee, Wis., and others."

On July 16, 1890, Mr. Pierce wrote:

"I have been think(ing) since I wrote you yesterday that I would like to give you a short history of that last machine I described to you and got patented in 1854.

I had a cousin that was with me when I began the match business. He went west soon after we began, to Grand Rapids, Mich., and from there (to) Milwaukee, Wis. I visited him in 1848. I had then got my first machine for cutting strawboard for boxes—found him cutting his with a butcher knife. Sold him a machine price $150 and others as I got them up at about the same price. In 1852 I wrote him to know how much glue he had used in a year. He replied that he had used $1,100 eleven hundred dollars' worth the year before. I wrote him that I was getting up a machine to do away with glue. I thought it would pay to be to some expense. It succeed(ed). It was two years before I got one that was satisfactory & got it patented. I had spent many hundred dollars and built and rebuilt several ma-

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chines before I had one that was satisfactory—some of them costing as high as five or six hundred dollars.

During the year I went out and satisfied him it would do the work and made a contract with him to do the work by the thousand feet of lumber. I estimated for the amount of business he was doing it would give as much as two thousand dollars a year clear profit but he failed to carry out the contract having sold out the business without making any reserve of my contract. The parties he sold to would not fulfill that contract but would pay me one thousand dollars for the machine. I was obliged to take it as I had been to so much expense—was in need of the money. After having sold out in a few months he was about to put an opposition factory. They told him No, we will sell back to you & did so including that machine I had sold them. (They were party I went in company with at Detroit & failed up.) They told me that the machine paid for itself while they ran it 5 months.

This cousin of mine, R. W. Pierce, the one you spoke of as being in Detroit, went in Co. with others. I believe it was called R. W. Pierce & Company. They did a large business running three splitting machines & put from fifteen to ** thousand dollars a year clear profit more than one half of which was clearly due to that machinery that I had let them have or (they) got at such low figure."

[Note. R. W. Pierce & Co. are mentioned in the article on the Milwaukee Match stamps. They operated the Milwaukee factory before it was sold to Greenleaf & Co.]

In the letter of July 23, 1890, Mr. Pierce says:

"In regard to the Pierce Match Co. of Chicago, it was not an Incorporated Co. —had no officers. It was composed of four men—Pierce, Parsons, Rowley and Wells. I furnished the machinery, the other parties the capital that was needed to carry on the business. The factory was located down on what was called the sands, or new made ground from the washing of the Lake. In 1870 the building was burnt with others when the city of Chicago was burned. I believe I have written you in regard to the breaking up of the Co.

In regard to the failure of the Detroit Match Co. I think the failure was due to having poor matches and having to start a new set of customers from what they had at Milwaukee. I think that I wrote you that I had dealings or been interested with most of the manufacturers of the split or block matches from Maine to California. Among the larger ones were Pittsburgh, Columbus(?), Cincinnati, St. Louis, St. Paul, San Francisco. My experience has been that the more capital they had the less likely they were to succeed.

Among the small manufacturers the most of them had small capital and succeeded better than the larger ones until the stamp act was passed that killed them all off. I could write you quite a history of some of the larger ones at Pittsburgh, St. Louis, St. Paul, etc., if you wish some other time. I don't think of anything more just now."

The letter of July 25, 1890, contained the following paragraph:

"In regard to the passage of the Stamp Act I wish to say that I have been told that Byam, Carlton & Co. were at the bottom of it. Giving 10 pr/ct discount by taking $1,000 worth at a time was done to put down the smaller manufacturers and that their profits from the discount some years were as high as $30,000 thirty thousand dollars and that it had ruined the business of more than three-fourths of the manufacturers of the country."

[Note: In the 17 years, 1866-1883, Byam, Carlton & Co. bought about 30,000,000 adhesive stamps and 310,000,000 wrapper stamps, all of the denomination of 1c. This gives an average of 20,000,000 per year.

In about nine and a half years, from 1866 to 1875, however, they used about 280,000,000 stamps and wrappers, which is an average of nearly 30,000,000 per year. To obtain a bonus of $30,000 worth of stamps they would have to buy $300,000. worth, or 30,000,000 1c stamps. Their average from 1866 to 1875 is so close to the required figure that it is evident there were some years when the bonus—miscalled a discount—yielded them $30,000.—C. W.]

In the last letter, which is dated July 29, 1890, Mr. Pierce states:

"In regard to the Match Cos that have started up since 1860 I do not know much about (them). It is just thirty years ago this month that I was in St. Louis and sold machinery to J. L. Dunham & Co. I have heard that they had failed. D. M. Richardson Co. I think started the next year after J. W. Hibbard & Co. (Hiberd?) or 1856. I don't know anything about his stamps. I have been told that (he) used about 3,000 dollars worth a week.

Mr. Seward can tell you about the Washington Match Co. as he worked for them nearly one year. Also the Griggs & Scott Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa. Also the Alexander Co. of Baltimore. Also of Mr. Donely of Philadelphia. There are so many parties that I have had dealings with or been interested (with) that I could hardly name them all now. If you have any more questions to ask please do so. I will endeavor to do so."

Directly from Mr. Pierce, or throug George O. Seward, Mr. Sterling obtaine eight copies of the Pierce match stam Mr. Sterling disposed of these in 187 1877, swapping one of them to Willia P. Brown, the New York dealer, in exchange for an unused $5.00 Proprietar

If these eight copies are still in existence they comprise more than half th known supply. The writer has been abl to trace just thirteen different copies an it is scarcely necessary to remark tha hardly any of them are in strictly fin condition. One specimen which is only little off center has full original gum an all the brilliancy which it had whe issued in 1867. As all the known copie probably came from one printing b Butler & Carpenter in Philadelphia an slight variations in the green color ma be attributed to influences which hav affected the stamps since they were made

Like the Rock Island stamp the Pierc volcano has never been common. Sterling quoted it at $20.00 in 1888 while th Scott prices from 1894 to 1896 wer $25.00; 1898 to 1901, $40.00; 1902 to 192 $50.00; 1922, $60.00. In view of th actual rarity of this stamp and that comes on only one variety of paper, th quotations given cannot be considere inflated.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—We have seen a new advertisin cancellation from Brockton, Mass., reading:—"Brockton Fair, 50th Anniversary Oct. 2-3-4-5-6."

—We have received from D. D. Berolzheimer a copy of the *Masonic New* published in N. Y. City. It is the September number and it contains a ver interesting article "The Nation's Histor in New Stamps."

—Erwin Strasser submits specimen of the Canada Dead Letter Office stamp recently described by Mr. Goodchild They are certainly fine examples of th engraver's art.

—The well-known Detroit dealer W F. Fratcher has been compelled to go t a local hospital for an operation and i will be several weeks before he can attend to the details of business. He wil have the wishes of a host of friends fo a speedy recovery.

—Will our subscribers please note th respective department editors of th Weekly. If you have anything of precancel nature send it to Mr. Allen If your news concerns U. S. stamps sen it to Mr. Ward, and on foreign stamps Mr. Smith. If this matter of detail i attended to your favor will be promptl noted.

—We have received a selection o Christmas greeting cards hand-tinted i transparent water colors by Wm. S Biechele, Lima State Hospital, Lima Ohio. The work is exceedingly wel done and the prices are reasonable. Mr Biechele also submits a calendar and some Christmas cards with postage stamps neatly mounted upon them which give a distinct philatelic tinge to his work Any subscriber desiring Christmas cards or philatelic remembrances should communicate with Mr. Biechele.

—The Torrington, Ct., *Register* of Sept. 27, contained an interesting story of the stamp collection of Postmaster A. E. Wellman of that city. Mr. Wellman's collection is confined to stamps issued by the U. S. government.

—So many new advertisers are appearing in our columns that we find it difficult making individual mention of them all. We hope our subscribers will not be bashful in trying the wares of these new aspirants for trade.

—The Karelia set should have been 49c instead of 68c. My mistake probably but am refunding on answers to it.—R. H. Mower.

—The Toronto (Canada) and district readers of this journal interested in the formation of a local stamp club are requested to communicate with, B. Turner, Box 24, Terminal Station "A," Toronto, immediately.

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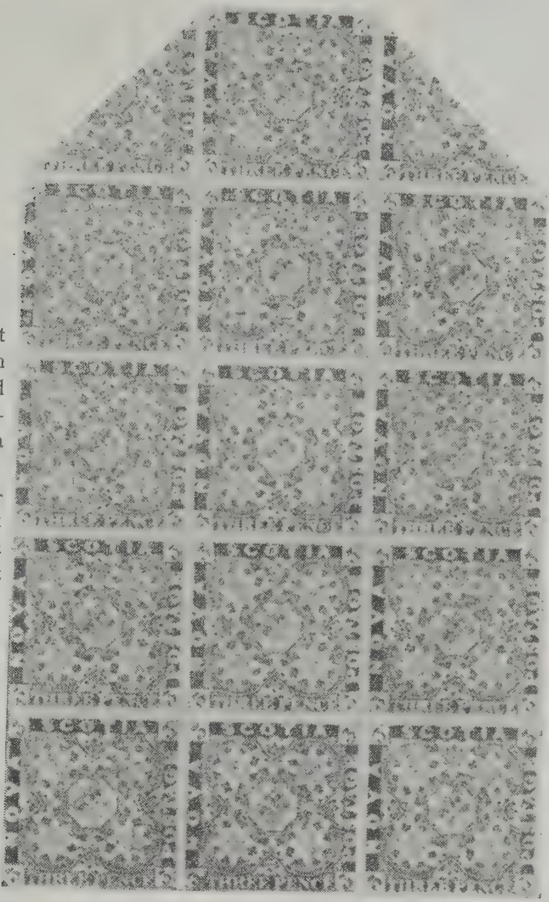

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-As a consequence of the convention the Metropolitan Philatelic Society in icago, on Sept. 27th and 28th, the cago *Journal* gave almost a column a stamp story, headed: "War Pro- tes Stamp Pursuit. Collectors Kept sy as New States, Created at Peace, rn Out Issues." On the same even- the Chicago *Post* contained a similar icle. The convention of the Metro- tan Philatelic Association was at- led by Chicago collectors only, and sessions resolved themselves into tings of a committee on the whole. structive measures were favorably sidered and according to the reports e of the departments are in good ning order. Mr. Hollister seems to e the sales department well in hand the report of the secretary, Mr. hand-Vertfeuille, showed that he has ked to the utmost to develop the nization.

-A subscriber in Topeka writes to that he thinks that there is no more resting subject than stamp finds, and elates that on a document he found ntly six of the $5 periodical, used for documentary, No. 3999. We are ned to associate finds with the dis- past but here we have proof that e are good finds to be made of the paratively recent issues. Our reader that he supposes most collectors m about finds; and we can say that s a poor collector who has not med of making them.

-From General C. A. Coolidge, De- , we have the communication: "The gn on the cover of the *American atelist* may be considered very artis- and aesthetic but I, for one, prefer list of names and the addresses of officers of the society on the outside r for convenience and propaganda ertainly they should be given promi- e inside the magazine with each and y issue for ready reference without our being required to refer to some back number when, as frequently is the case, we desire to write to an officer of the society. Even the address of the secretary is not given at the end of his report."

—Further news has come about the Middletons of Tokyo and the report is confirmed that while they lost "furniture, clothing, books, stamps and lots of miscellaneous goods in just two seconds" they escaped injury. Professor Middleton is now to be addressed: F. C. Middleton, 416 State Street, Madison, Wis.

—We have received the last section of advance sheets of the new catalogue and we are expecting the bound volume by the time this paragraph appears. The book will be a substantial one of well over 1,400 pages and its issue on time will have a helpful influence on collecting.

—Franklin Coombs of the Metropolitan Stamp Company, New York, has been revisiting Chicago, where he spent several years in preparation for his triumphal entry into New York's commercial circles. Mr. Coombs finds that while a score of years makes a difference in some ways, some of his old friends are unchanged, thereby proving that the pursuit of philately conduces to a philosophic acceptance of the joys and jibes of life.

—A correspondent calls attention to the fact that since 1898, Salvador has been tranquil and progressive and that its currency system is on a gold basis with no depreciated paper circulating medium. The population is now estimated at one million and a half.

—*Madrid Filatelico* comes out with a ringing editorial in favor of the fiscal stamp as an object of collection and after reading the strong case made out in behalf of the fiscal, we really wonder why there seems to be almost no interest whatever in revenue stamp issues outside of the countries emitting them.

—The Chicago *Tribune* exhibits in a frame in its down-town office several envelopes with enclosures from its correspondent in the brigand sector of China which bear nondescript labels, as to looks, which are said to be signs of authorization by the bandits that the letters should not be interfered with.

—Will the reader who sent in his reminisences, signed evidently by a penname, give us his address? While we have no particular convictions about the propriety of using anonymous matter when it is general in its application, we must have the name of the writer who discusses personal topics.

—A stamp man says that if the demand for stamps becomes as great as he thinks it will, the large stocks that many dealers now have on hand will melt away as butter on a hot platter. It is not to be denied that the stamps that have been coming from Europe have afforded the dealers a chance to fortify the weak places in their stocks.

—To those who have complained about the irregular receipt of the Weekly we wish to say that we have been trying to remedy conditions affecting the mailing. We have not been wholly at fault and without wishing to be too sanguine, we may say that we are hopeful of overcoming the delay that readers have called attention to.

—In *Country Life*, London, September 1, 1923, we find the following profound paragraph:

"There was probably never a time when more was written about civilisation than there is at the present moment. Reversion seems to be indicated as a succeeding theme. It has begun in a small way in the German post-office. The postage stamp will on all sides be admitted to be a sign of civilisation. The absolutely uncivilised have neither postmaster, post-office nor postage stamp. Germany has had all of them at a high state of efficiency, but the fall of the mark has had what the novelist calls a repercussion on the postage stamp. That erratic coin has been going up and down in a tortuous way that could not be followed in the case of the stamp. So there has been a final issue of stamps, and when the supply is exhausted notice is given that letters will be paid for in the simple, old-fashioned way that prevailed during the day of the great-grandfathers of this generation. Instead of having a letter brought to him by the postman as he is accustomed, he who expects a letter will have to go to the post-office, get it over the counter and pay the charges. A little thing, to be sure; but then, straws show the direction in which the wind is blowing."

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1912, 5, 10, 20p, perf. letter can.	.50
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50c black, No. 226	.17
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1921, 3, 5, 10r, Nos. 255-257*	.14
1922, 1r to 25,000r	.60
1921, Nos. 275 to 279*	.95
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1922, Nos. 413 to 420, * except 419	.90
Argentine Rep. 1917, 10p vio. and blue	2.45
1917, 10p violet and blue*	5.50
1917, 20p blue and claret*	10.50
1917, 20p blue and claret	5.75
Austria 1850, 1k yellow	1.00
1858, 2kr on covers	.90
1908, 5k bistre and violet*	.90
1910, Jub., rare, 1h to 10k*	19.50
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1918, 3h to 4k, Nos. 181 to 198*	.65
1919, 3h to 10k, Nos. 200 to 215*	.18
1920, Nos. 216 to 237*	.20
1921, 80h to 50k, Nos. 238-248*	.12
1922, ½k to 500k, Nos. 250 to 264*	.30
1922, 15k to 600k, Nos. 269 to 288*	.22
1922, 1000k violet*	.05
1922, 2000k green*	.07
1920, Nos. 382 to 401*	.18
1922, Nos. 402 to 409*	.05
1918, Aero, Nos. 575, 576*	.18
1921, Charity, 5h-20k, Nos. 611-630*	.35
1893, Dues, 1k to 50k, Nos. 925-933*	.30
1919, Due, 25h red, No. 995	.60
1919, Due, 1k blue, No. 999	.35
1919, Due, Nos. 991 to 999	1.10
1919, Due, 5h-10k, Nos. 1002-1013*	.12
1919, Due, 5h-80h, Nos. 1014-1022*	.09
1919, Due, 1½k-20k, Nos. 1023-1028*	.05
1922, Due, 1k-800k, Nos. 1030-1049*	.22
1918, War, 1k olive, No. 930* ($20)	3.50
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1918, 3h violet, No. 1151*	.15
30h violet, No. 1159*	.30
40h olive, used or *, No. 1160	2.75
50h green*, No. 1161*	.45
60h blue, No. 1162*	.70
1k carmine, No. 1165*	.40
10k violet, No. 1169, Yvert 5000frs	175.00
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3h violet, No. 1201, used or*	.37
10h magenta, No. 1204*	.20
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1k carmine, No. 1215	5.00
2k light blue, No. 1216	19.00
4k yellow green, No. 1217*	28.00
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1c to 1L, Nos. 1241 to 1252*	.50
25c rose Express, No. 1261*	.60
Turkey 1908, 2pi to 20pi*	.38
Azerbaidjan 1919, 10k to 50r, Nos. 1 to 10, used or*	1.10
1922, Nos. 101, 102*	.09
1918, Nos. 201 to 205*, each	1.20
1918, Nos. 206 to 213, each*	1.70
1918, Nos. 214 to 217, each*	4.90
Batum 1919, 5k to 5r*	.65
1919, 5k to 7c, Nos. 101 to 109*	1.25
25r on 20 on 14k, No. 127*	2.25
25r on 50k, No. 132*	2.75
25r on 25k, No. 143*	2.00
25r on 25k, No. 144*	3.00
50r on 50k, No. 145*	2.35
50r on 50k, No. 146*	4.25
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Bavaria 1850, 18k yellow, average	2.50
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1891, 2M orange, No. 55*	.45
1900, 30, 40, 80pf*	.20
1900, 3M olive gray, No. 70*	.60
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1899, 2000 on 1000r, No. 158	.12
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1908, No. 186 or 187, each	.07
1910, 10,000r brown, No. 190	.95
1920, 100r red, used or*, No. 231	.07
1922, 100, 200, 300r, Nos. 237 to 239	.15
1889, 1000r yellow, No. 359*	.75
1889, 1000r brown, No. 368*	1.00
1895, 300r blue, No. 421*	.45
Same, used	.25
1895, 2000r brown, No. 422*	.60
1906, 200r violet, No. 430	.22
1906, Due, 300, 400, 1000r*	.70
Due, 700r brown, No. 440*	1.10
Due, 2000r green, No. 442*	.65
1910, Due, 600r violet, No. 443*	.45
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1897, 10 on 6c, No. 27*	.58
1912, Nos. 119 to 126	.20
1912, $5 green and rose, No. 133*	6.00
1912, $5 green and rose, No. 148*	4.75
1912, Nos. 149 to 152*	.25
1912, 16c olive, No. 167	.25
50c green, No. 169	1.25
1912, $2 brown, No. 171*	2.35
1913, $2 blue and black	.19
$5 red and black	.85
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No. 331 used, No. 332*, each	.37
Nos. 501 to 510*	.80
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50pi green, No. 85, used or*	3.75
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1902, 20c red, No. 196*	.55
Nos. 297, 300, each*	.70
1905, 100p blue on rose	1.50
1920, 50c red, No. 367	.25
1904, No. 661a*	.60
Antioquia 1902, 5p, No. 143*	.37
1903, 10p red*	.70
Bolivar 1880, 80c green*	.60
1903, No. 68d*	2.00
Boyaca, 5c green, No. 1*	.20
Santander 1905, 10p, No. 36*	1.10
1900, No. 106	1.10
Tolima, No. 78a*	1.95
Nos. 87, 88, each*	.20
Congo 1888, 5, 10, 25c	.14
1894, 25c, 50c, each*	.12
1908, 5fr red and black, No. 39	.65
1910, 3frs red and black	.50
1910, 5frs carmine and black	.50
1915, 5c to 5frs*	1.10
1915, 5c to 5frs	
1918, Nos. 203 to 206*	
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Corea 1903, 23 on 25, No. 38*	1.
Costa Rica 1911, Nos. 86 to 92*	
1911, 2 on 5c, No. 93*	
1921, 5c blue and black, No. 103*	
1921, Nos. 263, 264, 265, each*	
Crete 1899, 2m black, No. 11*	
1899, Nos. 40, 43, 46, each*	
1901, 5dr green and black	8.
1908, 10L red, No. 88*	
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1p green*	
2p blue*	1.
1910, 50c, No. 245*	
1910, 1p slate and black, No. 246*	
1911, 1p black, No. 252*	2.
1917, 1p black	
Czecho-Slovakia 1919, 6h, No. 562*	10.
1919, 1k red, No. 575*	1.
3k red, No. 577*	
4k green, No. 578*	
3k red, No. 581*	
2h claret, No. 586*	
5h green, No. 597*	35.
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50h carmine, No. 621*	23.
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50h red, No. 629*	17.
1k blue, No. 630*	
5k blue, No. 631*	1.
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15h on 2h, No. 634, used or*	9.
10h on 24h, No. 635, used or*	7.
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5k brown & brown, No. 728*	8
10k brown and violet, No. 729*, rarity	40
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20f brown, No. 738*	15
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Nos. 751 to 754*, rarities	140
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1912, 35 on 16ö	
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1912, 5k dark red, No. 84	
1913, 80ö green	
1913, 2k gray	
1913, 5k carmine, No. 99	
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1918, 105, 107, 108, each*, rare	2
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The collectors who for many years have sought to place philately in an attractive guise before the public, by using every legitimate means in their power may now take stock of results with much satisfaction. In fact, we could say that they had worked themselves out of a job if we did not know that they would never relax their efforts to promote philately. Some of the older workers, however, have earned a rest whether they will take it or not; and we address ourselves to the relatively young collectors to prosecute the work that has for its end, the full and free recognition of stamp collecting as a matter-of-fact pursuit or occupation. Progress has been made to such an extent that it is to be said that the goal is in sight but we dare not assume that it is to be reached without further striving. One of the best ways to be helpful is through the organization of stamp clubs in high schools and other institutions of the kind; and we have found that instructors as a rule encouraged the formation of such bodies. Some leading spirit must be depended upon to start the society which though it flourish for a time, only to fade, is not without influence for good. Individual effort on the part of collectors has accomplished so much for philately that we want each collector, even though he is young in the pursuit, to feel that the success of the philatelic movement depends on his own efforts to present stamp collecting properly before the outside world.

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A reader informs us that John R. Hooper, who as "Canadensis" was a prolific writer for the philatelic press thirty years or more ago and concerning whom an inquiry was made recently is still alive and after many vicissitudes has reached a position of some affluence in Manitoba. Our correspondent says that he had a talk only "comparatively recently" with Mr. Hooper, who, it will be remembered, was pardoned after having been sentenced to death on the charge of wife-murder. It is needless to say that many of his philatelic friends were firmly convinced of his innocence.

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From a correspondent we have word of the second order for three hundred million Harding stamps, by Postmaster General New; and under date of October 1st, advices to that effect appeared in the newspapers. The memorial stamps are being well accepted by the public, to whom the novelty of such a stamp greatly appeals, aside from sentiment.

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We think that Stephen Leacock, the Canadian humorist, is as rich and refined an artist as ever syndicated a smile; and we are for him in all senses of the word. Yet, no sooner do we pin our chariot to a star than something goes wrong and we find ourselves fallen in the dust. Stephen Leacock essayed a bout with stamps and we wish that he had not; or that he had not told about it. In his weekly contribution to a selected list of newspapers, Mr. Leacock says he has at different times been thrilled with the thought of collecting something and he began with postage stamps. He says that he received a letter from a friend who went to South Africa and that the three-cornered stamp on it hit his fancy. When he caught sight of this stamp he decided that he would devote his life from then on to stamp collecting. He bought a printed album and started to fill the spaces and for three days he reported progress, he having acquired the one, two, five and ten cent American stamps; and then came dissolution. He became tired of his stamps even though he boasted of having several "rather valuable South African stamps." Mr. Leacock says that he soon became tired of lying about the collection. It pains us not that Mr. Leacock so curtly dismissed stamp collecting from a place in his esteem or that he lied about his collection but because he lies in so inartistic a manner. We hope that we are wrong in our understanding of the words used by our idol who so shamelessly shows his feet of clay but Mr. Leacock does say that he got a letter from a friend with a three-cornered stamp on it from South Africa, inferentially, Cape of Good Hope. All that we can say is that if he got a triangular Cape on the letter from his friend, we will eat—or rather, go without eating for a day.

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Having seen a reference to Samuel Dawson who was so well known as a stamp dealer at San Salvador through his advertisements in the philatelic press thirty or forty years ago, we sought information from one of his old friends here, in the hope of being able to answer the inquiries of those who wish to know what has become of Mr. Dawson. Samuel Dawson, who, we understand, was of English birth, was appointed postmaster general of Salvador many years ago as a result of his interest in stamps and for nearly twenty years he was connected in some way with the postal service of Salvador. In fact, he entered so completely into the life of his adopted country that he found it difficult to speak English on his occasional trips to this country and had to proceed haltingly. Mr. Dawson certainly liked stamps and their suggestions and he had several correspondents in this country until some years ago, when Mr. Dawson seems to have disappeared from view, leaving no particulars in his wake.

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We read with feelings of deep regret of the death of J. H. Smyth, Sydney, Australia, who was best known to us as editor of the *Australian Stamp Journal.* We remember the first number of our contemporary which appeared in 19
and since that time the interesti
monthly has paid us many visits, to o
pleasure and profit. Mr. Smyth, w
was born in 1856, and died July 14, 19
possessed a sturdy philatelic instinct, a
as an editor his disposition was equal
and engaging. Somewhat to our su
prise we read in the obituary notice th
Mr. Smyth was never a collector, b
judging from his expressions and l
activity in supporting all movements f
the improvement of the lot of philatelis
his interest in stamps was not wholly
material one, by any means. The lo
sustained by Australian philately is
heavy one and not alone in the antipod
is it felt for there are many philatelis
throughout the world who will deplo
the passing of Mr. Smyth, who com
bined the traditions of the past with th
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Following is a very interesting communication from Dr. William Evans, 313 East Freemason Street, Norfolk, Va. The evil of fake cancellations is with us, has been with us for some time and probably will be with us forever. The most successful manner of combating such an evil is publicity in the stamp press, such as Dr. Evans is giving in this article. As he says, it certainly behooves one to be cautious.

Note that Dr. Evans does not pronounce all of the examples he speaks of as fakes—in many cases he merely says that they look like fakes to him and he would be delighted to have someone show him indisputable evidence to the contrary. To discuss and obtain a consensus of opinion on certain suspected cancellations that are going the rounds is one of the very valuable functions that this department can perform. In some cases it may be that through obtaining evidence from a number of readers we will be able to establish the authenticity of some cancellations that are so "pretty" and so unusual as to render them open to suspicion when presented as singles off cover.

I cannot quite agree with the last paragraph of Dr. Evans' letter, or at least I would modify it. Of course, one can buy with a certain sense of security from some dealers and some individuals but then no one is infallible and the value of dealing with responsible parties is that one is reasonably sure that any mistake made will be satisfactorily adjusted, rather than that this is sufficient protection against error.

Personally, I feel that the greatest protection one may have is knowledge of the game. That, of course, comes slowly and sometimes is costly. But there are certain things that can only be gained by intensive study of thousands and hundreds of thousands of specimens. For instance, the student of lower values of early U. S. comes after awhile to believe that only certain shades and certain types of ink were used during those years. Black, just for example, runs into many shades among the postal markings of these years. After he has this knowledge sufficiently ingrained in his mind, he will question any difference in shading, printing quality or effect of the ink on the paper that he detects in a cancellation on early U. S. For example, out of curiosity, I recently bought a tar baby cancellation that is put on with an ink that looks to me to be too intense a black for any cancellation of that period. I paid a fair price for it, believing it to be a fake, because I want eventually to prove it a fake and then be able to show and warn others against that particular fake.

Suspicion being aroused in the student's mind, he will naturally study the specimen closer for other evidences of its being a fake. If the cancellation looks wrong and he discovers faint traces of another postal marking under the pretty cancellation, he can be pretty sure that it is faked, for the cancellation faker usually works with lightly cancelled specimens. There are of course many other things to be considered and these I will bring out later after we have received more on the subject of fakes for this department. But the point I have tried to make is that there are sufficient quantities of lower values of early U. S. existing for study so that every earnest student of cancellations can be reasonably sure of becoming in time enough of an expert that he is not likely to get stung in buying some of the real rarities and the fact that the faker is abroad should not deter anyone from starting a specialized collection.

"A few years ago when cancellations first began to be collected one could make selections with a degree of security that what he chose for his collection had actually been placed upon the stamp by the postmaster of some town. Today the faker is abroad in the land and it behooves one to be cautious.

Recently there has been submitted to me a selection of cancellations containing some fearfully and wonderfully produced specimens of the art of one who wants something for nothing—fakes placed upon the stamps with the evident intention of defrauding the unwary.

Has anyone ever seen a phoenix genuinely used? If so I should be glad to know it. This selection contains a pair of 3c postage due stamps cancelled by a phoenix. On one it is beautifully inverted, probably to give the impression that the Postmaster was anxious to please some philatelist forty years after his work was done.

Another very impressive one is a large interrogation point. Also we have a pretty fleur-de-lis, a sun with numerous rays, an Indian's head, a pointing hand, three links, i.e., an Odd Fellow's emblem, and two Masonic emblems, one crudely cut from cork, the other a rather elaborate affair large enough to cover the whole stamp with a G in the center of the square and compasses. This one is on a 1c blue American print and is artistically presented in a green ink, the composition of which was not invented until after the stamp had been superseded by at least two succeeding issues!

Oh, yes! And a very pretty little horse in blue on a stamp with a blue cancellation of a different type, including part of the postmark also. It's really real cute.

Now these things were sent out by a firm whom I believe to be reliable. They were evidently taken in by the party from whom they purchased them. Having seen many of them before from a different source it is evident that some people are being deceived by them.

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UNITED STATES.—I am informed by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing that up to September 19th, forty-three plates had been made of the Harding Memorial stamp. One die was cut and this was given number 721. From this die twelve transfer rolls were made bearing numbers 1270 to 1281 inclusive and from these the plates were made for both the flat bed and the rotary presses.

From roll 1270 were made plates 14852, 53, 54, 57, 61, 73 and 14905. Five plates were made from roll 1271, these bearing numbers 14856, 62, 69, 85 and 14904. From roll 1272 were made plates 14855, 60, 74, 75, 84, 90 and 14906, while from roll 1273 were laid down plates 12858, 68, 72, 78 and 91. Roll 1274 made 14859, 70, 77, 87, 94, 14903 and 908. From roll 1275 were made 14863, 71, 79, 93 and 98 while the next roll 1276 made 14886, 92 and 14902. Rolls number 1277, 1278 and 1279 were not used while plates 14866 and 14900 were made from roll 1280 and 14867 and 14901 from roll 1281. I believe the last four plates are for the rotary press from which we obtain our perforated 10 variety while the other plates produce the flat plate perforated 11 stamps. I have seen stamps so far from twenty-seven of the above plates and no doubt most of the others went to press. The department has just placed with the Bureau a second order for 300,000,000, making 600,000,000 ordered to date. In spite of this large number but few appear on the daily business mail.

Mr. B. K. Miller writes that he has just secured a block of thirty-seven of the 1875 Eagle Carrier reprint in perforated condition. His block has plate number 1 in the margin. Mr. Miller also states that he has a perforated copy of the Franklin Carrier reprint on white paper. I have never heard of this variety perforated and would like to know more about it before accepting it as a government perforation.

Mr. F. R. Demmerly writes a very interesting letter regarding the government exhibit of postage stamps at Indianapolis. He states the "Exhibit attracted a great deal of attention here. I saw it at the Post Office the last evening of its visit. Displayed in the lobby in the evening, it was attended constantly by a crowd who wanted to know. A clerk recognizing me, I was pressed into service to dispense stamp information. Had an enjoyable hour and found I was lacking in several bits of stamp facts. Have not had much time to follow the recent issues very closely and except for reading your weekly Chronicle would have little knowledge of them."

I noticed a remark in the WEEKLY recently wherein some one stated that he was surprised to find on examining a great number of stamped envelopes that most of them were white with some blue and that amber was almost entirely missing. He could not understand how this could be the case when the amber envelope was so popular. This is very easily answered by stating that on January 1, 1922, the department discontinued the manufacture of the amber and buff envelope and nothing can be furnished, other than old stock on hand, except white and blue.

In a recent Chronicle I mentioned that I knew of three different advertisements that appeared on the back of the 3c green, National print. Mr. B. K. Miller kindly adds a fourth to the list reading in three lines, "Buy Radway's Relief."

I have seen in another publication remarks to the effect that a certain stamp collector in attendance at the American Philatelic Convention was responsible for the 8c Air Mail stamp being sold one of the evenings at the convention. This is very far from the fact and when an official does such good work in our behalf he certainly is entitled to every bit of the credit. This good work was entirely due to the instructions given by Mr. M. L. Eidsness, Jr., Supt. of the Division of Stamps to the Philatelic Stamp Agent, and he had not even been in conversation with the party claiming the credit. In addition, when the first supply was sold out, Mr. Eidsness arranged for an additional quantity immediately. It was also through the courtesy of the same gentlemen that your editor was allowed to announce at the convention that a Harding Memorial stamp would be issued—the first public announcement of this interesting fact.

ALGERIA.—It is now definitely announced that this country is to have stamps of its own. We hope a tight rein will be kept on its stamp-issuing propensities from the start, as the fever for new issues is apt to rage very fiercely when once it has attacked a fresh victim.—*Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

BRAZIL.—Mr. Wilfrid Cole sends us the following translation of an official notice recently published: "On the 12th of September next, a new stamp of the value of 200 reis will be placed in circulation, in commemoration of the Centenary of the Revolution in Bahia on 2nd July, 1823. The stamp will be rectangular, 29 mm by 19 mm, carmine, the design showing the entry of the relieving army into Bahia."

Brazil does not miss many chances of issuing commemorative stamps. Fortunately they are *stamps,* not *sets.—Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

CHINA.—Mr. D. Schofield sends us a cutting from an unnamed newspaper which illustrates what is described as probably the rarest stamp in the world. It is stated to have been affixed to a letter which one of a party of English people captured by Chinese bandits wrote to a friend in Shanghai and consists of the words "PAO TZU KU BANDIT POST TEN CTS." in a type-set border. Perhaps this "rarity" was created in the hope that by its sale something might be raised towards the indemnity which the bandits doubtless extracted from their victims! The absurdity of the suggestion that a bandit messenger would re-

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osta Rica.—The Metropolitan Stamp have shown us the following values the new series, 1c plum (National nument), 4c green (Native View), 20c (Colon on Cariari), 40c orange ap) and 1 colon olive (Manuel Maria errez). The stamps are of differ- sizes and are the product of the erican Bank Note Co.

ermany.—Mr. E. H. Gammans re- ts the following new items of this ntry; 200mk airpost, dark blue, 0mk oblong type is now being is- d in light blue, 5,000mk grey green 4,000mk purple. The type with the res in the centre are 300mk green, 0nk brown, 500mk orange, 1,000mk

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Rhodesia.—Southern Rhodesia, which for about thirty years had been governed by a Chartered Company, was officially incorporated as part of the Imperial Dominions on September 12th. On the 10th inst. *The Times* published the following:—

"The transfer of Southern Rhodesia to the Imperial Government will mark a new era in the philatelic, no less than the political, history of that country. At present the postage stamps current in the Chartered Company's territories bear, as they have always done, the inscription 'British South Africa Company,' in addition to the name 'Rhodesia.' It is probable that some form of overprint will be struck upon these stamps in token of the new *régime,* pending preparation of a new definitive issue under the Crown. In any case, separate stamps will be required for the Northern Territory, which is to remain in the company's control, so that philatelists will have two series to collect where there was but one before."—*Stamp Collecting.*

Russia.—Mr. Karl Koslowski advises that the set of Exposition stamps recently issued in imperforate condition have now been placed on sale perforated 13. Mr. Koslowski also informs us that he has had the 30r on 50kop and the 40r on 15kop with surcharge inverted.

Turkey.—Mr. A. W. Lockhart, of Newport, I. W., kindly shows us what we presume to be the first example of a set commemorative of the long-drawn-out "Peace" of Lausanne. Remembering the hundreds of thousands of innocent Christians who have been murdered in cold blood by the Turks, it is somewhat difficult to reconcile the idea of an Ottoman peace stamp. Nevertheless, this label will, we suppose, be regarded as such; oblong in format, red in colour, and perforated, it has a vignette of Mustapha Kemal Pasha shaking hands with General Harington, against a background composed of a devastated town and broken bridge with Turkish inscriptions and floral ornamentation. Mr. Lockhart had a mint block of twelve from a friend who purchased them in the streets of Constantinople.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Uruguay.—The 5 centesimos, Mercury type, which, as chronicled in *Stamp Collecting* for June 16th, was originally in grey, has now appeared in *light brown.* Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. show us a copy, together with a 2c carmine. Figure of Mercury. Wmk. "Republica del Uruguay" (in sheet). Perf. 11½. 2 centesimos carmine. 5 centesimos light brown.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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The collecting of air mail stamps and the preservation of covers showing dated postmarks and establishment of special air routes will serve to commemorate the heroic trial flights of pioneer aviators and brand new air routes over and across our broad land, as well as perpetuating these events in the annals of our country's history.

The civilian interest in national defense being stimulated and sustained by the air mail extensions and the development of new and improved airplanes, as well as the training of a great group of aviators for our national need in event of war, will be furthered by the collection of air mail envelopes, showing historic postmarks with dates and designation of air routes.

Collecting air mail stamps and air post covers has now become such a popular and important branch of philatelic activity, that the necessity of an organization consisting of and catering to such collectors becomes essential. To this end, therefore, has been organized The Aero Philatelic Society of America. The officers chosen are — Pres., Joseph A. Steinmetz; Vice-Pres., Harry A. Truby; Sec'y-Treas., George W. Angers; Purchasing, Sales & Exch. Mgr., Joseph T. Daly.

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Much action of late has been seen among the precancel fraternity. The International Precancel Club and Precancel Stamp Society have finally united into one organization. The name of the younger club has been retained as it seems to more fitly attach itself than any other. At the Washington convention results of the annual election of the P. S. S. and special election of the I. P. C. showed that there were no collectors opposed to the union. All but nine favored the adopted name. The editor of this department was honored by the vote of the combined membership, being chosen to head the society for the coming year. Mr. D. D. Berolzheimer of New York City, prominent in the business world as well as in precancel circles, is the new vice-president. The duties of the secretary-treasurer will be handled by Mr. W. H. McLin of Old Orchard, Maine. Out of the twelve candidates, all well known collectors, for the three directorships, Dr. Mitchell stood foremost when the ballots were counted. The balance was closely grouped, Messrs. B. Gordon Bushnell and John C. Kringle winning out with small margins of votes over the next highest contestants. The sales and exchange departments experienced no change of hands and upon this the society may congratulate itself, for two more efficient men than C. W. Haynes and J. S. Burns are hard to find. A prominent Minneapolis collector, Mr. E. M. Oleson, has accepted the office of Librarian. Mr. Oleson will make a collection of all bibliography concerning this branch of the hobby. So with a new set of officers and a complete reorganization, this new club will soon make its influence felt in the philatelic world.

The precancel convention met in the Hotel Raleigh at Washington, and was called to order by Dr. H. A. Davis, the chairman. In addition to the regular business the question as to "just what is a precancel" was considered. Messrs. Ernest A. Smith of Topeka, Kansas, and Howard S. Wheeler of Boston submitted articles on this subject. Mr. Wheeler had along his wonderful collection of Aeroplane, Victory and Pilgrim precanceled stamps which swept all who viewed it off their feet. The rare set of Nogales, Ariz., Pilgrims, which Mr. Wheeler paid Mr. H. A. Pippel twenty-five dollars for, was much admired.

Miss Elizabeth Cook, Easton, Pa., enthusiast, livened up the convention with her presence.

Former I. P. C. secretary, Dr. C. W. Hennan, is back in the game and attended the festivities. Dr. Hennan for many years ranked among the biggest men in the precancel world and when he announced his retirement he left a gap which has never been filled. That he will now take active part again is indeed good news. "Doc" will always have a warm place in the heart of "ye ed," as he gave me my first real start along this fascinating sideline and always was ready with the best of advice and consideration. Welcome back, "Doc."

One of the pioneer collectors, and without whom a convention is hardly complete, is J. D. Hubel of Detroit. J. D. took part in the general good time this year. Ashley C. LeDuc attended and has evinced such a liking to precancels that he is starting a collection beginning with the new issue.

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Victor W. Rotnem, of course, took a leading part in affairs. His enthusiasm was contagious and many philatelists sought from him the details of this branch, for as Mr. A. S. Fennell stated, precancels can no longer be termed a side line; they are a branch of U. S. collecting. Many collectors say they should be a part of every U. S. collection, and I am inclined to agree. Mr. Rotnem was chosen as president of the S. P. A.

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THE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION RECORD.

With September 30, we closed a most remarkable year of active work in promoting the subscription end of the Weekly. That we were able to succeed so well was due to the hearty co-operation of scores of dealers and subscribers who introduced the Weekly in quarters where it touched a responsive chord. It is difficult for us to individualize in bestowing credit when such excellent work has been done by so many. Naturally the name of the Fennell Stamp Co., will stand out pre-eminently with 373 subscriptions taken during the twelve months, and receives therefore the first prize. The second prize goes to the C. E. Hussman Co. with 229 subscriptions, and the third to W. W. Betts with 144.

The record of Paul F. Cornish with 127 is closely paralleled by L. B. Dover with 123. Joseph Gallant sent in during the past month 82 new subscriptions and W. W. Betts 38. The spurt made by Mr. Gallant came very near giving him third position. There has never been a year when so many dealers have participated in our subscription campaign as during the past year, and we hope to have it continued in the months to come.

We wish to place emphasis upon the 42 subscriptions sent in by Eugene Klein. Mr. Klein is a busy metropolitan dealer and the time given by his office help in securing new subscriptions to the Weekly is appreciated more than words can tell. It is a good object lesson for other dealers to pattern after. Vahan Mozian has the best New York record, with 35 subscriptions to his credit. Mr. Mozian has been a firm friend of the Weekly through all the years that he has been dealing.

A new Roll of Honor has been begun, and all subscriptions received since October 1 will be credited upon the new year and the initial report will be made early in November. As it is quite true that we are compelled to look to dealers for the larger results we offer prizes to the three competitors who lead in securing new subscriptions during the coming year. The contestant securing highest honor will be given a half-page of advertising and the next two will be given a quarter-page each. The totals from October 1 of last year to Sept. 30, 1923, are as follows:—

Fennell Stamp Co.	373
C. E. Hussman Co.	229
W. W. Betts	144
Joseph Gallant	134
Paul F. Cornish	127
L. B. Dover	123
Jax Stamp Co.	91
Midwest Stamp Co.	80
Floral City Stamp Co.	72
Liberty Stamp Co.	71
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Eugene Klein	42
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Sonnee Stamp Co.	20
W. J. Zink	20
Adolph Gunesch	19
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J. E. Crouch	16
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Weatherby Stamp Co.	9
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Samuel Bennett	8
A. E. Hardman	8
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Ogden Stamp Shoppe	7
W. T. Holmes	7
A. H. Schumacher	6
H. W. Litten	6
Rev. H. Wendt	6
A. A. Leve	6
R. P. Ewing	6

Five each:—Chas. A. Reber; F. L. Thrasher; Maurice Michael; J. W. Patterson; R. H. Mower; H. R. Weaver; E. C. Augustin; Hiawatha Stamp Shop; G. A. Zimmerman.

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The Managing Editor.

POST LETTERS WITHOUT STAMPS.

Last Issues Before New Era in Germany.

Berlin, Sunday, August 26th.

Throughout Berlin yesterday there were long and patient queues at the post-offices.

That was because of the new surcharged stamps being issued for the first time.

Not even at the Reichsbank in the worst days of the mark famine, or at food shops when supplies were scarce, have the queues been bigger. Everybody wanted some of the new stamps, which will soon be rarities, and stamp dealers bought up large quantities for the home and foreign market.

The new surcharged stamps are certainly remarkable. On the old 30 and 40 pfennig stamps, and on those for 3, 8 and 10 marks—all of which have long been lying useless—the surcharge is 8,000 marks. Stamps of 12, 25, 40, 200, 300, and 500 marks have all been given the value of 20,000 marks.

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But these stamps will be interesting for another reason. After the supplies are exhausted—in a few weeks' ti no more stamps of any kind are t issued.

So the postal authorities have cided. As the mark jumps up down—mostly down—it is necessar be forever printing and issuing stamps. No sooner is a new stamp than it is useless.

It is impossible any longer to abreast of this state of affairs, an stamps are to be abolished, and people are to return to the method seventy-five years ago.

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Letters will have to be handed i the post-office and paid for.

This system has been in vogue s time with regard to parcels. The ge public (not to mention stamp de and collectors) will protest very stro and doubts are expressed if the system is possible under modern co tions.

On September 1st new postal r come into force.

It is interesting to note that for first time letters from Germany to E land will cost about the same as let from England to Germany. The rate will be 225,000 marks, which is nearly 2½d.

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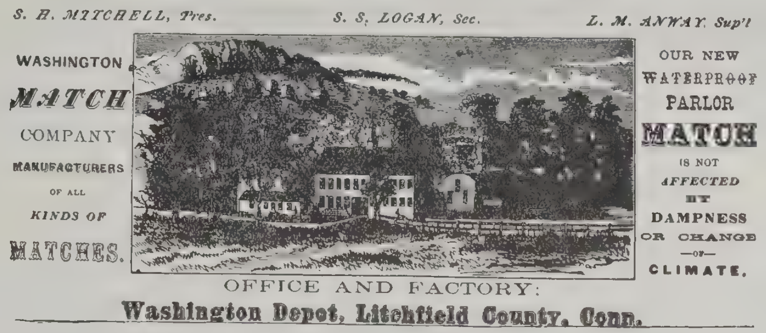
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The concern is listed in the Connecticut State Gazetteer for 1875, but no other references have come to the writer's attention.

Through the courtesy of Mr. E. B. Sterling, of Trenton, New Jersey, the following information has been obtained, some of the notes being written by Mr. Sterling himself and other data apparently was written by his friend, George O. Seward, on a letterhead of the New Jersey Match Co. of Trenton, early in the 1890's.

The Washington Match Co. was organized in January, 1873, under a charter granted by the State Legislature, with a capital of $20,000, of which $12,000 was paid in. The officers were Simeon H. Mitchell, President; Senator Seth S. Logan, Secretary; Walter Logan, of 54 Wall Street, New York, Treasurer, and Legrand M. Anway, Superintendent. The business was continued until April, 1876, but as the plant was located too far inland the distance to the market and the freight carriage were too expensive for it to be conducted profitably, and it was closed down by mutual consent.

The machinery was imported direct from Germany. About thirty people were employed and all of them were imported from New Haven, Connecticut, and Trenton, New Jersey. Half of the capital came from New Jersey and the other half was local capital supplied in Washington. The plant was established in this out-of-the-way place with the hope of building up a factory site. The originators of the scheme were all interested in property in the immediate vicinity but the railroad station was over a mile from the factory. The Shepaug Valley R. R. had recently been completed to Litchfield, the county seat of Litchfield County, and the match factory was one of the efforts made to build up the places on the line of the railroad.

The labor problem was unsurmountable. The plant was too far from the labor markets and the labor, which was induced to go to Washington, would not stay. The owners of the business were all men of capital but as there was no sign of success they disbanded and sold the business, and the building was converted into a carriage- and blacksmith establishment.

The chemical problem also proved formidable, but the superintendent, L. M. Anway, sent for Mr. George O. Seward, who had spent a lifetime in the match business. Mr. Seward gave up his position with Hendrickson & Leigh in Trenton in March, 1875, and took his two daughters and nine other girls to Washington, to assist in the business, inducements having been held out by the Company for them to do so. Mr. Seward and the girls were under contract for one year and remained in Washington until April 1, 1876. The plant was shut down in February of that year.

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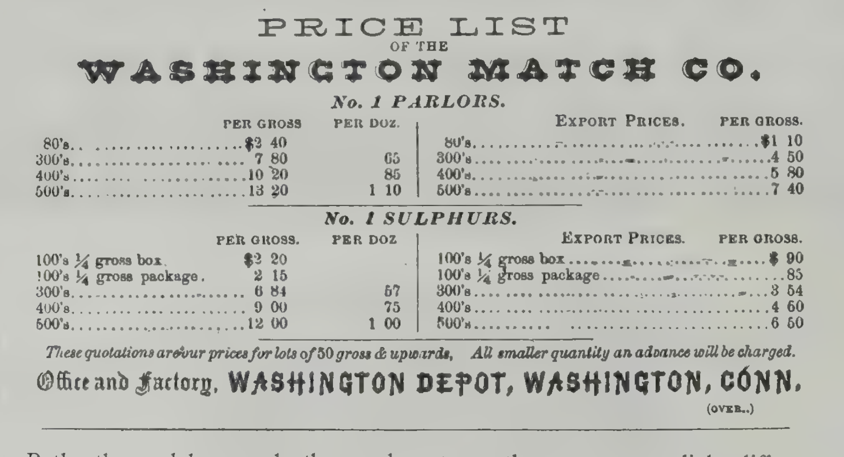

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(OVER.)

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The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, May 31, 1875.
First issued, June, 1875.
Last issued, July, 1875.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
176,000 issued on silk paper.

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The design forms an upright rectangle of the usual 1c size and is an adaptation of the 90c U. S. postage stamp of August, 1860, to which it bears much resemblance. The likeness of Washington in the center of the stamp is from the Trumbull portrait and is practically identical with the portrait on the first 90c blue. The chief difference is that on the match stamp the background around the head has been removed. It seems likely that the match stamp was made by taking a transfer from the old 90c die and changing the background. Close study reveals very slight other differences but it can hardly be doubted that both portraits were made from the same original engraving.

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A panel at the top of the match stamp bears two slightly arched lines of letters reading "Washington—Match Co.," and in two straight lines at the bottom of the stamp is found "One Cent—U. S. Inter. Rev." All the lettering is in colorless capitals. The slightly arched top is supported at the sides by delicate scroll work and at the middle of each side these scrolls are opened to form narrow panels enclosing the numeral 1 at each side. Tiny floral ornaments are placed in the corners at the tops and bottoms of these small numeral labels. The design is simple, well balanced, and effective.

In spite of the small quantity issued and its short life the stamp is not rare. Not very many years ago a supply was found in Hudson, New York, and there are several unused blocks in existence, some of which have original gum. The stamp is not known to have been used in multiple and whatever pairs, strips and blocks may be in existence come either from supplies obtained from the firm while the stamp was in use or else from remainders.

Probably most of the available supply which was in existence before the Hudson find came from Mr. Sterling. He made some geneological investigations for Mr. Seward and was paid for his work in stamps.

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The regular annual reports from the veral officers were submitted and owed a very flourishing condition in ch department. Twenty-two new mem-rs were admitted during the year, bring-g the total membership list up to date 91 members. Seven new members re elected and four new applications re received.

A resolution offered by Librarian Tur-l was passed and ordered submitted to e Postmaster-General for his approv- It asked that the Post Office Depart-nt provide special cancellations for plane stamps when regularly used for -mail, in order that they might "be early distinguishable from similar ecimens used for parcel post or other vice."

The following officers were elected for e ensuing year: President, A. H. Wil-lm; Vice-President, Dr. F. Fischer; cretary-Treas., Donald Piercy; Li-arian, Chas. B. Turrill; Auction and les Manager, J. W. Mally; Executive mmittee, E. B. McPherson, S. Hertz-nn, C. B. Turrill.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF HAYTI.

By Bertram W. H. Poole.

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But "even Homer nods" and for once this eminent authority made incorrect deductions even from the wealth of material at his command as we attempted to show in an article contributed to the *Postage Stamp* for June, 1914. Readers will perhaps be able to follow our arguments more clearly if we reproduce them in extenso as originally written:—

"Some time before Mr. Hausburg's article appeared I had become a Hayti 'enthusiast,' had myself made considerable headway in the work of plating, and was willing to accept the theories propounded by this able philatelist quite wholeheartedly. Lack of material, or rather material in the shape of pairs and blocks, made the plating of the perforated stamps a wearisome process until, at the time of the New York Exhibition, Mr. Hausburg kindly loaned me his collection so that I could plate my singles and also verify my plating of the imperfs. Having identified all my stamps I started to make a list of the minor points distinguishing every variety with a view to publishing an article that would enable other collectors to reconstruct the plates from single stamps. With the close study this work necessitated and consequent comparison of the corresponding stamps on the plate of the different denominations, several interesting points soon began to obtrude themselves—I am referring now to the imperforate stamps. First of all I noticed that the 1c and 20c seemed to have many things in common and appeared to belong to a class by themselves, while the 2c, 3c, 5c and 7c appeared to fall into another class.

Then I noticed that, occasionally, stamps of the same denomination, which undoubtedly came from the same position on the plate, showed small differences. For instance, No. 40 on the plate of the 1c sometimes has one and sometims two colored dots below and to the left of the left lower corner. Some of these varieties could be accounted for by 'wear' of the plate, others made it seem not improbable that the 'printer's' plate consisted of more than one reproduction of the block of fifty electrotypes after the value plugs had been inserted. If the latter supposition was likely to be correct (and we were told the printer's *sheets* consisted of at least four panes of fifty, according to Mr. Hausburg, or six panes, according to M. Moens) it was only reasonable to presume that certain stamps in each pane would develop peculiarities of their own, and thus make the plating of these stamps rather an appalling undertaking.

In fact, the probability of there being more than one pane for the 1c seemed almost certain after an examination of seven panes of fifty I had managed to borrow for comparison. These fell into two groups quickly distinguishable from certain marks which appeared between certain stamps of the two first vertical rows of one group and which were absent from the others. These marks are as follows:—between Nos. 21 and 22 is an almost vertical colored line running for a distance of about 4mm; between the base of Nos. 31 and 32 is a similar line but shorter and running diagonally from left to right; and between Nos. 41 and 42 is another short diagonal line which just touches the frame line of No. 41. These marks appear to be portions of what had once been a continuous line. Three panes showed these tiny lines and four did not, which seemed fairly satisfactory evidence in favor of two reproductions of the block of fifty—still presuming that the theory of a separate plate for each denomination was correct. But a little later on examining Mr. Hausburg's superb reconstructed plate of the 20c in which there is a block of five from the left lower corner of the sheet, I was surprised to find similar marks showing between Nos. 41 and 42. Careful examination revealed the marks between Nos. 21, 22, 31 and 32 and, though I made diligent search, I failed to discover any copies of these particular 20c stamps which did not show the marks.

By no means of stamp plate production or reproduction known to me could I account for this peculiarity. If there were separate plates for each denomination all cast from one common source, why did the 1c and 20c only show these marks? Had the marks been confined to one value they could easily be explained, for all sorts of small imperfections can arise in reproducing plates by the stereotype process. It was, of course, probable that one of the casts made from the original had these particular marks and that this cast, in turn, was used as the matrix in making another. This seemed the only theory that would account for two plates showing the same marks. But if this were the case how is it possible to reconcile the two states of the 1c. If these represented two separate casts then the positions of the numerals should differ. Close examina-

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tion failed to reveal the slightest discrepancy of position. Then again, if it were not for the 20c, one might argue that after the 1c plate had been completed by the insertion of the value plugs another plate was cast from it which developed the small marks referred to. But the existence of the 20c in the same state upsets this theory just as surely as the two states of the 1c upsets the theory of one cast with the marks having been used as the matrix for another cast. I must confess I was completely puzzled by this problem for, as I have already stated, I had whole-heartedly adopted the Hausburg theory of separate plates for every value.

Finally, as I could arrive at no solution of the problem on the ground of separate plates, I went over the whole of the stamps again, even more carefully comparing peculiarities common to all values or found only in connection with certain denominations, and after a time I found—I must admit to my utter astonishment—that neither Mr. Hausburg nor M. Moens were strictly correct, though the theory advanced by the latter was more nearly correct. Instead of there being separate plates for each value, as supposed by Mr. Hausburg, or one plate for all values, as stated by M. Moens, there were *two* plates, one of which was used in the production of the 2c, 3c, 5c and 7c denominations and the other in the production of the 1c and 20c. I am confident that any unbiassed student of these stamps who has the opportunity of studying uncut or reconstructed plates will agree with me in this. Moreover, though it does seem highly improbable, as Mr. Hausburg says, in view of our generally conceived notions of the way stamps are produced, the entire supply of each denomination *was* printed at once (of course such printing might have extended over several days, which would satisfactorily account for the existence of shades) the value plugs being removed and replaced by those of the next value to be printed.

My idea is that the plate, as originally constructed, was first used for printing the 2c. My reason for thinking so is that the lines in the value shield, above and below the numerals, are always more prominent in the 2c than in any of the others. These lines evidently represent the upper and lower edges of the holes punched in the plate, and the constant changing of the value plugs wore them down or removed them wholly or in part. In some cases, too, as is evident by the greater pressure of the numerals the value plugs were a shade higher than the rest of the plate, so that the lines in the shield would, naturally, print indistinctly or fail to print at all. Next, I believe, the 3c was printed, then the 5c, and finallv the 7c. This can be proved by the wear of the plate. On the 3c the lines above and below the numerals on the value shields are not so prominent as on the 2c and, broadly speaking, the shading on the face, etc., is not so fine and clear. The 5c is but little inferior to the 3c, but flaws are beginning to develop which prove a later state of the plate.

For instance, on No. 14 an uncolored flaw has started to show below the 'P' of the right hand 'POSTE,' and this attained considerable prominence by the time the 7c was printed. That the 7c represents the last state of the plate obvious from the numerous flaws, so of which show slightly on the 5c not at all on the 3c and 2c. It is possible, as Mr. Hausburg states, to early and late states of all values. Tr there are states of each value and c tain stamps on the plate are always better condition than others, so that only comparisons admissible are th between stamps from the same positi on the plate. Take No. 24 for instan It is impossible to find a copy of the in the early state of the 2c, or even the comparatively early state of the The earliest state of the 7c can comp only with the latest state of the the earliest state of the 5c only with last state of the 3c; and the earliest st of the 3c only with the last state of 2c.

Now with regard to the second pl used for the 1c and 20c. My idea that this plate was constructed after 2c had been printed and before the va plugs were inserted for the 3c. reason for so thinking is that the (which was printed first, as I shall sh later) is never found in the early st which characterises the 2c, but is d tinctly a later state. The lines above a below the numerals in the value shiel show plainly on comparatively few

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stamps. Evidently they were re- ved in the process of punching the essary holes for the value plugs. But ere the lines, or traces of them, *do* w, they prove that this additional e was certainly constructed from the e used for the 2c, 3c, 5c and 7c. That re was an additional plate is proved only by the general absence of lines he value shields, but also by a promi- t flaw on No. 6. This consists of uncolored patch on the background to l left of the 'P' of the left hand STE.' This flaw only occurs on the and 20c. That the 1c was printed first proved by the fact that this flaw is ch more prominent on the 20c and re are other flaws as well on this er value, all due to wear.

he colored lines between the two t vertical rows, as detailed earlier in se notes, evidently developed from e cause or other during the process printing the 1c. They show a late state that value and the only state found connection with the 20c."

lthough the printing plate consisted but fifty stamps it seems that the ets consisted of several impressions m a plate. M. Moens says that there e six panes of fifty on a sheet ar- ged in three rows of two panes each. ore the stamps were printed the sheets paper received a lithographic impres- in color this giving a tinted surface. the margins of the sheets correspond- with the extreme edge of the colored ression are a number of more or e circular marks and as panes are wn with four varieties of markings in margins it seems more probable that e were four impressions to a sheet er than six. Possibly most of these ets were cut up into panes of fifty re being dispatched to Hayti. This not always done, however, for *tête-bêche* varieties of the 1c and 2c are wn caused by two impressions from plate being printed upside down in etion to each other.

he paper for the 1c, 3c and 20c values tinted buff, for the 2c it was pale , for the 5c greenish, and for the 7c . The tinting varies considerably in depth of tone making quite a difference in shade at times. We have seen the 2c printed on the wrong side of the paper and M. Moens records the 1c in the same state.

M. Moens tells us that the following quantities were despatched to Port-au-Prince in the first supply:—

1c,	300,000
2c,	150,000
3c,	150,000
5c,	150,000
7c,	250,000
20c,	25,000

Either the figures for the 5c are incorrect, or further supplies of the 2c and 3c were despatched at a later date, for the latter values are far commoner than the 5c.

The plating of the stamps of this issue is a comparatively simple matter and those collectors desirous of building up plates from single copies will find minute descriptions of all the fifty stamps in an article we contributed to the *Philatelic Gazette* in 1914.

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By Philip H. Ward, Jr.

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We note that there are quite a few choice pieces in the way of early Austria, including two very choice blocks of the 6 and 9 kreuzer showing the St. Andrew cross. In addition there are some splits on the cover as well as a 12K essay. Of the latter issues I note several double prints, one or two with figures omitted as well as some split varieties. There are quite a few choice pieces among the early newspaper stamps. Belgium is represented by two wonderful mint blocks of the 10 and 20c in addition to pairs. There will be sold a beautiful copy of Baden 9K error on cover of which but three copies are known. This is Scott's No. 5 which was printed on the green of the 6K instead of lilac rose. There are several very fine Brunswick, including magnificent mint copies of the first issue. There are also some unusual varieties in the way of Dominion Republic not only of the first issue, but the second issue as well. There are some choice errors in Grenada and some very fine copies of the first issue of Hungary.

Oldenberg is represented by a magnificent lot, including several superb copies of the ⅓g of 1858. There is a magnificent pair used of the ¼g 1860 and a very fine horizontal strip of three of the ⅓g of the same issue. Instead of separating the Orange Free States, a substantial collection of 1195 varieties is offered as one lot.

It has been many a day since such a fine lot of early Peru have been offered, which includes used copies of the Steamship issue and several copies of the later errors. A magnificent and unusual assortment of Transvaal will be offered, including quite a few of the later rarities. Spain is represented by a goodly array, such as the 1851 2r blue error, most of the inverted centers, one of which is in a magnificent used block of six. There are several unused copies, including a pair of the perforated variety, with one stamp showing the error.

Practically all of the first three issues are represented by single copies or better.

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Algeria.—It is now definitely announced that this country is to have stamps of its own. We hope a tight rein will be kept on its stamp-issuing propensities from the start, as the fever for new issues is apt to rage very fiercely when once it has attacked a fresh victim.

Brazil.—Mr. Wilfrid Cole sends us the following translation of an official notice recently published: "On the 12th of September next, a new stamp of the value of 200 reis will be placed in circulation, in commemoration of the Centenary of the Revolution in Bahia on 2nd July, 1823. The stamp will be rectangular, 29mm by 19mm, carmine, the design showing the entry of the relieving army into Bahia."

Brazil does not miss many chances of issuing commemorative stamps. Fortunately they are *stamps,* not *sets.*

China.—Mr. D. Schofield sends us a cutting from an unnamed newspaper which illustrates what is described as probably the rarest stamp in the world. It is stated to have been affixed to a letter which one of a party of English people captured by Chinese bandits wrote to a friend in Shanghai and consists of the words "PAO TZU KU BANDIT POST TEN CTS." in a type-set border. Perhaps this "rarity" was created in the hope that by its sale something might be raised towards the indemnity which the bandits doubtless extracted from their victims! The absurdity of the suggestion that a bandit messenger would require to have his mails franked in this way is self-evident.

Egypt.—Capt. Charles Royds, R.N. shows us a copy of the 10 mils., blue, on distinctly buff paper. Mr. A. S. Mackenzie Low, to whom the stamp has been shown, states that he has seen the Harrison printing of the 5 mils. on similar paper.

Greece.—Mr. F. B. Welch kindly sends us a list of the numbers overprinted of the Revolutionary series listed last month, which space, unfortunately, does not allow of our publishing in full. The rarer varieties appear to be Nos. 558 (7650), 573 (4300), 590 (3950) and 601 (7000), the quantities overprinted of the other values ranging from 10,000 up to half a million.

Judging from notes in the Continental Press, some of the other varieties which were overprinted and ordered to be destroyed, are now beginning to leak out. According to reliable information from Athens correspondents only the varieties listed last month were legitimately issued and offers of socalled "rarities" outside this list, should be disregarded.

Holland.—Mr. Gordon Wimberley states that the new Jubilee stamps will be issued late in August or early in September, so that our readers will be hearing of them shortly after these lines appear in print.

Japan.—Mr. W. D. Cameron kindly sends us a cutting from the *Japan Advertiser* which reads as follows: "The Department of Communication wants a new design for postage stamps. The present design was adopted in 1913, but the officials think it is now grown too antiquated. Mr. M. Hirata, who has been designated to select a new type, says that the use of symbols, the head of the Emperor or King, such as are used in other countries, is not adaptable or proper in Japan. He wants something which characterizes 'the ideals of new Japan' which will not grow out of date."

Memel.—*(Lithuanian Occupation.)*—Continental journals are listing all sorts of fantastic new provisionals and commemoratives from this philatelic pest-house, but the only ones that now come postally used on correspondence from Memel itself, so far as we are able to judge from small lots purchased, are the provisionals listed in the June *M.C.,* with the addition of certain other values which we have not yet been able to secure. It is pretty certain that the stamps so far listed by us will have to be accepted, as they are included in the latest German catalogues, but journals from that country are looking askance on a commemorative set and certain provisionals, none of which we have yet listed, and there is a suggestion that some of these are entirely bogus, quite apart from the merely "speculative" efforts of the Lithuanian authorities themselves. The "doubtfuls" are, of course, only obtainable in complete sets, at prices well above face value, while those of which we have seen used specimens are offered at reasonable prices on the Continent and are priced singly.

Paraguay.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the quantities printed of the two stamps listed last month were: 1 peso, 150,000; 5 pesos, 50,000. The same journal adds that a recent decree authorizes a new issue which will comprise the following values and designs:—

5c green (Act of Independence).
10c olive (General Diaz).
20c red (José Bergès).
50c blue (Lieut. Herreros).
1p green (General Diaz).
1p blue (Map of Paraguay).
1p 25c, blue-green (View of Asuncion).
1p 50c, violet (Act of Independence).
2p carmine (Map of Paraguay).
4p blue (Map of Paraguay).
5p orange (José Bergès).
10p lilac (Cascade of Guaira).
20p grey (Map of Paraguay).

Persia.—*The Philatelic Journal of India* gives the following offical explanation of the "Controle 1922" overprint, quoted from the organ of the Universal Postal Union. During 1922 it came to the notice of the Persian Postal Administration that complete unused sets of the current issue (with the portrait of Sultan Ahmad Shah) were being offered for sale in various European philatelic journals at an absurd price much below face value. It is assumed that the stamps thus sold had been stolen during the troubles and invasions of the preceding years, or were counterfeit. In order to avoid speculations based on the ridiculous price, the Administration decided to overprint the whole of their stock. Only the overprinted stamps are accepted in payment of postage with effect from the 1st January, 1923.

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his birth, is better known to Eng
readers as Copernicus, the famous Po
astronomer who was the first to
definite form to the theory that
earth and other planets revolved ro
the sun, and on whose studies our mod
science of astronomy is based. It
good to see that the nations of Eur
are turning their thoughts to the giv
of honour to men of science rather t
to men of war.

Portugal.—The dealers of Lisbon,
were the first to take up the cud
against the air Commemorative ser
have now executed a complete *volte f*
and have apparently accepted them
collectible (and, need we add, saleab
varieties. The facts regarding the is
have not changed, so it is not diffic
to guess at the kind of pressure wh
has been brought to bear in order
secure this sudden change of opini
The issue is a Government one, it
true, but it was made with speculat
intent, and those who pay high pri
for these sets are putting money i
the pockets of private individuals, w
spent a good deal of time hawking
very large remainders about London
fore they realized that we have no
for this kind of rubbish over here.

Russia.—We have received an envel
through the post bearing specimens
four fantastically designed labels wh
contemporary journals describe as Fam
Stamps of the Ukraine. They are d
cancelled, but there are apparen
enough ordinary postage stamps on
envelope to have brought it to its de
nation without their use, so it is diffic
to say whether they really had any p
in franking the letter. They are pr
ably of official character, but it is di
cult to see what is to be done with
these Russian Charity stamps. A count
which has the nerve to issue stamps wi
a special overprint "PHILATELY
LABOUR" and to charge high pric
for them, hardly deserves to have
charity issues treated as a serious prop
sition by the cataloguers at all.

Syria.—Mr. J. M. Baroody shows
two shades of the 1.25 piastre on 2
a pale bright blue and a deep bright bl
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centiemes on 15c, in yellowish and bl
ish shades of the colour described

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ge-green in the catalogue. The bluish ade is the rarer, he says. The same nder learns that a certain quantity of e Pasteur stamps has been sent from ance to be surcharged for use in Syria fore the permanent issues are put in e. The latter are being held up, ostensly to allow stocks of the surcharged ench stamps to be used up, but we ould think the people interested financlly in the numerous Syrian surcharges the last year or two have had some y in the matter, as the arrival of a manent issue will mean the end of ir little games. At the same time we uld not class the issues of Syria with ose of Memel. For many of the anges in surcharge there have been ry good reasons but now and again e hears of a limited issue of a certain riety which is inspired by philatelic nsiderations. The arrival of the defitive series will lead to increased intest being taken in the surcharged mps; so it would be as well to secure e ordinary varieties of these fairly on.

The new 10 centiemes surcharge listed s month is required for printed matter culated locally, and other similar items which this low rate of postage applies. . Omar Farroukh informs us that the orange with this surcharge is already solete, and copies are fetching 1 franc h locally.

From the same source we learn that e new sets for Syria and the Lebanon ll consist of 19 *values each* (great ades of Seebeck!) and will now show ws of places of interest in the respecte districts. They are not expected to on sale before the beginning of next ar.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circul.*

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This week we have a query from Dr. William C. Evans, 313 East Freemason Street, Norfolk, Va., regarding a rare cancellation on some covers that he recently found. Perhaps some reader may be able to throw some light on the subject:—

"Two or three years ago while going over a mixed lot of three cents green, U. S. stamps, one was found cancelled by the figures 30 in a circle. A little later in another lot the figures 20 in a heavier circle were found. Both of these cancellations were in blue. The significance of these figures have been a puzzle until recently, when a possible solution has been reached.

A few days ago in a small lot of covers there were two postmarked University of Va. One was dated on the 14th of some month, the name of which could not be deciphered. The stamp was cancelled with the figures 14 in a circle in blue. The other cover has a clear postmark University of Va., February 21. The stamp is cancelled 21 in a circle in blue.

From these two covers it seems fair to presume that in that office the Postmaster had about thirty-one cancelling stamps each bearing a numeral from 1 to 31, and that the stamps passing through his office were cancelled with the numeral corresponding with the date in the postmark. No two of the circles of these four cancellations are alike, and the two off cover may have come from some other town.

Can anyone throw any more light on this subject?

These numerals are not the old ones used in the days before stamps. These old numerals are sometimes found on stamps as late as the 1884 or 1887 issues, but they can almost always be recognized. They are of course 3, 5, 10. None of the other older ones have come to my notice later than 1857. In this issue there have been seen 22, 24, 96. They were probably used to indicate the rate of postage and are very different from the blue ones.

Did any other town use these first mentioned numerals?

Any information will be gladly received."

One subject of considerable interest to the writer is that of cracked and scratched plates of the low values of the 1870 to 1882 issues. It would be appreciated if collectors who have made study of these minor varieties would send in some information regarding their specimens or general information on the subject to be printed in this department. While the writer, personally, is most interested in the issues named above, others who read this department are interested in cracked and scratched plates of all low values from 1851 to 1890 and therefore information regarding any of them will be appreciated.

In sending information of this kind, it is better if the sender will send his specimens by registered mail, enclosing registration fee for return, as in this way I can check the written description and add any comment that may seem pertinent to the subject.

For instance, who can give a clear description of the distinguishing differences between a cracked and scratched plate? This ought to start something. Is anyone in possession of singles or strips or blocks showing plate number with cracked or scratched plate attached?

There probably are collectors who have several such items at hand. If so, they can give readers of this department some most helpful information as to the plates in which these minor varieties occur.

AN 1851 PRECANCEL.

The collecting of "Precancels" has grown so astonishingly in the last few years that even the staid "nineteenth century only" collector and specialists in early U. S. have taken notice of this new collecting branch (we fear to say "side-line"), and this note is based on data furnished us by Mr. William C. Michaels, whose philatelic interest is largely confined to the 1851 issue of United States. There has been some discussion of late among precancelists on what is properly included under the term "precancel" and we understand that there is a movement afoot to exclude everything but the type-set printed cancellations. This would of course bar the early precancels made by drawing a pen line across a sheet of stamps or by use of the regular postal handstamp on the stamp sheet before separation in the same manner as is done on the familiar foreign "cancelled to order" varieties, that is by stamping four stamps at a time, the canceler falling on the four adjoining covers. What was for some time recognized as the "first" United States "precancel" was so brought about by the postmaster at Wheeling, W. Va., who applied the stock canceler, a gridiron, in red, to whole sheets of the 5c and 10c, 1847, issue. This was done only to insure cancellation, as after the stamps had been cut apart and affixed to letters the usual blue cancellation was again applied. Mr. Michaels sends us a pair of United States one-cent 1851's on which appears the word "paid" PRINTED on each stamp and remarks that this is the first printed pre-cancellation known on a U. S. stamp, differing from the Wheeling variety also, in that the cancellation was final and probably used in the same manner as the modern type. Mr. Michaels goes on to say that he has owned this pair of stamps some thirty-nine years and recalls its source vividly. He and a schoolboy friend, both eager collectors, were permitted to ransack an "attic" collection of old letters and an event of that kind is a never-to-be-forgotten memory to a collector. It was among these papers that this pair was found, but the cancellation naturally did not interest him at that time, nevertheless he feels quite certain that the pair came off a circular, such as a price list, and as the two cent rate carried printed matter of that kind in the '51 period, a distance of 500 miles and over, it probably came from some of the larger Eastern cities to Fort Dodge, where it was found. While this pair is the only one known to U. S. specialists a number of single copies have been found authenticating the cancellation. Perhaps some reader of this page has an exmaple on the original? Any information on this will be of the greatest interest.—*Precancel Gazette.*

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EDITORIAL.

We have drawn fire from the clouds and been scorched for philately's sake. One of the mighty has been graciously pleased to write directly to us sealing his letters "in confidence" on the subject of philately, in consequence of criticisms that we have made of writers in the newspapers and elsewhere on stamp collecting that know so little about it that it is irritating to see them pose as authorities on the subject. Our correspondent enjoys a great reputation for his journalistic work but even so, he is not infallible and as far as philately is concerned, he is childishly vague. The letter that has been referred to takes us to task for so waspishly attacking the good intentions of writers who have touched upon stamps, when the occasion could under no circumstances warrant extreme measures. It was asked how we would like to have our motives when we knew that they were good, impugned and ridiculed. Too, the hint was given that we were not so invulnerable as to make it impossible to pierce our armor. We have refrained from quoting the exact words, as certainly after the confidential ban that has been imposed upon us, we shall be careful not to mention the name of the writer or even use his own precious words. So far for us; and now for the case that is made against philately.

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The man whom we have mentioned in the foregoing paragraph says that the adherents of philately are making too much noise and intruding it upon the notice of folks without justification. That its claims for consideration are far-fetched and open to contradiction, and are of a character to incur resentment on the part of the thinking person are demerits that are charged against the pursuit. It is finally said that it is reducing stamp collecting to absurdity to tout it in extravagant language and that it would be well if collecting partizans restrained their passions when no provocation had been given. It is something to say that the shafts are not aimed against collecting itself but collectors themselves. We are willing to admit some champions of philately are not paragons of tact and that a few are bum sports in reality but we cannot see why philately has to suffer for their sins. The trouble about critics of the stripe that have written is that by insinuation the impression that is given the reader is that philately itself is unduly proclaimed and is undeserving the attention that is asked for it. As a result, the foundations of a pursuit in which many people have a good bit of money invested is shaken and the man whose home is attacked will have something to say. If philately is important for no other reason, it is because of the amount of money invested in it and we cannot stand aside and let the ignorant, even if they have no bad intentions, throw stones at our structure that cost a pretty penny to build.

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In W. Somerset Maugham's "On a Chinese Screen," No. 30, "The Consul," there is a reference to collecting. Mr. Pete, British consul in China, was eccentric, absent-minded and a bachelor who collected brasses, carved woods, etc., as "his more legitimate enterprises," but it was declared that he also collected stamps, birds' eggs and postmarks. He was particularly proud of his postmark collection that had no equal in the empire. While we cannot say that stamp collecting is very high on this "scale of intelligence" yet we know that Mr. Pete cared much more for his stamps than Mr. Maugham suspected.

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The Associated Press sent our newspapers a dispatch from Rome telling of the decision of the Italian government to permit the backs of postage stamps to be used for advertising purposes on terms highly favorable to the government. Enterprise of this kind should be credited to New Zealand as the first of countries to utilize the backs of postage stamps as a source of advertising revenue. It was in 1893 or 1894 that progressive New Zealand experimented with this form of publicity and while our collection of these three or four stamps of New Zealand shows a wide range of important advertisers, the plan was abandoned in a comparatively short time.

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It is apparent that there is a disposition on the part of collectors to turn to the consideration of U. S. envelopes now that the catalogue furnishes illustrations that show the die differences of these interesting stamps. We have felt the charm carried by this collecting division and regretted that the difficulty in placing the envelopes militated against their popularity in a collecting sense. Yet we are informed that notwithstanding these conditions and the puzzle imposed by the question of entire or cut square that cannot be solved by a good many collectors, the demand for cut squares while not strong was always with us; and it is known, of course, that the entire enthusiasts are always to the fore.

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"The Foot of the Leisure Class," by Josephine Daskam Bacon in the *Red Book Magazine* for October shows a few philatelic veins. Mr. Hughson, the butler in the story, at one time, is represented as "immersed in his stamp collection" and in another place he is influenced in favor of a fellow worker by the gift of "a rare Guatemalan stamp." We always like the butler whether we see him in the pages of a dear old English novel or on the stage. Sometimes he is a philosopher when he speaks; he has a gentility of manner and he possesses an admirable poise, qualities sometimes lacking in his addle-pated masters. Now we know that our favor is worthily bestowed; and the butler does not spend his time frivolously or in bootless pursuits,—he collects stamps.

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One of the delvers on our staff writes that he has found in the Memphis *Appeal* of August 26, 1861, the advertisement of "a private post, under the superintendence of Mr. Antonio Costa." It was announced that Mr. Costa would take charge of letters for Europe and "places out of the United States. The mails will leave every two weeks on the 10th and 25th of each month, and the postage will be to Mexico, 50c, to Cuba, 75c and to Europe, one dollar."

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An old-time collector says that when he was a boy before the civil war, one of the stock jokes that circulated through the press was that which told of a farmer "out in Iowa" who asked a postmaster if he could not sell the stamps at a reduction if he bought three or four. The postmaster said that he could not because the government now punched holes around the stamps for the convenience of the people and that the cost of stamps had gone up in consequence. The explanation satisfied the bargainer. While there may have been many jokes having a stamp suggestion that went the rounds in the early days, we think that the palm in this connection must be given to that classic, written by the cautious sender of the letter, under the stamp: "Paid if the damned thing sticks."

ONLY A PARSON.

Among the devotees of our hobby who are familiar figures in the London auction room, there is a good sprinkling of reverend philatelists. As one who had the pleasure of meeting Sir Heaton Rhodes, of New Zealand, on some of his philatelic wanderings in London a year or two ago, the following yarn of him, told by my friend Mr. R. F. Joyce in the *Australian Stamp Journal*, is worth reading.

Sir Heaton and Mr. Joyce used to compare notes, and consulted together on limits to bid on lots at the auctions.

"One day," says Mr. Joyce, "Sir Heaton went to the sale by himself, and on his return I asked him what luck he had."

"I bought them all," was the reply, "but not at your prices though."

"What do you mean?" I asked. "Those prices were the limit you had to go to."

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—From Mr. Montgomery Mulford, ffalo, N. Y., comes the suggestion: 'Vith all the 'special weeks' now in gress—'safety week,' 'scout week,' *et* why not begin a philatelic week?' purpose, of course, would be to ead knowledge of stamp collecting. ch collector could work for its suc s to his utmost ability. Philately, ugh growing, needs more of the right d of advertising. It is a subject for dcussion in the WEEKLY." Good for . Mulford. Perhaps the idea will be en up.

—In answer to the inquiry of Mr. Of G. Ohrstrom, Tonawanda, N. Y., say that the last series of the U. S. mps has not been issued imperforate. y single specimen, even though with rgins wide enough seemingly to be icative of original imperforation uld not be accepted as proving anyg but a pair would tell a different ry.

—W. A. Cullers, Lincoln, Arkansas, tes: "I wish to call your attention a practice of some dealers who adtise with you. In offering albums, k books, etc., they say 'postage ex-' It makes no difference how much send for postage but the excess over amount required is never returned ou, as is customary with mail order ses. . . . . It is not the few cents inved but it might be if the tables were ned, the dealer would send a bill for few cents difference."

-Carl T. Wessbecher, 3883 Wyoming St. Louis, Mo., has on hand a set of nty-eight MEKEEL handbooks and he make a bargain offer to any interd party. The set will be broken if ered.

Geo. W. Angers informs us that he mistaken in giving the earliest Northnton, Mass., date on the Harding 2c Sept. 4. A few letters were mailed Sept. 2, to meet requests that had filed with the postmaster from ous collectors.

We have received a very fine booklet J. A. Urquhart entitled "Califora-Where Life is Better." It is didly illustrated and is a remarkfine piece of publicity work.

We are advised of the death of es R. Carter of the firm of Carter, & Co., of Boston, Mass. It ocred Sept. 13. Not very much is wn regarding the philatelic activities Mr. Carter but it is known that he a fine collection of stamps.

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—Arthur Barger of the Northern Stamp Co., Framingham, Mass., recently underwent a serious operation. He will attend to correspondence as soon as he is physically able.

—At the meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society of October 16th, the exhibition of Mr. Sawyer's Falkland Islands Entires was scheduled as the feature. An auction was billed for the evening, as well.

—A reader says: "Try the following quotation from a writer on your readers: 'The only time he had varied the order was to request 'un vin blanc gommée' but on that occasion the waiter served him with a postage stamp for 25c." Not having a copy of the Bar-Keepers Friend at hand we do not feel competent to discuss any question so involved.

—From L. T. Brodstone, publisher of the *Philatelic West* we have word: "I am sorry to see that the column you used in the issue of Sept. 17th, 'From All Quarters' and credited to the *Postage Stamp* was published originally in the *West,* with the exception of the two last paragraphs. Mr. Sparks who contributed the matter in question is up in arms at this deception." While we are absolved from any blame in this connection, we dislike to be a factor unwittingly in any case that withholds proper journalistic credit.

—We wish to thank Mr. Charles J. Rose for a copy of the circular describing the operations of the Colombian Air Mail Service that was issued by Mr. Gonzalo Mejia of New York as representative of the Sociedad Colombo-Alemana de Transportes Aereos.

—Paul Montgomery Mulford informs us that a stamp club has been formed among the Boy Scouts of Troop 21, Buffalo, N. Y.

—It was recently reported in the WEEKLY that the 3c Canada had appeared imperforate. Thos. S. Futcher submits a communication from the Canadian P. O. Department claiming that no such stamp has ever been regularly passed through the Department

—We have received from J. C. Matthews several bargain lists that interested subscribers will do well to ask for. Address Mr. Matthews at Olympia, Washington.

—"We have been trying to find out when the rest of the Newfoundland new issue were due. Now we have a letter from a man in St. John's who has taken the matter up with the Deputy Minister of Posts. The latter said, that he would cable the printers in England to send a supply of the 20c and 24c by the next boat if possible. He also stated that the airmail stamps would not be issued for some time."—Jos. V. WELLS.

—Mr. Bertrand L. Drew has acquired the collection of Mr. Allen of Greenfield, Mass., and says that he will dispose of it at auction on November 23, 1923.

—A reader asks if it would not be interesting to hear who are the oldest stamp collectors among the readers of the WEEKLY. We are of the opinion that a symposium on the subject would be readable, indeed, and we should be glad to publish records that might be submitted by those whose affiliation with collecting extends over say, fifty years. The year 1860 is about the first in which collectors made any stir in this country. The lamented Dr. Geo. F. Heath of Monroe, Michigan, father of Donald R. Heath, was one of the fathers of philately in this country, as he began to collect in 1863.

—From N. B. Paulson of Chicago, who has been roaming about in Europe opening up stamp veins we have advices that he is now resting in Switzerland after his arduous work.

—One of the curiosities of philatelic literature is found in the old ads of Voute's *Stamp Collectors' Figaro,* in which "death" is invoked on counterfeiters and reprinters.

—One of our subscribers says that he recently purchased a stamp that an advertiser in a foreign paper described as a "fine piece." He now complains that he got more than he bargained for as when he soaked the stamp it came apart in two pieces.

—We have received a clipping from the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* in which Rear Admiral W. F. Fullam, U. S. N. Retired, declares it a superlative blunder to cripple or abandon the air-mail service. He regards it as vital both for commerce and as war training.—Clipping from L. P. MacCubbin.

—An organization meeting of Wilmington, Del., local branch of "Weko" was held Thursday, Oct. 4, at the home of N. S. Hufnell, 402 Geddes St. Many members were present, and questions of club welfare discussed. A stamp auction followed the business meeting. Any collector interested is requested to communicate with Mr. Hufnell.

—Erwin Strasser sends us a Brisbane clipping, in which the well-known writer declared that Mussolini will have a difficult task selling advertising space on postage stamps. For worthlessness he ranks it with street car advertising.

—We are always glad to see stamp articles, even though the matter is copyrighted. Subscribers will understand that we must be careful how we reprint matter of this kind.

—From Mr. Grant L. Lamorris we have a letter from which we quote: "It is gossip that several dealers who invested heavily in the issues of Neurope when German exchange was relatively high have written off what in financial circles would be called 'hugh losses.' Collectors who may have overpaid for some of their sets of the stamps of central Europe may take some consolation from this circumstance." Our contention is that there are two sides to the picture and that increases in the prices of a set here and there do something to equalize the losses on others.

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—In answer to an exchange ad that one of our readers placed in a paper abroad, he received a letter that if he would send the writer a set of Columbians, an "even exchange" would be sent in pictorial postal cards of the Holy Land.

—The post-office department is advising the use of standard sizes of U. S. stamped envelopes rather than small or undersized envelopes. Odd sizes of envelopes slow down the handling of mail.

—A reader says: "I was much interested in the notice of the death of J. A. Pierce of Chicago, whom I knew well and I wish to say that you sketched him very well. When I visited Chicago in 'the golden days' I always called on Mr. Pierce and I spent many hours with him. He had his own ideas about stamps and on occasions he almost refused to sell his stamps, perhaps on the theory that anything that a customer wanted was worth keeping. He often told about the wonderful lot of department stamps that he bought one day, including even Executives in used condition. You will remember, perhaps, that he had an office in the old McVicker's Theatre Building at one time. By-the-way, what has become of Mr. S. B. Bradt of Chicago, once very prominent and secretary of the A. P. S.?" At last accounts, Mr. Bradt was running an old book store on the south side in Chicago.

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* 1913, Nos. 813-818, 6 var.	.35
***Saar on Bavaria** 1920, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 50, 60pf, Cat. .85	.60
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UNITED STATES.—In response to the demands from every part of the United States, Postmaster-General New under date of October 4th, authorized the issuance of one billion additional Harding Memorial stamps. The new order will make a total authorization of 1,600,000,000 stamps of this type since the first order was placed in August.

In the September "Monthly Supplement" to the *Postal Guide*, the Postal Service pays a tribute to our late President in the following remarks: "Before this issue is in the hands of its readers the Postal Service will have erected a splendid memorial to Warren G. Harding. This memorial of the Postal Service has a significance that could never be expressed in marble or in bronze which must forever remain rooted to one spot to be visited by scattered bands of pilgrims. The Postal Service's memorial, like its own broad duty, will encompass the Nation. It will be a mourning seal, replacing for three months the George Washington 2-cent stamp. It will undoubtedly in that time go into every home in the United States, a tribute to a great President and a true American.

The mourning stamp for the late President has for its central design an etching taken from a photograph, a favorite of Mr. Harding's. A simple black border outlines the seal and in the upper left-hand corner appears the date 1865, the year of the late President's birth, and in the upper right corner the year 1923. The seal, the design of which has the expressed approval of President Calvin Coolidge and Postmaster-General New, was first presented to the public on September 1, one month after the death of Mr. Harding in San Francisco.

The first sheet of stamps was selected personally by Postmaster-General New at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing to be presented by him to Mrs. Harding. A special messenger from the Post Office Department took the first consignment of the memorial stamps to Marion, Ohio, where they were placed on sale September 1. All requisitions for 2-cent stamps from post-offices for three months, ending December 8th, will be filled with the Harding memorial stamp.

Only one other similar memorial stamp has been issued. This was a stamp in tribute to President Lincoln. It was also printed in black but the denomination was 15 cents. Even the agreements of the International Postal Union were waived to permit the memorial to Harding. It is one of the rules of the Union, in which the United States holds membership, that the ounce-rate postage shall be printed in red. Postmaster-General New cabled the headquarters at Berne advising them of the temporary change in color."

Stamp collectors will particularly note in the above remarks that the stamps will be distributed up to December 8th and that during that time all requisitions from all postmasters for 2-cent stamps will be filled with this variety. A full page illustration of the Harding etching shown on the stamp is used in this "Supplement."

So far only forty-three Harding plates have been made and some of these have not been used. To date I have found plate blocks from thirty-three. Now that more stamps have been ordered it is possible more plates may be made.

In the same "Supplement" there is an interesting article on the experimental transcontinental air mail flights illustrated by a map, pictures of the pilots, in addition to one of C. F. Egge, Superintendent of the Division of Air Mail.

There is a detailed illustrated story of the Chicago Post Office followed by a semi-humorous story headed "Where is Franklin?" dealing with the numerous town names. We are told to give thought before naming a town and we are asked to make it short and snappy. Be original, don't use Washington or Franklin or the like, for there are numerous such cities throughout the country. They mention that Kodak sold a camera, Uneeda a biscuit, Victrola a phonograph. Indians, the post-office states, are dead, but their atrocities live on. A man will write to his mother-in-law in Elco, Nevada, before he will write to his best friend in Natchitoches, La.

On page 14 we find an illustration of the 1½d Great Britain stamp, wherein our attention is called to the postmark. Uncle Sam breaks his own law by not having the usual white line running through the illustration. Numerous other remarks and instructions to the Post Office add to the interest of this "Supplement" to the stamp collector.

Mr. Benjamin Cadbury advises that he has found on mail coming from A. W. Shaw of Chicago, the new design 1c Franklin with Schermack perforations. The 2c was reported some time back.

Mr. H. A. Thatcher sends an interesting piece consisting of a damaged portion of a sheet of 2c stamps which has been backed up by the Bureau by means of a piece of dark paper, which paper has been gummed and perforated.

Mr. W. G. Windhurst states that the Government framed exhibit which is passing from city to city will shortly be exhibited in Marion and that local collectors will at that time offer prizes for the best arranged and classified sheets of stamps to be shown by boy collectors, and it is hoped that in this way increased interest will be aroused in stamps.

One of the oddest communications that has come to my post-office box for some months is a first class registered communication from a Milwaukee correspondent wherein the letter came through with all of the registration postmarks but without postage stamps. The communication is not an official one, but the person mailing it overlooked the necessary postage and both the postal clerk in Milwaukee as well as Philadelphia did not notice that the stamps were missing. It would have been an odd thing had the error been noted in Philadelphia for there is no arrangement under the postal laws whereby postage due can be collected on registered letter, as the l call for prepayment of postage in s a case.

CHINA.—With regard to recent marks on the "Manchuria" provision Mr. A. W. Tyrrell, the well known C non Street stamp dealer, assures us t it may be taken very definitely fr him that these did come through post—not *par complaisance*, but on ev mail parcel to an ordinary firm. It Mr. Tyrrell who first spotted the ov print and we recall that he showed a postally used copy at the time translated the superscription for benefit. Our friend remarks that he only seen it on the $2 value, howe Altogether he had about fifty cop the result of several purchases of "o lots" from a certain city firm. The need be no doubt whatever, he says, t the $2 value was actually used in a b fide manner. Mr. Tyrrell had them original pieces of the packing, and no hesitation in putting down the $2 v "Manchuria" overprint as a perfe "straight" variety.—*Stamp Collecting.*

DENMARK.—Mr. A. E. Pade rep the 5c official stamp in brown.

GERMANY.—Mr. H. F. Metz adv that he has had come to hand the 10 type A29 with the overprint "15 T send" and the 1000mk small num type with the surcharge "75 Tausend." In addition Mr. R. Roberts sends the 30mk type of A26 with the surcha "8 Tausend" in black, the 12mk 40mk reaper type overprinted "20" "15" respectively. Also the 200mk sm number design with "30 Tausend" blue.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts ports the 2½d orange yellow, 3d ult marine on script watermarked paper.

PERSIA.—One of our good friends the Persian Gulf district, Mr. C. Houghton, writes (18.8.23) :—

"Some time ago I wrote to you inform you of the issue of a 3 chahi 12 chahi, Persian provisional. I can n let you know that there has been issue similar 6 chahi on 24 chahi. Very f seem to have been issued, as the short of 6 chahi stamps lasted only a few d

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e still lack the necessary stamps to ke up the correct postage of 1kr on reign letter, so have to pay 21 chahis. Persian P. O. authorities do not en to mind, however.

have seen the 6 chahi provisional, t so far have not been able to obtain es."—*Stamp Collecting.*

an Marino.—Mr. R. Roberts has wn us a new set of stamps recently ed on sale. They are 5c olive, 10c nge, 15c myrtle, 25c carmine, 40c wn, 50c grey. Also a 60c carmine p for Special Delivery work.

yria *(Labanon)*.—The forerunner of w series of provisionals arrives in shape of the current 2c of France harged:—"Syrie—Grand Liban—10—iemes" in four lines.—*Stamp Col-ng.*

nion of South Africa.—The long-cted pictorial stamps of which par-ars were published exclusively in *p Collecting* for February 3rd last, appear in the near future; they will inscriptions in English and Dutch lternate stamps in the sheet and will be overprinted for South-West Africa. srs. Whitfield King & Co. inform us they intend making full distributions oth issues in pairs, as they did in ase of the recently issued provision-which will have had a very short —*Stamp Collecting.*

nzibar.—We have received from R. Roberts the 10R green and brown the 20R black and green (first issue is type) 1913 series on script water-paper.

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By James Mursell.

One of the most eagerly anticipated delights of my visit this year to Australia was that of meeting my dear friend, J. H. Smyth; and though it was a matter for regret on arriving at Fremantle to hear that he had not been well, the message was so hopeful that there seemed no reason for concern—nor did the tardiness of his recovery surprise me, for he had evidently overworked himself, and at his age recuperative processes are often slow. The latest news was that he expected to get down to business shortly, and then, on Sunday morning, July 15th, I found in my vestry a telegram to say that he was gone. How I got through the service at Collins Street that morning I do not know—I was stunned. One of the two men I had counted on seeing more than all the rest of Australia put together had gone, and in another month I should have seen him! My friend had gone, and in another month I should have clasped his hand and looked into his face and heard his welcome words. And now! In spite of her nearly a million inhabitants, Sydney will be an empty place to me when I arrive.

I think of my friend less as a philatelist than as a friend, one of the men whom to know is to love. He was great in his own way as a stamp dealer. Without having kissed the blarney stone, he had a way with him that easily became irresistible; and when, as was always the case, the wares he commended were worthy of his commendation, one had to be made of philatelic adamant to go away with as much cash and no more stamps in his pocket than he came. But if he touched greatness as a business man he achieved it as a human being. He was so human, so clubbable, so quick to catch the other fellow's point of view and to appreciate and understand it, even though he might not agree with it or respond to it. He was one of the men who created sunshine wherever he went. The brightest company was brightened when he joined it; he saw light when everyone else could only see clouds, and lugubrious people after spending half an hour with him were sent away more than half certain that the world was not half a bad place after all. He described himself in one of his letters as "an incorrigible optimist," which is exactly what he was.

Only such a man, at half-way through his fifties, dare have started life all over again, and in less than twelve years could have created a business that would survive comparison with any other under the Southern Cross. It was a great feat. Only a brave man with a big heart and an unconquerable spirit would have made the venture, and only one of rare ability, dogged perseverance and unflagging purpose could have carried it through to a triumphant issue. There was iron under the sunny exterior of the friend who has gone from me. Somewhere about him, too, there was a little magazine where high explosives were hidden away. But the explosions took place only when something that aroused his moral indignation called for them. He was incapable of malice; independent, generous, open of heart and hand; a true comrade, a staunch friend, a true and loyal man; the world of philately is the poorer for his passing, immeasurably so; and we shall not soon see the like of him again.

I had not seen him since March, 1915. But rarely, if ever, has a mail left Sydney for England or England for Sydney that did not carry letters from me to him and from him to me. What delightful letters they were! So natural, so chatty, so full of interest in men and stamps, touching everything like a glancing sunbeam with a light that left it and you the brighter for his comment. I don't know how he treated my letters to him, but I know how I treated his to me. Like the boy who eats the pastry round the jam and leaves the centre of the tartlet for a last delight, I kept his letters to the last, the sweetest morsel and the most poignant pleasure of my mail; and there was never a disappointment. How I shall miss them—and him! The world of stamps will never be quite the same to me now J. H. Smyth has gone. And I am only one of many more.—*Australian Stamp Journal.*

PRECANCEL STAMP MOUNTING

By R. R. Rudolph.

I have noticed in the *Gazette* and other stamp papers suggestions from various collectors of how they mount their collections. I am going to offer my way now, hoping that it might be of interest to the philatelic world.

For several years I have been trying to select a way that would be inexpensive, yet to make my collection have a neat appearance, and just recently I have solved the problem, if such it may be called.

I will first take up the bindings; these measure 8x10½ inches, are a plain solid color and made of stiff cardboard. The front and back are separate pieces, so most any number of leaves can be fastened in between. I find that from 150 to 200 leaves makes a very neat looking album.

The leaves that I use are not quadrilled, yet they have small squares over the entire surface which makes it easy to place the stamps at regular intervals. There are about 36 squares to the square inch, and they are made by a concern in St. Louis and can be secured at most any drug store. I use Denison's paper fasteners to hold the leaves secure.

Now for the way I mount my collection. On each sheet I place only one city, one type and one style of reading, using just one position for each denomination on the sheet. To make it clear you will find a diagram of the way I arrange both old and new issues.

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THE CHRONICLES OF FERRARY.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

Money talks, even if, for most of us, it has an impediment in its speech. A few readers have suggested it is unwise to devote so much attention to the high-priced stamps, as in our Ferrary Chronicles, and fear that to read of such vast philatelic treasures will deter the young collector. We think they under-estimate the imagination and the pluck of youth. No youngster worth his salt is deterred by examples of greatness; youth indeed responds readily to their stimulus. Remember how we loved the tales of the buccaneers, loading their ships with doubloons and pieces of eight. Did they ever deter youth from the even tenour of life and interests? So far as stamp collecting goes, the young enthusiast knows full well he gets more fun out of his collecting than does the Crœsus who pays someone else to collect for him. So read these Chronicles, if you please, as a romance, or as the story of an historic collection; but pray do not let them drive you into the Cave of Despair—rather skip these pages and frivol with the "New Issues."

Fifth Sale.—The fifth eruption of the Ferrary volcano has thrown up a great variety of philatelic gems, covering a wider area of the stamp world than any of the previous sales. During three days, November 15, 16 and 17, 608 lots were offered, the great majority of them being composite lots rather than single rarities. A total was realised of 1,356,170 francs, or with tax 1,583,499 francs, representing approximately £25,016 at the prevailing rate of exchange (63 fr.=£1). This brings the aggregate for the five sales to 9,834,064 francs (with tax), or about £198,638.

I was not present at the sale, but was fortunate to have the opportunity of making a full inspection of the lots while passing through Paris on my way back from the Geneva International Stamp Exhibition in September. The interest in this sale is of the broadest, and probably touches a wider circle of specialist collectors than any of the previous sales, including stamps of more than fifty countries and colonies. As on previous occasions, there was a spice of excited speculation as to a few outstanding items, and some notable high prices were recorded.

British South Africa.—About £130 was realised for three lots of British South Africa (66 stamps), the most interesting item being an error of the One Penny on 4s. with the overprint reading One denny (illustrated), with the certificate of the expert committee of the Royal Society; in this same lot was a pair of the B. S. A. overprints on Cape stamps without the word "COMPANY" (S. G. 65), a variety rather highly rated by Gibbons at £75. On the other hand the error illustrated is probably of great rarity, occurring once in a sheet of sixty, and only eighteen such sheets being surcharged. The lot, comprising with these two items 26 stamps in all, fetched £74.

The Bahamas were all mixed lots, but totalled £250 for about 200 stamps. A collection of 292 Barbacoas must have been a remarkable lot, for Gibbons only list 74—it fetched, along with some other "B's," £92. In this lot were ten stamps of Barbier Island—oh where! oh where! can that be?

Barbados.—Nearly two score lots of Barbados brought about £1400, the chief items being £323 for the rare 1s blue error of colour (S. G. 37), of which only nine copies are said to be known. Unused pairs of the 1d on half 5s rose fetched about £148 per pair.

Among the Barbados was a prolific array of the 1892 halfpenny provisional, including several of the scarce doubles with surcharge in red and black, and a double surcharge of the black in a block of 60.

A pretty complete lot of Bechuanaland and Protectorate, comprising over 500 stamps, brought £130.

Belgium was represented by a fine lot, but there were some dubious "unused" blocks. The finest piece here was a mint block of sixteen of the 40c red—a stamp which as the catalogue states "est à peu près *introuvable, même en bloc de* 4, l'on ne recontre guère que les unités." It brought £350.

The drab stamps of Bergedorf were in the sale in entire sheets, and following them were two of the most notable items in the sale, the primitive first stamps of Bermuda.

The Perot Stamps.—These primitive Bermudas were long in being discovered by the philatelic world. Made between 1848 and 1855 by the postmaster of Hamilton, the chief town, no philatelic knowledge of them was obtained until half a century had elapsed. Yet their use and history are well authenticated. The postmaster was Mr. W. B. Perot, who held that office from 1848 to 1862. After retiring from the Post Office he became a member of the Bermuda Parliament, and my colleague, Mr. H. R. Holmes, has given me a note that he died on October 13, 1871, in his 81st year.

An Act of 1846 had provided for the prepayment of all inland postage at the time of posting "at and after the rate of 1d of lawful money of these islands for each and every letter not exceeding 1 oz. in weight," and the postmasters and assistant postmasters were to retain and appropriate to their own use all inland postage receivable by them "as a further remuneration for the performance of the duties by this Act enjoined."

Mr. Perot was in receipt of a salary of £70 a year, and he appears to have recognised, as the American postmasters had done a few years before, that the issue of stamps for prepayment was not only a convenience to the public, but one which could increase his emoluments as postmaster. He made the stamps with his postmarking "chop," from which he removed the plugs denoting the day and month, leaving a die reading "Hamilton—Bermuda" in circular form with the year in the centre. This was hand-stamped in black (and at a later period in red) on sheets of paper, it is supposed in sheets of a dozen—one shilling's worth. On each impression was added in manuscript the value "One penny" and the signature W. B. Perot in black.

An old Bermudan, Mr. J. B. Heyl, who had a store adjoining the Hamilton Post Office, stated in a letter written in 1898: "I suggested to him (Perot) the stamping on a sheet of paper a number of stamps with his signature and the 'One penny,' which I cut off in squares and pasted on the letters, which were brought in and placed in a letter-box on the door of the office. The reason for this was that the money was not always correct in the box, and he (Perot) could not find who put the notes in the box without payment, which he had to make good."

It is remarkable that the stamps should have remained unknown to collectors for so long, especially as Bermuda had been most thoroughly searched for old stamps by the late Major E. B. Evans, R. A., when stationed in the colony in 1885. But the very crudity of the stamps probably led any holders to regard them as mere postmarks. The first copy to turn up was sent to the old established firm of Alfred Smith & Son, then of Essex Street, Strand, and here is their reference to it in the July, 1897, issue of their *Monthly Circular:*

"A correspondent has sent us a letter written from Hamilton in April, 1855, addressed to a gentleman at St. George, and on the sheet is pasted a stamp in carmine with HAMILTON, BERMUDA, in a circle, with 1854 in the centre. Above this date is written 'One penny,' and below is the signature, W. B. Perot. We believe there is no doubt Mr. Perot was postmaster at Hamilton in 1854, and his signature can be identified by many. The stamp is cut into a sort of rough octagonal shape, and seems attached to the sheet by gum, but it appears to us very very doubtful if it was originally on the identical letter on which there is no postmark, and the stamp is half hidden under the closing fold at the back. Perhaps some of our readers who have more knowledge of Bermuda than we have may have met with the stamp, which at first sight appears to have been a device on the part of the postmaster at Hamilton to introduce stamps of one penny for interinsular postage."

After ineffectual attempts to find out something about the stamp, the firm rejected it and sent it back to its owner. This was a late impression of the stamp, in red, dated 1854. The next copy sent to this country was a black one dated 1849, which came into the possession of the late Mr. B. W. Warhurst in 1898. Mr. Warhurst pursued his investigations into the origin of the stamp with considerable zeal, and extracted an interesting letter from the Colonial Postmaster, Mr. Allan W. Smith, which I quote:

"Colonial Post Office, Bermuda,
18th June, 1898.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours, etc., etc., in which you make inquiries respecting a hand-stamp used in Bermuda, 1849-55.

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However this may be, it appears to be clear that the stamps in question were used sometimes, as postage stamps are now used, for prepaying postage within the Colony . . .

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) ALLAN W. SMITH,
Colonial Postmaster."

The character of the stamps was further established by the researches of Mr. E. D. Bacon, who found among other points that up to some time in the early part of 1849 Mr. Perot was using black ink for his postmark "chop," and subsequently carmine ink, which explains the colour difference.

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The first of the Ferrary specimens was lack one dated 1849 not on the letter. is not the "Warhurst" copy, as will noted on comparison with the ac-mpanying photograph of the first black e discovered. The Ferrary black specimen was secured for Mr. Arthur Hind £280, and it was on view at the Lon- Exhibition.

The red one in the Ferrary sale was entire cover, and is in fact the one ich was described in the *Monthly cular* in July, 1897. An interesting nt about it is that although the stamp dated 1854 the actual letter is dated hin 1855, which appears to substanti- the case for the stamps being sold at each and held by purchasers for use their convenience. This was secured M. Burrus for £580.

t would be of value as well as of in-est to trace and record all the speci-ns, well under a dozen, of these two mps that have turned up.

he Costly Nigers.—A little over £700 realised for ninety-three Niger ast stamps, and some of the mixed here were probably cheap, containing ne of the rare varieties of the half-ny and other surcharges. The two standing items here were the 20s on surcharges, which were born rare. surcharge was struck in violet (five ies), in vermilion (two), and in black o). At the fifth sale mint copies of the et and the black were sold, realising 7 and £232 respectively. In comparison violet one which fetched the higher ire is the less rare of the two, but e is not much in it; of the five copies charged in violet one is inverted, ing a possible 4 of the normal violet nps.

here are more Nigers to come, and nderstand that there is the third vari- of the 20sh on 1s, namely, the ver-on surcharge.

ere again with surcharged stamps of rarity one cannot too strongly em-sise the value of preserving a careful ord of where such rarities are, and ough whose hands they pass.

little-known Dominican.—Little is wn of one of the rarest of British onial surcharges, the "One Penny" on ence green of Dominica, which Gib-s prices at £250 unused, £175 used. does not appear to have been chroni- with the "Half Penny" on 6d and e Penny" on 1s in 1886, and it was bably printed in error; Mr. Poole to the extent of one sheet of 60. re is an unused one in the Tapling ection; Ferrary's used copy, illus-red, fetched £94.

randees of Spain.—Spain, covering 136—217, was a very remarkable An interesting block of eight of 10 reales blue-green of 1850, used, ws the four lower stamps without the tablets at the bottom showing.

oens described such a variety, but Mr. Griebert's careful plating has wn—and this curious block further onstrates—it must have been just a k of printing. It fetched £223.

he 2 Reales Blue.—The sensation of sale was the settling once and for of the long disputed status of the ales blue error of 1851. A copy of *se tenant* with the normal 6 reales sold for £2400 to Mr. Griebert, our ing authority on Spanish stamps, was acting for Mr. Arthur Hind. Griebert, in his *magnum opus*, "The mps of Spain, 1850-1854," published 1919, certainly threw ice-cold water it, if he did not condemn it en-y—and scarcely disguised his con-on that it only existed as a forgery. t of the alleged copies, as Mr. bert has shown, are undoubtedly eries, but having seen the Ferrary illustrated, Mr. Griebert found it the real thing at last, and as it must nique in this condition, acquired it hat must be considered a moderate e for as rare an item in European p issues as anyone can have.

here is no doubt whatever," writes Griebert in the *American Philatelist,* t the error recently sold in Paris ne of the Ferrary sales is genuine in y respect." But our friend is still tical of any other genuine specimen ting, and says, "Even now, some writers mention the specimen which is said to have been discovered by Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co., of Bath, in 1868, and which was proclaimed by Mr. Westoby as a genuine error."

The Westoby Copy.—I am afraid I have mentioned the Westoby find more than once. It is the very genesis of the story of the 2 reales blue, genuine or otherwise. It was found in 1867 by Mr. Westoby amongst a lot of other stamps he received from Spain, and was not sent him as something exceptional or high-priced—and Westoby believed in it. Ferrary (who acquired the specimen) is said to have considered it a proof, following the opinion of Moens and Legrand—a proof which has passed through the post.

The Westoby stamp is still in existence, and will in due course come up for sale in Paris. If, as I am assured by M. Gilbert is the case, the cliché marks on this single used specimen correspond with those of the 2 reales blue in the pair already sold, Mr. Westoby's judgment—and he was an accurate observer and discriminating philatelist—will be confirmed.

The 1899 Find.—Several stories have appeared in the accounts of the sale dealing with the finding of the pair, 2r+6r blue *se tenant.* They are approximately correct, but, as often happens in these cases, memory is liable to go astray on details. I had the yarn from Senor Manuel Galvez some months ago, and his father has published a similar statement in the *Revista de la Sociedad de Filatelistas* (Jan., 1923).

I give Sr. Galvez story (A), and one (B) quoted by M. Griebert (*American Philatelist,* XXXVI, p. 276) for comparison:—

(A)

I believe in the existence of the error in the 2 reales blue, 1851, because when it was discovered in Madrid I might have purchased it for a very low price, and such as it is, all the facts relating to this error are engraved in my memory as if it had happened yesterday and not more than twenty years ago. The details are as follows:

Early one morning Don Francisco Mifsut entered my shop in the Calle de la Cruz with a block of 18 stamps of 6 reales, 1851, and offered it to my assistant who was at the shop, Rafael Gorrity, and he asked 20 pesetas a stamp, but his block was heavily obliterated and no deal resulted.

Thereupon Senor Mifsut betook himself to the shop of Don Antonio Vives, who was established opposite my house in the Calle de la Sevilla, No. 2, and as we had not purchased it he sold it to Senor Vives. Senor Vives gave the block to an employee so that it might be cut up into single examples, as was the custom at that time, and the employee thereupon proceeded to divide it into single copies. But when she reached the last vertical pair, she saw that one of the stamps bore the word "dos" instead of "seis." She pointed this out to Senor Vives. Shortly after it was shown to a collector who entered the shop, and he, filled with interest, came and told me, and asked me to go and see this curiosity. He took me to the shop of Senor Vives and showed me the stamp.

Senor Vives offered this stamp in various places, and finally it was purchased by Senor Ferrary, who already had a single copy, which he had always considered as being a proof. This, however, made it plain to him that he was dealing with an error. All the other histories which have been related are incorrect.

(B)

The late Senor D. Francisco Mifsut discovered in archives of the province of Toledo a used block of 19 stamps of 6 reales, 1851. After offering it at least to one dealer, he showed it to the late Senor D. Antonio Vives, a well-known dealer of Madrid, who promptly acquired it by paying 40 pesetas per stamp for it, without, however, noticing that one of the stamps in the block was a 2 reales instead of 6 reales. Very few collectors went in for large blocks 25 years ago, and the good Vives always cut into the block whenever he wanted a 6 reales stamp. One day a girl assistant pointed out to him that one of the stamps read "DOS REALES" in the remaining block, and this is how the discovery of this famous rarity was made It was soon after offered to M. P. Mahe, the custodian of the collection of M. La Renotiere von Ferrary, who promptly purchased it for the price of, I believe, 25,000 francs or 5,000 dollars approximately.

The chief points of difference are the size of the block originally found by Mifsut, and the price at which he sold to Vives. The price stated in the one account as paid by Ferrary, 25,000 francs, strikes one as high for the period; Sr. Galvez does not mention one, but his son told me he thought it was 10,000 francs, or about £400.

The Size of the Block.—What was the size of the block? Mifsut may have found it as a block of 19 or 18, but it appears to have reached Madrid as a block of 14 only, and Sr. Galvezs recollections mav be revised by the contemporary advertisement of Senor Vives, which, after much searching, I found in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* of Oct. 15, 1899:

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The tiny quarter-stamps of Spain are familiar to most collectors, and some of the issues occur as genuine original *tête-bêches,* though others, I am afraid, are modern creations.

A British Honduras Bargain.—Another very rare British Colonial surcharge, British Honduras 1889 surcharged TWO in black on 50c on 1s grey, went cheaply at £49. The old 1s grey stamp was converted into a 50 cents stamp when the currency was changed, and later a surplus stock of these was converted into 2 cents stamps by the surcharge TWO CENTS in words. The printer set up a group of these overprints and surcharged two rows at a time. He started with black ink, which did not show up well on the grey stamp, so he changed over to a red ink. In doing so he again surcharged a portion of his first sheet in red. The normal stamp has the TWO CENTS in red, but the few that were left black, or those with the words in black and in red are great rarities, as witness Gibbons' quotations:

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It has been estimated that there were only about ten of each, the black, and the black and red; twelve, i.e., two horizontal rows of six, may be the more likely figure. One lucky collector secured nearly all of them; he believed all except three, purchasing them over the counter at Belize Post Office. One of the three he did not get was the one that went to Ferrary. The other two were preserved in the official specimen book of the Post Office, which was subsequently destroyed by fire. The lucky collector, a Mr. A———, got seventeen in all. For the subsequent history of these I quote Mr. R. Roberts (*Scott's Monthly Journal,* July, 1922):

"Two he told me he lost or mislaid. He sold four of each to Mr. W. H. Peckitt before he (Mr. Peckitt) retired. Two or three he gave to relatives, but afterwards got them back, and he sold me some three years ago, four red and black, and three black. Mr. A—— was an old collector, and had the luck to go into the post-office the morning that these stamps were put on sale. And his investment, made with the keen acumen of a collector, and a Scotsman to wit, was one of the luckiest from that time to the present day."

Two years later the same collector got another scoop, purchasing nearly, if not quite all, of the 6 cents on 10 cents inverted surcharge of 1891, but that is another story.

India: Inverted Heads.—Starting off with twenty-eight examples of the curious Scindes, there were upwards of sixty lots of India and the Convention States, some fine 4 annas, *e.g.,* a vertical pair, plate I, unused £122; a superb part sheet of twelve, plate III, £592. The inverted centres, of which there were two, went cheaply, the first and better of the two copies fetching £62, and the second, sold along with a no-centre curio, brought only £37 10s. The inv
errors were secured by Mr. R. Rob
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microscope to "find the lady."

Labuan.—A pretty lot of La
Queen's Heads included some scarce
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blue (S.G. No. 12), sold for £21
while two of the manuscript dollar
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The best price obtained in the Lab
was for these three 6 cents on 40c an
used, and the 6 cents on 16c blue,
on 40c amber inverted; the three fet
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Straits and Bangkok.—Among
Straits Settlements, of which there
an extensive collection, were two
amples of that curious provisional
Manuscript "2" on 1½c, which, alth
known from early times, is a mys
so far as its origin is concerned.
sold in a mixed lot of twenty of
1867 issue for £18 10s. The scarce
grey, perforated 12½, was also
mixed lot.

A fine unused copy of Bangkok,
1, fetched £18 10s, and the two "
CENTS" on 32c pale red, illustrated, sh
ing the two types, went for £13.

A pair of Campeche, used on le
fetched £204, and presented a wonde
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lection of 341 stamps, on which the
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The designs are by Vittorio Grassi, and on the 25-cent lake-brown is an allegorical combination showing the Sword of Right in the Flame of Love. The 80-cent blue depicts the Mazzini monument near Genoa. Carducci's epitaph reads, "L'uomo che tutto sacrifico, che amo tanto, e molti campati, e non odio mai," which may be rendered as, "The man who sacrificed all, who loved much, pitied much, and never hated." These designs have been engraved by Signor Blasi and the stamps surface-printed on white wove paper, watermarked with a crown and perforated 14.

Mazzini sought to obtain a free and united Italy, and it is a free and united country which is doing honor to Garibaldi's old companion; but it is not the Italy for which he strove, for a kingdom was the last thing in the world which the Peoples' International League and its founder wished to see. When the Italian monarchy was established Mazzini wrote: "I too have striven to realize unity under a monarchical flag. The Italian people," he added, "are led astray by a delusion, a delusion which has induced them to substitute material for moral unity and their own reorganization. Not so I. I bow my head sorrowfully to the sovereignty of the national will, but monarchy will never number me among its servants or followers." It was this antipathy to the new régime which prevented him from taking the oath of allegiance when elected a delegate for Messina in 1865.

There appears to be an ever-increasing interest displayed by collectors to learn more about the different stamps they collect, and particulars at one time considered as mere sidetracks of philately have now become of paramount interest. Here we may class stamp, designs and all, about the people and places depicted there. The issue with which we are dealing now offers quite a fund of interest, both to the collector and to the general reader. Here we have a prominent revolutionist and exile with a special series of commemorative stamps in his honor. The son of a professor at the University at Genoa, Mazzini was born on June 22, 1805, and while yet very young entered the university. He studied law, and was graduated at the age of 21. It was during his student days that he developed a taste for writing, and his first essay was entitled "Dante's Love of Country."

Soon we find him taking a more active interest in politics and an enthusiastic member of the Carbonari, a connection which was to bring him into his first conflict with the powers that be. Intrusted with a secret mission to Tuscany, he was betrayed, while initiating a new member, to the Piedmontese authorities, and was imprisoned in the fortress of Savona on the Western Riviera for six months. The evidence against him was not convincing and he was released, but he was now a marked man and his liberty so restricted that he left the country to commence what was to become a long life of exile. France was his first refuge, and we hear of him at Marseilles. He appears to have tired of the Carbonari and their theatrical and puerile ways. As the founder and leader of "Young Italy" his name was familiar enough in European politics of those days, and in course of time this organization became "Young Europe," to include in its ranks Poles, Germans, Italians, Savoyards and French. With his fellow exiles at Lyons he started "La Giovini Italia."

There were three futile attempts between the years 1831 and 1834. In 1837 he came to London and found a home with the brothers Ruffini, in the neighborhood of the Euston Road. Here he became a prolific writer, but his inability to write in English prevented it being better known, and his work lost by translation. He had other activities, too, and did much good work in looking after poor Italian boys who were lured to London by rascally padrones in those days. David Masson gives a vivid pen picture of Mazzini at this period and speaks of him as the man "with the marvelous face, the forehead full and high under the dark hair, the whole expression impassioned and sad, and the eyes large, black and preternaturally burning." The Peoples' International League, which included many English sympathizers, was started in 1847, and in the following year he was again on Italian soil and a participator in the unsuccessful revolution in Rome, after which he fled to Switzerland, returning to London after about two years.

After 1870 his days of conspiracy were ended, and the following year he left England for the last time. In Italy, and more especially in his native Genoa, his name is still one to conjure with, and they still tell how in the old days, when the exile visited the town of his birth, workmen with arms concealed watched the road from the station to his lodgings to prevent possible arrest. This is a brief sketch of the man who has been added to the portrait gallery of postage stamps, and Mazzini will take his place with his colleague Garibaldi, in whose honor a stamp was issued in 1910.—*Christian Science Monthly.*

OUR FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB.

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We received week by week a great many testimonials as to the value of the WEEKLY. We very seldom print them, but in this instance break over our rule in quoting a letter from a prominent New York collector, Edward S. Knapp, who accompanies the above words of commendation with a five years' renewal of subscription. A letter such as this gives one new heart and new ambition to do his level best.

We are very glad to enter J. W. Willy of Stockton, Cal., as a member of the Five-Year Renewal Club. Mr. Willy is chief deputy in the office of the County Assessor of San Joaquin County, Cal. He is a longtime subscriber to the WEEKLY.

Rev. Peter Pfister of Garfield, N. J., expresses his confidence in the WEEKLY by making the necessary remittance to cover a five years' renewal. Father Pfister is associated with the Franciscan Fathers at the Church of the Most Holy Name. He is keenly interested in philately and we thank him for this evidence of good will.

The fourth application for membership this week comes from Valley City, N. D., where Vernon T. Gale is connected with the Post Office Department. In remitting his renewal for five years he states that he has been reading the WEEKLY for twenty-five years. A portion of his letter will bear reproduction:—"You are getting out a fine paper, only it does not come out often enough." Welcome to the Honor Club.

In the same mail a remittance was received from Geo. H. Grinnell of Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Grinnell is well known and seeks admission to the charmed circle "lest the calamity of an expired subscription shall come upon me unexpectedly." It is needless to say that we approve Mr. Grinnell's good judgment.

Just as we go to press we have received from Arthur M. Goldman of Brooklyn, N. Y., a remittance of $5 for a five-years' subscription for Arthur H. Lamborn, Montclair, N. J. We think it very proper to include Mr. Lamborn's name in our honor club, and take pleasure in introducing him as a member.

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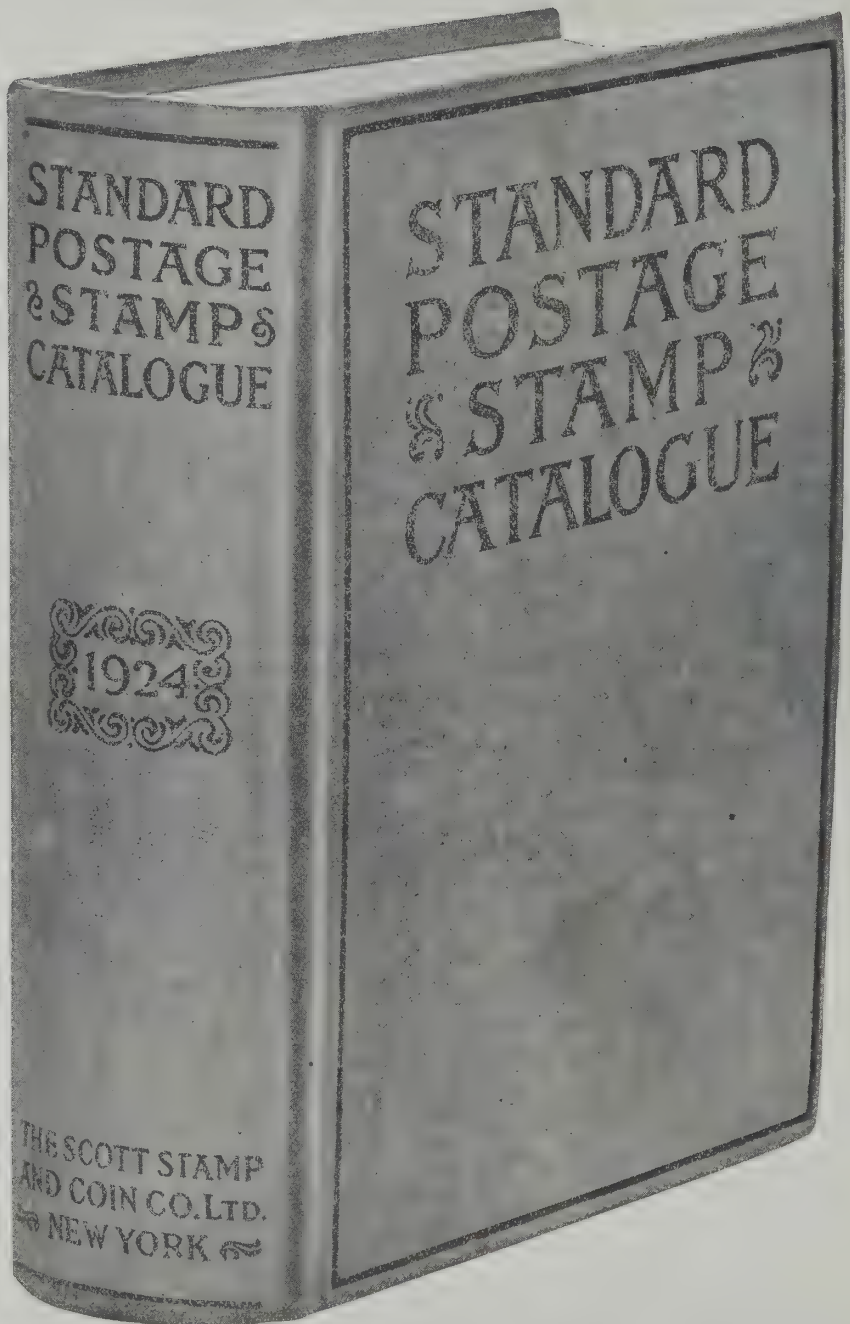
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THE PORTRAIT OF THE U. S. 5c 1847.

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There has always been a question in the minds of the collectors of United States stamps as to the original of the Franklin portrait shown on the United States 5c 1847.

There have been guesses and suppositions in unusual quantity, but the subject has remained unsolved until, I believe, this writing, with which I propose to disclose for the benefit of Philately, and incidentally for the benefit of Government History, where the portrait which was used for our "first" United States postage originated.

I regret my haste in disclosing this without giving more study to the matter, but it is a matter that should not be delayed in being set before students of our stamps. Therefore I jump immediately into print and let collectors have the benefit of what I believe I have discovered.

Dr. Carroll Chase, in his magnificent work on the 1847 issue, which was published in *The Philatelic Gazette* in 1916, gives the official description of the 5c:

"FIVE CENTS. Portrait of Franklin, after painting by John B. Longacre, three-quarters face, looking to the left, on an oval disc with dark ground, white neckerchief and fur collar to coat," etc.

Dr. Chase continues: "Of 'John B. Longacre', a painter, mentioned in the official description of the 5 cents stamp, I have been unable to find any trace even in the New York Public Library. There is no doubt that the artist meant was James Barton Longacre, who was born in Delaware County, Pa., August 11, 1794, and died in Philadelphia, Pa., January 1, 1869. He was most famous as an engraver and die sinker, although he was also an artist with the brush and pencil. He certainly was unusually versatile. With James Herring of New York, and afterward alone, he issued the 'National Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Americans' (3 vols., New York, 1834-9). Many of the portraits in this work were either engraved by Longacre himself, or from drawings made by him. The first plate in the second volume is the familiar portrait of Franklin (see Figure 8). Beneath it appears 'Eng'd by R. W. Dodson from a Painting after an original Miniature in the possession of W. J. Duane, Esquire'. The stamp portrait is a faithful copy of this engraving except that Franklin is shown facing a little to the left, instead of a bit to the right as in the original."

I have in my collection quite an array of the broken-bank bills with engravings printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, and other engravers and printers, but I have never yet been satisfied that any of these engravings were the originals of the 5c '47. Likewise I have never been convinced that the Dodson engravings used in the National Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Americans was the original of the stamp portrait.

The New York *Times Magazine,* Sunday, October 14, 1923, contains a wonderfully composed article on the "Much-Pictured Ben Franklin" by John Clyde Oswald. He tells us:

"The most familiar and the most famous portraits of Franklin are those by Joseph Sifrede Duplessis. They are in the possession of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, the New York Public Library, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and several others are in private hands. The New York Historical Society possesses what is either an original Duplessis or a good copy. It is accepted by experts as a genuine Duplessis, but is not signed or inscribed, and there is no record of its early history."

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The 5c '47 was no doubt engraved in New York City, therefore it is more reasonable to suppose that a New York portrait was copied rather than a Philadelphia painting or engraving, and as I have stated there is something about th expression of Franklin's face which both the N. Y. Hist. Soc. portrait and the stamp have which do not appear in any other previously supposed originals. The engraver made a wonderfully accurate copy for the stamp, if one compares the attributed Duplessis portrait with the stamp engraving.

In conclusion, I may be permitted to state that the "broken-bank" bill engraving which closely resembles the stamp is probably by Dodson or Longacre after Longacre's copy of the miniature, altho even here descriptions of the engraving and miniature would not agree with each other.

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(Clipping from H. M. Konwiser.)

One of the finest collections of United States stamps to come into the auction room for some time is that of Seth Sprague Terry, lawyer of this city, which will be sold by J. C. Morgenthau & Co. on Nov. 7, 8 and 9 at the Collectors' Club, 120 West Forty-ninth Street. The extent of Mr. Terry's collection will doubtless be a surprise to many of his friends and the close attention that he gave in securing all possible varieties of many values places him well in the front ranks of philatelists. Mr. Terry also had the hobby of getting his United States stamps, so far as possible, in blocks of four, and among the early issues he had some very rare blocks. The catalogue, which has just been issued, discloses the fact that some of these choice items were obtained from the Worthington collection sold several years ago.

Of the 1,464 lots in the catalogue, 1,245 lots comprise United States stamps, including 35 lots of the Confederate States. Practically all of the later issues, from 1882, gave each value in unused blocks of four and in very many cases there are larger blocks. This block collecting has become a specialized feature of the philatelic hobby within comparatively recent years. To many of the advanced collectors single copies of a stamp no longer give the thrill which comes to the youthful collector when he obtains a new specimen. They want pairs or blocks and as four unsevered stamps in a block of four—to be correct they must come in two connected horizontal pairs—present an attractive appearance, the demand for these blocks, especially in United States stamps, has increased to a remarkable degree.—N. Y. *Times.*

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By Frank Godden.

I am somewhat diffident about undertaking a review of a catalogue which is recognised by all collectors and dealers throughout the world as a standard work and the leading authority on the stamps of the United States of America.

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ranscribed by ALDEN M. WHEELER.

) *March*—Comes this day a letter rn Sir William, my father, telling me the hour of their arrival, and chiding cause I write not to my Lady Mother. l he is right, and I do wholly wish o write her and to do all to pleasure but as the spirit is brave and gallant do wish all things to be most pleas- for her, the stubborn flesh is weak I do procrastinate and do ever say ill write to-morrow, and so great passes and I feel ashamed and sorry yself that I do so neglect her and do e her pain and make her to think I am ld son and not dutiful. But I glad to e from Sir William and most sweet to k that they do arrive so soon now, but day hence. My wife do come to my of- and do beguile from me 2 pounds say- in the pretty way she hath to get coin n me that she do make ready for my y Mother and Sir William's visit, gh God knows they would be very orants could they devour 2 pounds ood in so short of a time. But I do ect my wife do go to the linen er's and to the hairdresser and do r her needs for food, so she mayhap have left some change for her own gs. She very quaint always when do ask me for money and fair-speak- She is a spritely wench and I do her much. I not feeling well e afternoon do go home and lie on couch, my head akeing. Early I ard all a-gog for tomorrow and my parents coming.

3 *March*—This day late in the after- , in their Hudson coach, comes my Mother and Sir William and we o to the Inn in town and like old ; it was to see them and to talk and ver all that has passed between the we last saw them and now, this months Back home and after chatting awhile we all to bed they tired from their long ride. All very happy to be together again. My Lady Mother do bring a quart of Canadian Club and we do make merry with part of it in honor of their coming. And so to bed.

Lord's Day, 1 April—Praise God, I have this day reached 34 years of age, and in good health and with a good mother and wife and all my family alive and well and with Good Fortune on us all. At noon to the Inn, where we did have a most excellent dinner served well and after to the train with Sir William, who must needs go to San Francisco on business of his tenants and his bankers. My Lady Mother do intend to stay with us biding his return and my wife and I pleased beyond measure at that. So home and to dine at home, and My Lady Mother do give me 2 pints of champayne, which we do drink to my birthday, with much merriment. To talk and to bed, I praising God for all his goodness.

2 April—Monday and very busy at my office and sorry not being able to see more of My Mother but this is the busy time with me, and making vast numbers of accompts of my month's work. Comes a packet from Master Hussman of St. Louis, containing adhesivs for me to select from, but the wight is so tardy and behind time that I have already ordered to meet my present needs from Master Harris of Boston, Master Egner of Philadelphia and Master Roessler of Newark, so he must needs go without though I would have given him some were he not so slow in his despatch of business. To town and do get my birthday present at the Inn, whither my Mother had sent it, and I am pleased with it marvellous, it being a travelling bag of good honest leather, and my initials on it, very handsome and pretty to look on and now I do wish to journey that I may display it and pleasure in it. After dinner home and chatting and talking of all things and to bed.

10 June, Lord's Day—Up betimes and with a merrie heart, with all the birds a-caroling their pretty lays and the June day resplendent like any Seebeckian galaxy of color. This long time, I have made no entry in my journal and this morning I do with high resolve swear to be at it again and keep to it with a right good will. In the afternoon, do play at ball in the fields and we do vanquish the others by 10 to 3. I do get two blows, both for single bases and at the first base do care for all that comes my way with agility and a high skill. At night to the Inn, but I with a cold and my head aking do not enjoy it muchly. To the Playhouse, where do see Mistress Dorothy Dalton, Master Kosloff and Master De Roche in a gipsy play. Very good, and my wife do sit on the end of her chair, when the fire do leap up the minaret, in which last lie Mistress Dalton, and Master De Roche helpless and distressed. To bed and ill and do take callomel and very worn and sick.

11 June—My body lame and I sore distressed. Lie at my home and go not to the office till after midday and then only till the Royal Post is despatched. Home again and getting our orders out, but I with no spirit in it. Comes some new Mexico stamps from my Lady Mother she does barter for in Ensenada and also a letter from Master Passmore crying his wares. I lying talking to my wife, who doth sew on some woman's frippery. We last night did go again to Master Jones of Santa Maria and do view his U. S. adhesivs. He very entertaining and to tell us of his find of the "Kicking Mule" cancell at Goleta, Calif., and I do see the *American Philatelic Journal* do comment on it and him. To bed and I do hope that I do be mended in the morrow.

22 June—This eleven days have I been distraught and ill of a megrim, two days in bed and other days but little better. And so doth my Journal lie cast aside and naught entered therein. But this day do feel well and blithe again and to my labours with a right merrie heart and do attend my businesses with pleasure. At night to the Playhouse, where Mistress Sophie Tucker do disport for the pleasure of the groundlings in "The Pepper Box Review." Very excellent discourse of sweet music and pleasant reverberation of jazz songs. No music of the lute and harp, but much blowing of the saxaphone and drums beating, but withal most witty and comick and I do chortle now and then and again do laugh aloud like any lack-wit. So home and to bed, and reading Master Bloss' letter to Master Severn and he do make much to-do and pother over the dealer's trials and he is right, as a great number of collectors wot not the miserable practices of certain sorry knaves that we encounter. Master Bloss hath the comick gift and I did laugh at his sharp wit. To sleep and slept well this night.

23 June—Up betimes and labouring at my office all morning and in the afternoon to town and did encounter Master Jeff Jones and did purchase from him two copies of the five dollar 1902 reissue that he had lately come by. All afternoon with my wife putting pochetts or my own collection and whilst we did labour at it, we do have great argument as to which is which in our firm name She do claim that she is Wheeler of Wheeler and Wheeler and that I, who God knows am more versed in philatelic knowledge, and "and Wheeler." I do protest that I am the first named, and she doth prevail upon me that she be first, and so back and forth, until I do say, with a sly cunning, that she may be the first as always the first named is the elder, whereat the pretty wench do abandon all her logic and argument and do concede me first and so thru woman's frailty anent age, I do assume the first place. At night comes a post from Master Bloss, who is in charge of Sir Bertram Poole's shoppe, whilst he do stay in London Town at the Exhibition. He do send me two stamps that I did bespeak of him for one of my clients, and also a $1 Omaha, which I ordered four months agone. The stamps he do charge me mightily for, altho Sir Bertram do tell me of certain concessions he would make me. But Sir Bertram being gone, a-gadding about in London, I the innocent must suffer for it. I would he would stay home, as his absence do cost me near three shillings. Also Master Bloss do dunn me for 8 shillings, 3½ pence for stamps my wife do buy in March, and I do send him the cancelled cheque and I doubt not he will be chagrined that he come a-dunning when long ago his score was paid. I do write him caustic words, but with good nature and a laugh underneath, which I do think that he will see. All evening making ready books for our clients, and so ends this week, my wife happy and I too and all agog against the morrow, which is her natal day.

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Chester J. Moore, 106 Hamilton Street, Albany, writes: "Am greatly interested in the notes in MEKEEL'S. They are stimulating the search after dots, dashes and other missing links. After reading a recent issue, I went over a lot of the two cent brown, 1883, and found those with the shade beneath the medallion about equal in number to those without. I also found in an average of one to ten stamps that after the figure "2" is what I call a white line running down the right hand side of the curved part of the two. This cannot be due to rubbing as all the specimens seem to run alike. One stamp has a small pearl (presumably in the same location) instead of the line. What in your opinion is this line and how formed?"

Regarding the white line and pearl at right of "2" that Mr. Moore speaks of, won't some reader who has made a study of this interesting stamp give us his opinion as to whether it was due to a lack of proper inking (dry-printing) or is it a true plate variety?

HERMANN SUBMISSIONS.

Charles H. Hermann, 3652½ South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, Cal., submits some interesting varieties. One is a three cent 1869 showing a dot under the left leg of the "H" of "Three." A horizontal line crosses this dot about one-half millimeter under the bottom of the design. This line extends clear across the stamp from left to right. A vertical line also crosses the dot, running at right angles to the other line, extending upwards into the design and off the stamp at the top perforation line. These are guide lines, running through a guide line, I believe.

He shows a three cent 1873, which shows a mussy design due to being what I have seen described by some stamp dealers as a wet plate or wet printing. Or it may have been overinked.

Another stamp displayed is the one cent 1887, showing a partial double perforation. At the lower left of the stamp four perforations of a second row of bottom perfs. show.

Mr. Hermann says that "double transfers on the two cent brown, 1882, are very common and may be found at any corner of the shield, etc." He mentions that this is a cheap stamp to study. Personally, I wouldn't say that shifted transfers on any U. S. stamp are exactly common. There are more examples of shifted transfers to be found on the two cent 1883, I believe, than on almost any other stamps of the 1870 to 1889 vintage, but they are not exactly common.

Many readers have sent to the editor specimens or asked questions about stamps after 1889. It is not our purpose in this department to consider stamps after this date. The reason for this decision is that the line had to be drawn somewhere and, as the title indicates that early low values specialized are those under consideration, it seemed logical to draw the line at the time the Bureau took over the printing of U. S. stamps.

However, the stamps of this country from 1890 on present a fascinating field for the specialist and the low values may be secured in quantities and at a minimum of costs. More and more collectors are going in for these and their value is constantly increasing, as is seen by the latest catalogue. We have nothing against this later phase of the game. It is a royal game and worthy of serious attention of studious collectors. More power to the specialists in the later issues.

E. A. Young, No. 363 Third Avenue, West Haven, Conn., sends in some curious plate varieties on the old favorite, the three cent green of 1870, 1873 and 1879. One copy, a stamp of 1873, according to a penciled date on the envelope although the stamp really looks like an American printing rather than a Continental, shows a distinct straight line parallel with the lower edge of the design running across the stamp through the figure "3" at the bottom and showing in some of the letters of "Three Cents." The writer has a copy of the plate variety which he obtained from Mr. Young, which is indisputably a stamp of the 1879 vintage. This shows the line in the same position but a little more clearly and it is evident that the line continues beyond the design of the stamp at the right, running clear through the perforations. This therefore would probably have shown on the next stamp and may be a cracked plate. Will some reader inform this department whether plate cracks are ever absolutely straight lines. The writer has believed that cracks usually came more or less irregular in shape and that when a line was found straight enough to have been mechanically ruled by a sharp instrument on the plate it was more of the nature of a guide line. The two stamps mentioned are on cover, the one belonging to Mr. Young being postmarked Worcester, Mass., Nov. 15, and the writer's, Stockton, Cal., Oct. 19.

The next specimen submitted by Mr. Young is a cancellation that I have
casionally seen on the three cent gre

He asks if this is a caricature
human head or an attempt at a garg
or something of the kind. The canc
tion is large enough to cover about t
fourths of the stamp in solid black
is roughly the shape of a pie with
fair sized piece cut out, that is,
is a triangular opening in the solid
sphere extending to the middle. Ye
circle does seem to be irregular a
top and bottom, above and below
triangular opening, so that it might
as Mr. Young suggests, a caricatur
a human head, a lock of hair at
a mouth widely opened and sort
chin at the bottom. Who can throw
light on this cancellation? The
mark on cover is Worcester, Mass.

Another three cent green of the
tinental printing, date on cover, Ja
Jun. 22, 1879, shows a plate flaw i
nature of a fairly thick green line
tending from the queue of Washing
wig on the right hand side of the st
crossing the lines of the backgr
within the oval, white and shaded f
of the oval and about halfway thr
the vertical background lines at the
of the oval. To me, this looks li
cut in the plate made by a slip of a
graver's tool. Very interesting a
would like to see its mate. Postma
Oxford, Me.

Next comes a three cent green, 187
on cover from Middletown, Conn., s
ing a guide line extending clear a
the bottom of the stamp, about one
millimeter below the bottom of the s
design, intersected at the extreme
by a vertical line which extends up
through the design of the stamp.
the lower left where these two line
tersect at right angles, they pass thr
a distinct dot. The location of this
is just under the space between the
and "H" of "Three." Although the
tical line in Mr. Young's copy does
show at the top of the stamp, I
copies which show this line exten
clear through the design and off
stamp at the perforation lines at the
Also have copies showing the horiz
line alone at the bottom, some pas
through the dot and others with no s
of dot. This, I believe, is a true g
line and dot variety and it is foun
the American, Continental and Nati
printings. It is quite a scarce var

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Another of Mr. Young's submissions a cracked or scratched plate on the ree cent Continental printing, cover arked in pencil, 1878, postmark, Hoboen, N. J., May 7. The line in this case tarts in the background lines of Washgton's shoulder, runs diagonally downard, crossing the white frame of the val just above the "N" of "Cents," connues downward and to the right across e vertical lines of the background at e lower right of the shield, crosses bel and the upper part of the "S" of Cents" and continues across the white pace outside of the design clear to the erforations. This line goes off the amp at about the middle of the second erforation at the lower right. I think is is a genuine cracked plate, although r. Young calls it a scratched plate. It uns in a pretty straight line but is not arallel to any of the lines of the design, unning diagonally as it does, and shows ny traces of irregularity, such as a rack might show. It is a rare item.

Another three cent green, American rinting, shows a rather thick line runing from the top of the "R" of "Three" the bottom, crossing the white frame the oval about the first "E" of "Three" nd running into the lines of the background within the oval.

How many readers have the varieties oted in this article? Most of them, I elieve, are scarce and some even rare.

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By Franklin S. Smith.

The printed monogram, dated cancellations of this company are more or less familiar to the collectors of U. S. revenues, and next to the "Dr. K. & Co. I. R." on postage stamps the most popular. Before making these cancellations a number of "provisionals" were used, regarding which the following letter dated June 26, 1903, is interesting.

"*****When the Internal Revenue Law went into effect on July 1, 1898, we bought what might be called a 'job lot' of revenue stamps from the United States Revenue office in St. Louis. These stamps were of all denominations, from ¼c to 2½c and the quantity furnished did not supply our needs for more than two or three days. We therefore had provisional 2½c stamps printed on white paper and we used these provisional stamps for about a week or ten days, before we received notice that 2½c regular stamps could be obtained.

When using the smaller denominations of revenue stamps, on or about July 1, 1898, we found that to make 2½c for each package required an additional ⅛c stamp. This the government could not furnish, so we had printed a small quantity of ⅛c provisional stamps to be used with the regular stamps to make up 2½c. We cannot recall just the denomination of stamps we used with the ⅛c provisional, but there may have been a 2c and a ⅜c and a provisional ⅛c to make up 2½c. There were various denominations which when added together would make 2⅜c this requiring an additional ⅛c stamp, but just what denominations we had, we cannot now recall. The ⅛c provisionals were printed on yellow paper to distinguish them from the 2½c provisionals, and very few were used, probably not over 500, but possibly 1,000."

The Antikamnia Company,
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The provisionals were worded as follows, which was identical with those used by at least seven other St. Louis makers of proprietary articles:

"Internal Revenue Tax, 2½c
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Frank A. Ruf, *Pres. & Treas.*,
St. Louis, Mo."

Both the stamps were gummed, and cut 2¼"x1½". They were cancelled with a rubber hand-stamp and purple ink, the design of which was that of an AK tablet actual size surrounded by a wreath with ribbons. Above, the title of the company, and below, the date, July 1, 1898.

At this time there was also used a gummed label of the same size, as follows:

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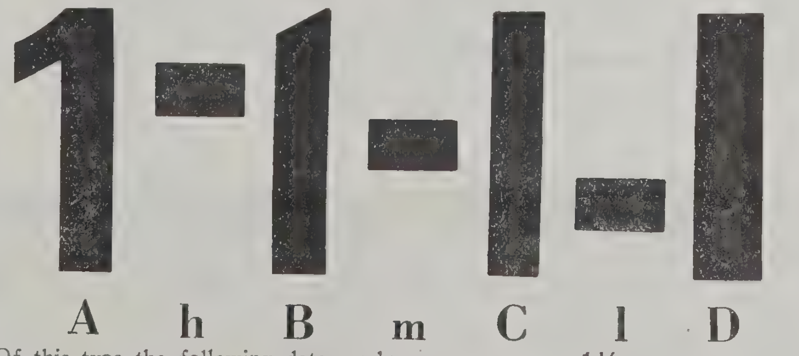
St. Louis, Mo."

The 2c and ⅜c stamps referred to in the above letter are not known to exist; the only cancellations being on the ⅝c, 1¼c, 2½c, and 3¾c. Previous to the printed cancellations the same hand-stamp and ink were used to cancel the regular issue ⅝c up, down, and horizontally, and the 2½c up and down.

When a full supply of the necessary regular issue was obtained, a printed cancellation followed; an electrotyped design consisting of a large AK in the center, above it the title, "The Antikamnia Chemical Co." in a curve conforming to the frame of the picture of the battleship. Below it the dates were type-set, and the figures from two different fonts were used; the earlier dates with a heavy, and later with a smaller and lighter type. The numerals of the earlier dates were from a font of "block type" among which four varieties of the figure 1 are found. Type A with a serif; B with none, but with a pointed top; C with a square top, and D much thicker and also with a square top. On the 3¾c two kinds of 0 were used: the ordinary oval cipher, and an almost circular O. There are also three positions of the hyphens between the numerals, above the central line, at the central line, and below the central line. The combinations of the different numerals and the positions of the hyphens make a very interesting series of varieties. The following diagram will illustrate the above description.



Of this type the following dates and varieties are known.

⅝c

OCT—1898 A, B.

1-¼c

5-12-1900

mAmA, mAhA, hAmA, mAmB, mAmC, mAhC, hAmC, mChA, hCmA.

5-18-1900

mAmA, mAhA. hAmA, mAmC, mCmA, hCmA, hChA, hBhA, mBhA.

5-26-1900

mmA, hmA, mhA, hhA, mmC.

6-9-1900

mmA, mhA, hmA, mmC.

6-19-1900

mAmA, mAhA, hAmA, mAmC, hAmC, mChA.

7-1-1900

mAmA, mAhA, hAmA, mAmC,

7-13-1900

mAmA, mAhA, hAmA, mAmC, mCmA.

7-24-1900

mmA, mhA, hmA, mmC, hmC.

8-10-1900

mAmA, mAhA, hAmA, mAmC, hAmC.

8-21-1900

mAmA, mAhA, hAmA, mAmC, hAmC, mChA.

9-6-1900

mmA, mhA, hmA, mmC.

10-29-1900

mmA, mmC.

2-½c

AUG—1898 A.
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81	2c Unused or Used	.55
*83	5c Ultramarine	.65
*85	1sol Rose	5.75
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*97	5c Blue	.33
*103	5c Blue	.12
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114	Same Used	.13
115	1sol Unused or Used	.16
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319	10c (Original)	.60
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323	Same Used	.08
*324	10c Orange	.12
324	Same Used	.08
*325	20c Blue	.27
325	Same Used	.08
*326	50c Brown	.65
326	Same Used	.13
*327	1c Bistre, Original	.80
*331	20c Blue	.13
*332	50c Red	.17
332	Same Used	.12
*333	1sol Brown	.26
333	Same Used	.22
*334	5soles Green	1.00
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*338	5c on 20c	.18
*339	1c on 10c	.15
*401	1c Lilac	.12
*402	2c Bistre	.30
402	Same Used	.35
*403	5c Blue	.50
404	10c Brown	.70
*405	20c Red	1.50
*407	1c on 20c	1.25
408	1c on 50c Unused or Used	1.25
451	1c Unused or Used	.16
452	2c Unused or Used	.13
*453	5c Orange	.32
454	10c Unused or Used	.19
*457	1sol Brown	.85
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1–3–1899

AmmA, AmhA, CmmC, CmhC, ChmC.

1–5–1899

AmhA, AhmA, AhhA, CmmB, CmmC, CmhC, ChmC.

1–12–1899

AmChA, AhCmA, ChChB, CmCmC, CmChC, ChCmC, ChChC.

1–18–1899

AmChA, AhChA, ClBlB, CmCmC, CmChC, ChCmC, ClBlC.

1–31–1899

AmCmA, CmCmC, CmChC, ChCmC.

6—JEWETT—OCT. 20.—

2–7–1899

mhA, hmA, hhA, mmC, mhC.

2–20–1899

mmA, mhA, hmA, hhA, mlB, mlC, lmC, hlC, lmD.

3–6–1899

mlB, mmC, llC.

3–17–1899

mAmA, hAmA, hAhA, mAmC.

4–3–1899

mmA, hmA, mlB, lmC, llC.

4–14–1899

mAhA, hAmA, mAmC, mBlB, mBlC, lClC, lClD.

5–1–1899

mAmA, hAmA, mAmC, hBmC, lBmC.

5–22–1899

mmA, mhA, hmA, mlB, mmC, mlC, llC, lmD.

6–23–1899

mmA, hmA, hhA, mmB, mlB, mmC, lmD.

7–20–1899

mmA, mhA, hmA, mmC, hmC, llC, lmD.

8–1–1899

mAhA, hAmA, hAhA, lBlC, lBmD.

8–15–1899

mAhA, hAmA, mAmC, hAmC, mBlB, mBlC, mDlC.

8–21–1899

hAmA, hAhA, lBmC, lBlC, lClC.

9–1–1899

mBlB.

9–16–1899

mAmC, mBmB, lBmC.

9–26–1899

mmA, mhA, hmA, mmB, lmC, hmC, mmC, mlC, lmD.

10–4–1899

AmmA, AmhA, AhmA, AhhA, AmmC, AhmC, BmlB, BllC, CmmB, BmmB, BlmC, BlmD, BmlC, CllC, CmlC, ClmD, DlmC, DmlC.

10–10–1899

AmAhA, AhAmA, AhAhA, ClClC.

10–23–1899

AmmA, AmhA, AhmA, AhhA, AmmC, AllC, BmlB, BlmB, BlmC. BllC, CmmB.

11–3–1899

AAmmA, BBmlC, BBllC, CCmmC, CCllC.

11–17–1899

AAmChA, AAhCmA, AAmCmB, BBlBlC, CCmBlB, CCmCmC.

11–27–1899

AAmmA, AAmmC, AAhhA, AAhmC, BBmlD, BBllC, CCmmC.

12–12–1899

AmAhA, AhAmC, BmCmB, BlBlC, CmCmC, ClClC.

12–23–1899

CmhA, BlmC, CllC.

1–2–1900

AmmA, AmhA, AhhA, AmmC, BlmC, CmmC.

1–15–1900

AmAhA, AhAmA, AmAmC, AmCmA, AmChA, AmCmC, AhAhA, BlBmC, BmBlB, BmBlC, CmAmC, ClBmC, ChChA.

2–6–1900

mhA, hmA, hhA, mmC, mlC, llC, lmD.

2–23–1900

mmA, mhA, hmA, mmC, mlC, llC, lmD.

3-¾c

9–6–1900

mmA, mhA, hmA, hhA, mmC, hmC.

9–14–1900

mAmA, mAhA, hAmA, hAhA, mAmC, hAmC, mCmA.

9–27–1900

mmA, mhA, hmA, hhA, mmC.

10–11–1900

AmAAmC, CmAAhA, CmCChA, ChAAhA, CmCCmC.

10–22–1900

AhmA, AmmC, CmmA, ChmA, CmhA, ChhA, CmmC.

10–29–1900

AmmC, CmhA, ChhA, CmmC, ChmC.

11–12–1900

CChAhA, CCmCmA, CCmChA, CChCmA, CCmCmC.

I have the following blocks, and others probably exist.

1-¼c 7-24-1900

mhA mmA mmC mmA
mmc hmA mhA hmA
mmC mmC hmC mmC
mhA mhA mhA hmA

2-½c 1-15-1900

AmCmA AmCmA AhAhA
AhAmA, AhAmA, ChChA
CmAmC CmAmC CmAmC
BmBlB BmBlC ClBlC

3-¾c 10-22-1900

AmmC CmmA CmmA CmmA
CmhA AhmA CmhA CmhA
CmmC CmmC CmmC CmhA
CmhA ChmA ChmA CmmA

With the figures in small type:

⅝c

4 3 1900, 4 3 1900 inverted, 4 3 190 (last cipher missing.)

1-¼c

4 3 1900, 3–1–1901.

3-¾c

11 20 1900, 12 3 1900, 12 18 1900, 1 4 1901, 1 15 1901, 2 11 1901, 3 1 1901, 3 15 1901, 4 1 1901, 4 8 1901, 5 6 1901, 5 16 1901. The 5 6 1901 also exists with a broken 6 which looks like an "s."

Purple hand-stamp with wreath and monogram. July 1, 1898:

⅝c

Reading up, reading down, reading horizontally.

2-½c

Reading up, reading down.

Purple hand-stamps.

2-½c

5 1 1899 Antikamnia Co.	Horizontally.
Antikamnia Co. 5 1 1899	Diagonally down.
Antikamnia Co. MAY 1 1899	Diagonally up.

3-¾c

AK CO AK 6–15–01 AK CO AK	Horizontally.

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Eugene Klein, Stamp Dealer, Gets Roll of German Money.

(Clipping from Geo. M. Emery.)

Eugene Klein, a Philadelphia dealer stamps, has returned from Hambu bringing with him 200,000,000 Germ marks. It was his change from payi the taxi driver who drove him to steamer in Hamburg.

Mr. Klein, traveling with his wife a two children, spent three months in a c cuit of Europe, which included Lond Paris, Switzerland, Italy, Hunga Austria and Germany.

The most striking statement which M Klein made was one showing the co trast in conditions and outlook on l between Austria and Germany.

In Vienna, where he attended t European stamp collectors' exhibition, found prosperity, even luxury. A samp fair which took place during his stay w attended by buyers from all of Euro and even from the United States, a there, as in the stores of the city, beau ful goods were on display. Every o was working steadily. This is due, sa Mr. Klein, to the action of the League Nations commission, which undertook put Austria on a sound economic foo ing. Money does not change in val from day to day. It is perfectly stabl although values are figured now thousands of kronen, which former were in kronen.

Germany, on the contrary, Mr. Kle found to be in a hopeless state. talked to many merchants. All of the felt that there is no remedy," he sai "On all sides I heard the merchant cla lamenting that they had not paid up aft the Peace Conference when the oppo tunity still existed. Nothing is definit They feel that they can count on nothin

"I saw great towns of smokestack Nurnberg, Leipzig, but no smoke w coming from any of them. There simply no reason to work. Coal is pr hibitive and many kinds of raw materi can't be bought at all. So the papers sa revolution, though the merchants do want it at all. I can't speak for th working people, for I happened not talk to any of them.

"Frequently I went into a store an asked for several of an article, and could get only one. For it doesn't pa to sell any more than is necessary to pa current expenses. If a merchant gains surplus one week, the marks he has le over will be of less value the next wee and with those same marks he will hav to pay increased wages and costs.

"I was never told a price offhan Goods on display bore index number which had to be multiplied by the quotation of marks at the time of the deal t get the selling price of the moment.

"Poor people simply can't get enoug food in the cities, and if they could is too expensive. In front of the Nurnberg station, I repeatedly saw hundred of children with go-carts in which to tak home food which their parents woul bring back from the country. Fourth class railway fares cost little, so that thi is the cheapest way to buy food, eve though the purchasers have to take all day trips of fifty or a hundred miles.

"Time is nothing. Rich people haven the heart to eat abundant food wher they may be seen. Many of them go fo occasional week-ends to Denmark o Switzerland or other countries to have a couple days of square meals where the won't be watched." — *Phila. Publi Ledger*.

Soviet Russia: *104, .85; *177, .10; *178, 10, *179, .10; *180a, .40; *181, .03; 182, .03; .83, .02; 184, .03; *185, .06; 186, .02; 186a, 04; 186c, .04; *188, .06; *189, .06; *190, .06; 91, .10; *191, .15; 192, .15; *192, .15; *193, 15; 193, .10; *194, .30; 194, .25; *195, .45; 95, .30; *196, .40; *197, .40; *198, .45; *199, 60; *200, .30; 200, .20; 201, .03; *202, .09; 03, .08; *204, 1.40; 205, .08; 206, .10; 210. 04; 212, .03; 213, .05; 214, .12; 215, .10; *211 o 215, .40; *216, .30; *217, .10; *218, .06; 219, .08; *219a, .10; *220, .07; 220, .04; *222, 10; 222, .04; *223, .15; 223, .06; *225, .40; 226, .50; 227, .07; *227, .08; *228, .12; 228, 10; *229, .15; 229, .05; *230, .06; *231, .06; 31, .04; *232, .10; 232, .10; *233, .10; 233, 4; *237, .10; 238, .04; 239, .05; 240, .06; 241, 6; *238 to 241, .50; *310, .12; *311, .70; 375, .90; *315 to 318, 1.00; *319 to 324, .80; 332 to 335, 1.50; *336 to 339, .35.

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CANADIAN NOTES AND NEWS.

By William Butler.

Toronto, Ontario, always enterprising sofar as cancellations go, is using two ncellations reading "Royal Winter air—Toronto—Nov. 20th to 28th," in ur lines, and "Use Postal Notes, Safe, heap, Convenient" in three lines.

In a recent issue of *Stamp Collecting* ondon, Eng.) a correspondent states at the colour of the current Canadian ree cent stamp is to be changed from own to carmine, and that an entirely w series, believed to be pictorial, and include the portrait of the Prince of ales, who recently visited his ranch in berta, is shortly to be issued. This is ws to us, for no confirmation has been ceived from Ottawa.

For many years Toronto was without local stamp club and all philatelic actities have been suspended, but of late number of stamp collectors in Tonto has increased so greatly that the istence of such a club is a vital necesy. Very soon a meeting is to be held the residence of a local collector, and is hoped that the "turn out" will be ge. Further particulars can be had m B. Turner, Box 24, Terminal Sta. ," Toronto, Can.

Fred. Jarrett in his book "Postage mps of Canada" gives some additional ails regarding Canadian aero stamps. the first issue, Toronto to Ottawa, of denomination of 25c, only 3,000 were ued; while of the $1 stamp, Toronto New York, the number was about same. In some instances these labels re on sale at Post Offices, but were in any sense official; these were, however, authorized by the Post Office Dept., as such rank as semi-official. Of the ronto-Hamilton $1 label issued in y, 1920, by the Grand Army of Canaa, an ex-service men's association, ich was amalgamated with another anization to form the "Grand Army United Veterans," little seems to be own. The work was done by Grip, ., Graphics Arts Bldg., Toronto, but other particulars are available.

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HOW MANY? HOW MUCH?

By Clarence J. West.

The collector of United States stamps—and who does not collect these most interesting and valuable bits of paper—must have wondered at times as he was studying the pages of his album, just how many United States stamps he should have, to say that he had a copy of each catalogued variety; and, what is even more important, how much such a collection would catalogue. Not that he had a ghost of a chance ever to realize such a collection. Just curiosity, that's all. Having had this question in my mind for some time, the advance sheets of Scott's 1924 catalogue prompted me to find the answers. After all, the only things needed are the price list, an adding machine and the time.

First of all come the provisionals; these we can put in a class by themselves, for many of us will not even see some of them. Scott lists a total of 37 priced varieties, 16 major and 1 minor, unused, and 15 major and 5 minor used, which catalogue at $38,733; $100, $43,650 and $950 respectively. That is, a complete set of the priced provisionals would cost us: Unused, $38,833; used, $44,600, or a total of $83,433. Then there are some unpriced varieties, and of some others, Scott says, "Several varieties of each." What's the use?

Our second difficulty will be met in the so-called Re-issues and Special printings. Most of these are priced unused only but are very scarce in any condition. I have been told that there are probably not more than a dozen complete sets of these in existence, so you see the average collector has no show at all. Anyway, they are as follows:

Issue	Number of Values	Cat. Unused	Price Used
1847	2	$ 8.50	
1857-1860	8	119.00	
1867	10	325.50	
1869	11	147.00	148.00
1873	11	1,170.00	
1875	2	1,350.00	
1879	13	3,200.00	
1882	1	50.00	
1883	2	65.00	

This table totals $6,435.00 for the unused sets and $148.00 for the 1869 used set. Then there is one horizontal pair of the 1883 issue at $150.00, or a grand total of $6,733.00, which we may also forget.

Now for some of the things which we may possess. In preparing these data, it seemed that it would be of most interest to follow Scott and list each issue separately. In the table given below, then, the first column gives the year of issue, the second, the total number of listed varieties, whether they are priced or not, the third, the number of unused major and minor varieties which are priced (that is, 2-4 indicates that there are two major and four minor varieties in that issue), the fifth and sixth columns give the catalogue prices for these varieties, while the last three columns give like information for the used major and minor varieties. A summary will be found at the end of the table.

Date of Issue	Total Varieties	No.	Unused Major	Minor	No.	Used Major	Minor
1847	10	2- 4	125.00	52.50	2- 6	31.00	1,763.00
1851-56	21	6- 5	231.00	105.00	10- 12	623.90	1,737.10
1860	3	3- 0	1,400.00	....	....	....	....
1857-1860	42	17- 19	910.25	367.55	11- 16	1,785.75	1,056.55
1861-1st	11	8- 2	5,000.00	825.00	2- 1	65.00	60.00
1861-2nd	30	10- 12	321.50	667.50	10- 14	55.73	600.78
1862-66	17	6- 3	153.25	41.00	5- 10	15.80	1,020.00
1867	48	20- 9	463.50	210.50	23- 10	5,332.83	295.92
1869	36	11- 13	178.00	12,950.50	11- 9	63.21	3,480.15
1870-71 with grill	12	11- 0	1,651.50	....	11- 1	321.18	125.00
1870-71 without grill	14	11- 1	127.25	10.00	11- 2	14.19	150.40
1873	43	10- 19	82.50	800.50	10- 17	10.49	2,385.81
1875	9	2- 4	7.00	69.50	2- 1	0.30	0.20
1879	18	9- 8	27.00	114.50	9- 7	5.31	6.80
1882	15	5- 9	9.00	45.50	5- 7	1.47	4.84
1883	5	2- 1	1.10	0.25	2- 1	0.16	0.01
1887	5	3- 2	1.10	75.00	3- 0	0.48	....
1888	7	4- 3	9.15	110.00	4- 0	4.80	....
1890-93	18	12- 5	8.34	2.03	12- 5	2.53	0.38
1893	25	17- 8	168.36	48.66	16- 8	37.85	16.26
1894	33	19- 10	55.80	125.40	19- 1	32.29	8.00
1895	23	16- 5	40.29	113.50	16- 6	16.85	83.13
1898-99	17	8- 9	6.06	15.83	8- 9	0.34	0.88
1898	11	9- 2	22.29	50.50	9- 1	18.77	0.35
1901	10	6- 4	1.48	1,030.00	6- 0	0.37	....
1902-03	30	17- 11	44.39	4.10	15- 10	11.51	0.31
1903	8	2- 4	0.26	60.95	2- 3	0.21	0.12
1904	6	5- 1	1.93	60.00	5- 0	0.50	....
1907	3	3- 0	0.30	....	3- 0	0.16	....
1908-09	36	36- 0	410.71	....	17- 0	2.21	....
1909	7	7- 0	1.04	....	6- 0	0.39	....
1910	24	22- 1	8.39	0.50	22- 0	5.81	....
1912-13	5	4- 1	0.80	0.50	4- 1	0.23	0.10
1915	5	4- 1	1.75	0.15	4- 1	0.30	0.03
1912-15	21	19- 1	11.73	0.25	19- 1	1.63	0.03
1914-15	41	33- 6	22.23	60.50	26- 6	1.51	35.08
1915	2	1- 0	1.25	....	....	....	....
1916-17	32	32- 0	791.37	....	31- 0	3.89	....
1917-19	36	19- 13	13.16	91.16	13- 8	0.52	0.26
1917	1	1- 0	6.00	....	....	....	....
1918	6	5- 1	14.10	750.00	3- 0	3.88	....
1918-20	17	7- 10	0.48	90.00	7- 4	0.32	0.12
1919	2	1- 1	0.06	1.50	1- 0	0.02	....
1919-21	7	3- 3	0.72	3.30	3- 1	0.49	0.30
1920	4	4- 0	4.20	....	4- 0	0.70	....
1922-23	25	25- 0	16 01	....	25- 0	2.58	....
Totals 19th century	473	221-153	10,999.24	16,800.72	211-145	8,440.23	12,795.56
Total 20th century	327	256-258	1,352.36	2,152.91	216- 35	37.23	36.35
Grand total for table	800	477-211	12,351.60	18,953.63	427-180	8,477.46	12,831.91

This table shows us that there are 1,095 varieties of United States Adhesives (Postage only, and not including such issues as Parcel Post, Registration, Special Delivery, etc.) which catalogue at $52,614.60. If now we add to these figures the provisionals, reprints and re-issues, we have 1,102 varieties, representing a potential value of $142,780.10. But do not let these figures disturb you. We can enjoy our hobby even if our collection does not catalogue this much.

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35—5c blue (a scarce item) .... .35
36—10c green .... .25
38—20c rose .... .75
39—1c red brown, new or used .... .10
40—5c green .... .05
41—10c vermilion .... .05
42—20c bistre .... .13
43—50c black .... .75
43A—1 peso blue 2.00
*44—1c brown, litho. .... .30
50—5c blue .... .60
51—10c brown, not centered .... .50
52—5c green **provisorio** .... .35
*53—1c on 10c vermilion .... .07
*54—2c rose (blocks same rate) .... .35
56—5c blue, thin paper .... .25
57, 58, 60 and 61—4 values .... .15
62—7c brown (very scarce) .... .60
63—10c olive brown .... .09
64—20c red violet ....
67, 67A and 68—3 values .... .10
69—7c orange .... .38
70—10c violet .... .15
71—20c bistre brown .... .38
72—25c vermilion .... .45
73—5c provisorio .... .14
74, 75, 76—3 values .... .08
77—7c brown .... .18
78—10c blue green .... .08
79—20c orange .... .18
80—25c red brown .... .28
81—50c light blue 1.30
82—1 peso lilac 1.80
83—1c green, provisorio .... .15
84—5c violet .... .10
85—1 on 20c, used or new .... .15
86—5 on 7c bistre .... .10
87, 88, 89—3 values .... .10
90—10c orange (**scarce item**) .... .18
91, 92, 93—3 varieties, **scarce** .... .12
94—7c green 1.20
95—10c orange .... .25
96—20c brown .... .90
102, 103, 104—3 values .... .07
105—7c green .... .60
106—10c brown (underpriced) .... .18
107—20c green and black .... .30
108—25c brown and black .... .38
109—50c blue and black .... .90
110—1 peso brown and black 1.80
116—1c Provisorio (new .06) .... .04
117—5c Provisorio (new .12) .... .09
118—10c Provisorio (new .25) .... .15
119, 120, 121—3 values .... .07
122—7c orange .... .30
123—10c red (new .50) .... .10
124—20c claret and black .... .28
125—25c pink and blue .... .28
126—50c green and brown .... .55
128—2 pesos bistre and carmine .... .50
129—3 pesos lilac and carmine .... .60
*134—½c on 1c blue .... .04
*135—½c on 1c bistre .... .05
*136—½c on 1c violet and black .... .05
*137—½c on 2c blue .... .12
*138—½c on 5c blue and black .... .14
*139—½c on 7c green .... .18
149—20c light blue .... .10
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151, 152, 153—3 values .... .07

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EDITORIAL.

The new edition of the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue appeared on the dot and we are visualizing a scene that is being enacted in thousands of homes throughout our land. We see the owners of the eightieth edition bending over the new book, under the lamp or other light, absorbed in the hunt for price changes, which meet their approval in some cases at least. It is a satisfaction to have the stamps that are in our albums jump in price but we are not so enthusiastic in having that of the missing numbers hoisted, it is needless to say. The catalogue has become a book of large proportions and the new edition numbers over 1,400 pages of good typography. The popular features of past catalogues are retained in the volume under notice; and we find the present edition more helpful than ever because of the additional notes of explanation attached to many items and issues. Naturally, the one who consults the catalogue wishes to absorb all the information possible about the stamps, as well as their prices, and so all the aids to an easy understanding of the subject are welcome. In the illustrations of the catalogue there is a change, all the cuts of foreign stamps being threaded with a thin blank line that really is unnoticeable, so far as effect is concerned. The United States section resolves itself into one of the most important collecting assets imaginable, as now portions of all the United States stamps are shown, postage to revenue. Identification of all our issues is now to be made by the holder of the catalogue and probably we do not realize to what an extent collecting of U. S. will be helped by the pictures. We know how, heretofore, many collectors struggled with our issues only to become more and more confused by the differences that could not be described adequately by text; and now that this obstacle practically has been removed, the assumption is that the cry for U. S. will be louder than ever before. The quotations in the catalogue evidently have been well considered, as the publishers are astute and experienced enough to know that an impartial review of each stamp in its price relation is necessary, if the catalogue is to meet the expectation of collectors. It may be added that the later issues are treated thoroughly and the fluctuations in price that some of them have undergone make an appraisal no easy task, but the work of pricing in these instances seems to have been done successfully. We like the new catalogue both inside and out.

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Complaints come to us occasionally from readers who have had unsatisfactory experiences because of the ignorance or inattention of postal employees in handling foreign letters with contents supposed to be dutiable. Our only recourse has been to advise those presenting their cases to refer them to Washington. Evidently, both the treasury and the post-office departments have felt that there is room for improvement in the treatment of mail suspected of being liable for duty, as we have received Order No. 9714 from the Postmaster-General, effective November 1, 1923, amending Section 664 of the Postal Laws and Regulations. The "joint regulations adopted by the secretary of the treasury and the postmaster-general governing the treatment of mail matter received from foreign countries involving the customs revenue" are set forth at great length and seem to cover all possible cases of routine procedure. We think that these new regulations will simplify the irksome practices that collectors have protested against.

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Neal R. O'Hara, whose stuff is syndicated by the Press Publishing Company, lays down a barrage of "wise cracks" on the enterprise of Premier Mussolini in selling advertising space on the reverse of the Italian stamps. Neal is intrigued by the cleverness of the scheme and he develops it wittingly and applies it to our own country. He thinks that W. L. Douglas, the Smith Brothers and Lyd Pinkham would adorn our stamps as well as Washington but why stop there, he urges. For a Friday special: "study of a live lobster" on the one cent while the two cent shows the lobster broiled. There could be all sorts of stamps series, such as political, golf, pugilistic and so on, Mr. O'Hara thinks. A good many newspapers have commented on Italy's stamp advertising plan as an original departure.

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We are glad to see that Clare Briggs, the cartoonist, who plays so skilfully on the human chords, reintroduces Skinnay, by request of the host of admirers of the artist; and Briggs starts off with a stamp theme. In the cartoon, the boy, who is Skinnay's pal, is importuning his mother to let Skinnay come on over, giving as a reason for his pressing need for Skinnay's society that he wishes to show Skinnay his stamp collection. Briggs, too, has turned philately to good account on previous occasions and as we have remarked before, the artist has vivid recollections of his stamp collecting days, as it is not so many years ago that he was an avowed collector. If our memory is not at fault, Briggs was a member of one of the smaller stamp societies before he set up his tent in the east.

A reader who is interested in the subject of counterfeits asks when counterfeiting was first warned against in the philatelic press, as he was surprised at the verdict of an expert who upon examining an old collection that descended to him from a relative, said that many of the supposed rarities were forgeries. As the stamps were gathered "fifty years ago," our correspondent does not understand how the stamps in question could be bad. Counterfeited stamps were common fifty years ago and the average collection made at that time contained some of them. As philately became more of a regulated pursuit and the means of news exchange became improved, forgery of stamps was checked in some measure; and the later collections showed a cleaner bill of health than the older ones. Looking through the first edition of Dr. Gray's handbook, London, 1862, we find in the preface a reference to French counterfeits which were lithographed instead of "block-printed." J. B. Moens of Brussels published his first book on falsifications of stamps in 1862.

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From a subscriber in Kingston, Jamaica, who wrote us some time ago relative to the change in currency to approximately the currencies of the United States and Canada, we hear that the plan has been delayed because of the inability of the West Indian colonies to agree upon details. However, business men are represented as favoring the change which "must soon take place."

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In his department in the *Smart Set*, Mencken gives a Portrait of a Man, who is "my friend." A catalogue of contrasts and inconsistencies is submitted, among which we find the statement that the man likes the idea of an absolute despotism and collects postage stamps for the little child of his brother. Thus philately is starred as the antithesis of autocracy and we suppose that we should take a smug satisfaction over the classification. We are suspicious of the chap who collects for his "little boy" and a little nephew is in the same category. However, we are pleased that the truculent Mencken nominates stamp collecting as a peaceful pursuit; and we are willing to let it go at that.

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HE POWER OF A STAMP EXHIBIT.

By RALPH H. NICKERSON.

Much has appeared in the philatelic ss the past few months on the value the cause of philately of the great rnational exhibition in London, with grand gold awards, its royal visitors l its millions of dollars worth of rare mps on display. A great deal of ess has likewise been laid on the nber of converts to the ranks of philatts which might reasonably be exted from the newspaper publicity the ibition received.

Vithout wishing to detract from the dit due to such a "philatelic world's r", a number of stamp exhibits, held each town where there are one or re live collectors, would do far more actually swell the ranks of active colors than anything else that could be anged. The imagination of a possible ector is far more apt to be fired by sight of a few attractive stamps tly displayed, even if they are of no at intrinsic value, than he is by reada couple of columns of newspaper licity about stamps worth millions.

collected stamps as a youngster but the collection away about 1907 or and did not see it again for years. little over a year ago, I visited the nty fair and finally reached the curio artment. Among the exhibits I saw amp album lying open with a number stamps exposed to view. I obtained mission of the superintendent to mine the album. I recognized many nps as the same ones I had owned in kid collector days and found many comers I had never seen before.

hen I returned home, my first act to search for and find my kid collec. Before I retired that night I had ten to the publishers of the album for e price lists, within a week I had hased a new album and some packets tamps, had hunted up the address of KEEL'S in a newspaper directory (I been a subscriber when collecting re) and again enrolled myself among elect. I had the fever again and this ten times worse than before. The lay of a few stamps had done it re endless newspaper propaganda ld have had no effect.

took even less than that to get a hbor of mine interested. I received copy of MEKEEL'S at noon one day could not wait to get home to get a ce at its pages. I opened it on the street car and when I got off the car at my corner a newcomer to the neighborhood introduced himself and said he had seen me reading MEKEEL'S and that he had once collected stamps. I made a date to meet him, let him look over my budding new collection, saw his, and in less than a week he, too, bought a new album and was started once more. And he was bitten just as hard as I was. It seems to take better the second time.

A month later I received a selection of Newfoundland stamps. I opened them in the hall of the office building where I work and by chance another acquaintance of mine saw them as I was putting them back into the envelope. He looked them over with interest, remarked that he had once had a stamp collection himself and then and there I made a date to visit him.

To make a long story short, he succumbed in less than a week, has a new album or so and is collecting as enthusiastically as any Hind or Ferrari. Once more it only took the chance display of some stamps to make a former collector into a real philatelist.

This made three active collectors in our small town or rather two towns close together. All three of us are now collecting United States almost entirely and are building up specialized collections. Between us we have subscribed to every philatelic publication printed in America, I have joined the American Philatelic Society and the other two are going in. In the community we found there was one active stamp collector outside of our trio and one who had built up a magnificent collection and then stopped. We found another former collector who joined us at one of our informal gatherings and who dug up out of his vault a collection he put away in 1888 and had not touched since.

It is chuck full of rare old stamps, some of them worth three figure sums, according to the catalogue. At the end of our session, its owner had decided to buy a new album and to remount the collection. He is almost sure to be an active collector once more.

Philately is on a firm basis in our town. Presents of small quantities of stamps to youngsters are laying the groundwork of the future. A find of over 50 covers, including a magnificent copy of the 1c 1857-60 type 1a, has helped our collecting circle to think of little else.

But the point I want to make is this: At least three active collectors, each spending more dollars now than he did cents before, has resulted from my happening to see a stamp album displayed at a county fair. We have talked it over and have agreed that next year and each succeeding year we will have an exhibit of our own, each collector contributing a little to make up an attractive whole. With it will be a card or two so that any former collector who may get the fever again will know where to look to find companionship. There won't be any grand gold medals nor royal visitors but it is a plan we sincerely recommend to philatelists who would like to do their bit toward advancing the cause.

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By R L. HUSTIS.

(We notice in "Philatelic Gossip" that Oklahoma is about to issue a new stamp, though how and why is not very clearly indicated. However, many things are happening these days in this western state and one can hardly tell what a day will bring forth. A subscriber, R. L. Hustis, has anticipated the new issue from Oklahoma by sending us the design and specifications of what he proposes to designate "Our Own" stamp. There may be some who will wonder how this copy got by a dry editor, but there are times when one should really be magnanimous.—W. O. W.)

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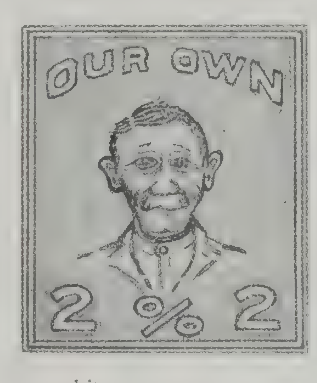

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UNITED STATES.—Since my last notes the Postmaster-General has ordered an extra billion copies of the Harding Memorial stamp from the Bureau, making 1,600,000,000 in all. In view of this extra number it has been necessary for the Bureau to add to the number of plates originally made, so that up to October 6 twenty-six new plates were laid down, making sixty-nine in all. It will be noted from the accompanying list that most of these are of the flat plate type. It is quite possible that additional plates will be made before the issue is discontinued next December.

Through the courtesy of Mr. L. A. Hill, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, we are able to bring our list of plate numbers up to October 1, 1923.

Plate No.	Denomination.	Class.	Series.	No. of Subjects
14778-793	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14794-795	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14796-799	4c	Ord.	1922	400
14800-807	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14808-811	10c	Ord.	1922	400
14812-815	7c	Ord.	1922	400
14816-819	10c	Ord.	1922	400
14820-823	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14824-827	8c	Air Mail	1923	400
14828-831	16c	Air Mail	1923	400
14832-839	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14840-843	24c	Air Mail	1923	400
14844-847	10c	Ord.	1922	400
14848-851	5c	Ord.	1922	400
14852-863	2c	Harding	1923	400
14864-865	2c	Ord. Cvd	1922	170
14866-867	2c	Harding Cvd.	1923	400
14868-879	2c	Harding	1923	400
14880-883	5c	Ord.	1922	400
14884-899	2c	Harding	1923	400
14900-901	2c	Harding Cvd.	1923	400
14902-909	2c	Harding	1923	400
14910-913	15c	Ord.	1922	400
14914-915	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14916-919	5c	Ord.	1922	400
14920-921	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14922-925	2c	Ord.	1922	400
14926-929	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14930-933	5c	Ord.	1922	400
14934-937	2c	Book	1922	360
14938-939	2c	Harding Cvd.	1923	400
14940-943	2c	Harding	1923	400
14944-945	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14946-949	2c	Harding	1923	400
14950-953	7c	Ord.	1922	400
14954-957	2c	Harding	1923	400
14958-959	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14960-961	1c	Ord.	1922	400
14962-965	6c	Ord.	1922	400
14966-969	20c	Ord.	1922	400
14970-971	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14972	2c	Harding	1923	400
14973	6c	Ord.	1922	400
14974	2c	Book	1922	360
14975	1c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	400
14976-978	1c	Ord.	1922	400
14979-980	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
14981-982	1c	Ord. Cvd	1922	400
14983-986	2c	Book	1922	360
14987-994	2c	Harding	1923	400
14995-996	2c	Harding Cvd.	1923	400
14997-15000	2c	Harding	1923	400
15001-002	2c	Harding Cvd.	1923	400

Mr. B. K. Miller informs us that he has recently purchased a set of newspaper stamps in imperforated condition of the special printing of 1875 Scott's No. 2028a to 2028x inclusive. These are single copies and Mr. Miller calls attention to the fact that some of the values differ in color from the perforated series, of which the higher values are said to be unknown.

There was a recent find in Philadelphia consisting of a strip of three, seven pairs and about fifteen singles of the 10c 1847 which were from the same correspondence and seem to have come from the same sheet, for several of the pairs readily fit together. Unfortunately these were all soaked from the cover, but they are neat and fresh in appearance with a bright gridiron cancellation. Mr. Philip Dengler showed me three of the horizontal pairs which readily fit together and form a reconstructed block of six.

Relative to the new Harding stamps, the clerk at the Germantown Post Office recently handed a lady twenty-five in reply to a request for 25-2c stamps. She picked them up, looked at them and asked if he did not have any others. He stated yes, that he could furnish the 2c red and wanted to know if she objected to the color. She said no, the color did not bother her, but that she was a Democrat and did not care for stamps with Harding's portrait upon them. This actually happened and the story is not drawn from imagination.

Under date of October 12th, President Coolidge and Cabinet gave consideration to a request from the Japanese Government for assistance rendered necessary by the destruction of the Government Printing Office in the Tokio earthquake. The wrecked plant corresponds with the Bureau of Engraving & Printing at Washington.

It was decided that the American Government wishing to be helpful in every possible way to the Japanese, should spare some surplus equipment at the Bureau and that they would interest themselves in bringing the Japanese Embassy into communication with American Bank Note Engravers.

CANADA.—It is stated that the colour of the 3 cents stamp is shortly to be changed from brown to carmine. Mr. W. Ward understands that Canada is to have an entirely new series, believed to be pictorial, and to include the portrait of the Prince of Wales, who is at this moment on his way to his very own ranch in the Dominion.—*Stamp Collecting.*

DANZIG.—We have received from Mr. James Van Meyers a set of four values of a new design of stamps. They are 1,000mk brown, 2,000mk light blue, 3,000mk deep blue and red, and 5,000mk red.

GERMANY.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the following new issues: 5,000mk greenish blue, 50,000mk bistre, 20,000mk on 200mk, 100,000mk on 400mk yellow green, 125,000mk on 100mk pink, and 250,000mk on 500mk lilac rose.

Mr. G. R. Bonneau also adds the following new items: 15,000mk on 40mk green, 30,000 on 40mk blue and 75,000mk on 1,000mk green.

Mr. Walter C. Brink advises that on a letter just at hand he notes two yellow labels with this inscription: "75,000 M Gebuehr bezahlt Taxe recue Postamt Braunschweig." These labels are perforated on three sides and signed by the postmaster.

GRANDE COMORO.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that, in the absence of regular 5 and 20c postal adhesives at the Moroni office on July 13th, local authority was given for the employment of fiscal stamps of corresponding denomination on correspondence. Copies of the 5c blue and black, and 20c red and bl
fiscal labels, have been received t
these being accompanied by a rub
stamp mark in red, reading "Gra
Comore: Affranchi ainsi faute timb
poste." According to our Amiens c
temporary, about two hundred of
two values mentioned were used in
way.—*Stamp Collecting.*

IRISH FREE STATE.—Mr. R. Rob
has sent for chronicle the new 4d g
in the same design as the 2½d rece
noted.

JAPAN.—Mr. W. D. Cameron kin
sends us a cutting from the *Japan*
vertiser which reads as follows: "
Department of Communication want
new design for postage stamps.
present design was adopted in 1913,
the officials think it is now grown
antiquated. Mr. M. Hirata, who
been designated to select a new ty
says that the use of symbols, the h
of the Emperor or King, such as
used in other countries, is not adapta
or proper in Japan. He wants someth
which characterizes 'the ideals of
Japan' which will not go out
date."—*Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

KUWAIT.—We have received a sup
of these stamps of the values 1½,
3, 4, 6, 8, 12 annas, 1, 2, 5 and 10 rup
The ½, 1 and 2 annas were exhaus
at the date of despatch of our par
but will follow later, together with
officials. The Political Agent at Kuw
informs us that stamps overprin
"Kuwait" have been in use since A
1, 1923, but no stamps overprinted "

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XEMBURG.—We have had copies sent
Mr. Henry Hooreman of a new
tamp in light and dark blue. In
entre is a landscape view with the
of the country at the top and at
ase "Echternach." The figure of
is in the lower left corner and
in the lower right. We have also
amp surcharged in red for official

AND.—"Kopernik," whose portrait
rs on the new stamp just issued to
memorate the 450th anniversary of
irth, is better known to English
s as Copernicus, the famous Po-
stronomer, who was the first to give
e form to the theory that the earth
other planets revolved round the
nd on whose studies our modern
of astronomy is based. It is
to see that the nations of Europe
rning their thoughts to the giving
hour to men of science rather than
n of war.—*Gibbons Monthly Cir-*

SIA.—Mr. Karl Koslowski writes
e has had sent to him a 20 rubles
, in the design of the 10 rubles,
Soldier.

TH AFRICA.—The new postage
will shortly make their appear-
hey will bear inscriptions in Eng-
d Dutch on alternate stamps in
eet. The same stamps will also
rprinted for Southwest Africa.—
ield King & Co.'s Bulletin.

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* 10 **Cuba**, No. 238, 75c; 25 No. 243	.75
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300 **N. Zealand**, No. 160, $1.00; 300 No. 161	1.25
100 **N. Zealand**, No. 167, $1.25; 50 No. 149	.75
100 **Panama**, No. 206, 50c; 50 No. 199	.50
*25 sets **Salvador**, Nos. 394-5	1.15
***Salvador**, 5 sets, Nos. 399-401	1.00
***Salvador**, 20 sets, Nos. 147, 150, 157e, 157k, imperf.	1.00
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—On October 25th, Friday, at 7.30 P. M., C. E. Severn, editor of the WEEKLY, will give a twenty minutes talk on the Story of the Postage Stamp at Station W M A Q, the *Chicago Daily News.*

—H. L. Lindquist, who made his mark in Chicago as a philatelic journalist and publisher of the old *Collectors Journal* and who later moved to New York, has been a welcome visitor to the old home town. Mr. Lindquist now has charge of the excellent quarterly of the Collectors Club, New York City, which is one of the best things in the printed line that philatelists have ever seen. Mr. Lindquist wears his honors lightly and good-naturedly tolerates the crowds that follow him along the streets of Chicago, recognizing, as he does, that hero-worship is a natural concomitant of the human family. We may add that his collection of Norway is even bigger and better than ever before.

—Henry Ades Fowler again is about to shy his castor in the philatelic ring and we have it that he is going to enter the stamp business and make a specialty of auction sales in Chicago.

—The hard-pressed cartoonists are taking to stamps as a theme for pictorial exploitation with an ardor that we commend. The other Sunday, King in his Gasoline Alley, depicted little Skeezix pasted all over with stamps and asking the letter-carrier to take him to his grandmother, postage paid. Murphy, in his Toots and Casper, shows the baby crying his dear little heart out for something that his fond parents are at a loss to discover, until they find that it is the stamp on a letter that caught his eye. The last picture shows the little pawn of love looking at the red stamp with the air of a philatelic connoisseur.

—Italy is considering the advisability of renting advertising space on its stamps. The privilege will go to business houses that pay 60% of their earnings to the government. The matter is in the air and it is doubtful whether it finds the earth.

—An interesting feature of Poole's next sale is the fact that over five hundred lots of early imperforates only will be sold.

—J. J. Prendergast sends us a Mexican official cover. The envelope bears the marking "Official Mexico D. F." with the date in the center. It looks like a postmark and is applied where a stamp would ordinarily be found.

—We wish to announce the removal of A. H. Pike to 21 Moeller St., Binghamton, N. Y., where he is very pleasantly located in a house ideally built to accommodate his hobbies. He intends to continue his various lines of work as in the past. It is probable that a stamp club will be organized shortly, as Mr. Pike has already found some stamp men. He will index the WEEKLY for 1923 and has two other years in process of completion.

—At the convention of the American Philatelic Society at Washington last August, the death of R. W. Boisselier of St. Louis was announced. Mr. Boisselier was an old collector who for many years was devoted to philately, and in the Chicago *Journal* we find the following despatch from St. Louis dated Oct. 16th:

"Richard W. Boisselier, a public accountant, who died Aug. 1, had a hobby of collecting postage stamps, as shown in an inventory made by the St. Louis Union Trust Company, executor of his estate. He has seventeen albums of stamps, among them being $1,700 in uncanceled United States stamps. A large part of the collection consists of United States stamps of unusual issue. Boisselier paid $35 a year for a safe deposit box in which to keep the collection. The inventory also shows stock in various mining companies with a par value of $17,290, but which is said to be of only nominal value, and $2,000 life insurance. Boisselier left his estate to his wife."

—The following order by the post-office has been sent out for publication:

"In order to provide for the sending of heavy clothing, blankets, etc., to earthquake victims, the Japanese postal authorities have agreed, as a temporary measure, up to and including December 31, to accept from the United States parcel-post packages up to a weight limit of 22 pounds.—PAUL HENDERSON, *Second Assistant Postmaster General.*"

—H. Raymond Stiles, Schenectady, N. Y., can get no replies to letters addressed Carl Hiemenz, 557 W. 124 St., N. Y. City. Interested parties should confer with Mr. Stiles.

—A. A. Leve informs us that the U. S. exhibit at London will be shown in the First National Bank Building, Syracuse, October 29-31.

—It was stated recently in the WEEKLY that the Pitney-Bowles meter had not yet been used in Canada, but J. Fisher informs us that he has the 2c postmarked Sept. 28 from Toronto, Canada. It is being used by the firm of T. Eaton Co.

—A new advertising cancellation comes from Pasadena:—"Fiftieth Anniversary Pasadena All the Year 1924."

—Herbert T. Putnam, Sherman Ave., Glens Falls, N. Y., would be pleased to hear from collectors living within ten miles of that city with the purpose of organizing a stamp club.

—In the *Masonic Digest* of July, 1923, we find an admirable article by George H. Grinnell of Los Angeles, appropriately illustrated, entitled Stamp Collecting. The editorial note prefaces the article: "The author of this article was given a handful of old stamps not long ago, forty-three of which were sold for a cash consideration of $65,000. We asked Brother Grinnell for the story but instead he gave us this very interesting story of stamp collecting in general. We hope to get the other story for a later number." Then, in the September issue of the same magazine we find a readable essay based on Masonic teachings, entitled "What Do You Most Desire?" and illustrated by a cut of Mr. Grinnell.

—Our old friend and enthusiast on western franks, Mr. Fred Ross of New York, has been heard from and we learn that he is traveling with The Cat and the Canary, the record-smashing play, as manager. We hope that he soon makes our town, as when he does, we shall have a seat free.

—We enter a news aspirant in the camouflage contest. A young man at a dealer's place said that he was buying stamps for his girl's little brother but from the way in which he scrutinized the stamps we think that he knew more about them than the aforesaid little brother.

—From Mr. R. McCumber, Chicago, we have had word that he exhibited in his store window a sheet containing an unused set of Columbians on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the World's Fair at Chicago, with the result that "crowds were around the window much of the time." We think that a well-selected stamp display is a fine advertising attraction for a shop window, almost anywhere.

—A general talk on philately will be given from radio station W B Z at Springfield, on October 23, by a member of the Springfield Stamp Club. This talk was gotten up by the Springfield Junior Philatelic Society on the occasion of its second anniversary.—T. J. GRIDLEY, *Sec.*

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75c, No. 187	1.25	.75
1908-10, 5c, No. 190	.12	.07
6c, No. 191	.12	.07
10c, No. 192	.50	.30
25c, No. 193	.75	.45
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2d, No. 51	.40	.24
½d, No. 56	.08	.05
1d, No. 57	.25	.15
2d, No. 58	.30	.18
2½d, No. 59	.50	.30
3d, No. 60	.35	.20
6d, No. 61	75	.45
2sh, No. 63	1.50	.90
HONG KONG		
1903, 1c, No. 60	.08	.05
4c, No. 62	.20	.12
5c, No. 63	.35	.20
10c, No. 65	.50	.30
12c, No. 66	.50	.30
30c, No. 68	1.00	.60
50c, No. 69	2.50	1.50
1904-07, 2c, No. 75	.15	.09
5c, No. 77	.15	.09
8c, No. 79	.30	.18
20c, No. 82	.75	.45
30c, No. 83	.75	.45
50c, No. 84	1.00	.60
$1.00, No. 85	3.00	1.80
1907-11, 1c, No. 90	.06	.04
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THE PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT

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The first Harding precancel that comes to my attention is Chicago. Since its arrival I have seen the following: Windom, Minn., Van Buren, Ark., Pewaukee, Wisc., McCook, Nebr., and Osborne, Kansas. The Osborne is precanceled in red ink and shows up quite well. New York is the first city I've noticed using the new six cent. In a small lot of stuff I picked out one, together with a six cent Aeroplane. Both were precanceled in the staggered roller type, the former being normal and the latter inv. A number of cities are in the field with the new fifteen cent. Dallas, Chicago, New York, Kansas City and Watertown, N. Y., were the first to my knowledge precanceling it. The fourteen cents from McCook, Nebr., Milwaukee (handstamp), Gaston, Ind. (a new type), Portsmouth, Ohio and Paonia, Colo., also arrived during the week. This is going to be a very popular stamp with the precancel collector.

The coils are interesting precancels and I am of the opinion that there will be considerable specialism in them. The government recently contracted for a number of machines to furnish fifty cities. At this writing these coils are becoming quite current. The overprint reads up or down in light plain capitals of medium size, and usually on each stamp the name appears twice. There will be some scarce varieties now that the old type coils are being superseded by the new. Chicago is already using the new four cent, and by the way I see that Chicago has precanceled the new issue one cent, Schermak perforation. There has appeared in the *Precancel Gazette* and *Junior Philatelist* a list of cities which were furnished with this standard coil type. It needs no repetition here. Sufficient to say that New York, Chicago, St. Paul, Detroit, St. Louis, Nashville, Kansas City and Toledo have made their appearance in the course of the last few weeks. At some later date I intend to write an article on coils and so shall not speak further of all the various types used in the last eighteen months. It is my belief that this new box type will become a standard and that there will be less variety from now on.

Ashland, Pa.—Willard P. Snyder informs me that this city has been using precancels since Dec., 1921. All values from one to fifty cents and the dues up to five cents are precanceled. From a sample submitted I see that the type is the U-23 roller.

Beloit, Wis.—Mr. A. S. Mark solves a question which has been in my mind for some time. I wondered why Beloit stopped using the U-18 electro and returned to the old up and down roller, a much less striking cancellation. Mr. Mark writes as follows: "There was only one printing of stamps with the U-18 electrotype plate. Because the printers charged such an exorbitant price the P. M. went back to Type I (the up and down rubber roller) and has been doing the work himself with this apparatus." Needless to say the press printed varieties will be scarce.

Barnesville, Ga.—This city, besides using the U-14 electro, precancels with a handstamp similar to U-16. Have seen the 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 cent.

Brockton, Mass.—No longer shall Brockton printed precancels be a smudgy affair. They are now coming in a new sort of ink which shows up beautifully. Perhaps the bureau is furnishing the ink to offices in order that prettier precancels be the result. However, that is just a guess. Brockton is the only city I have noticed using this distinctive fluid.

Boston, Mass.—In my notes of Sept. 17 I called attention to a Boston 2 cent imperforate, which is uncatalogued. Mr. L. G. Barrett sends for inspection imperforate pairs of the 1, 2 and 3 cents engraved and the same values, surface printings. Mr. H. L. Nichols writes that he has a fine strip of four of the 2 cent imperf. Finally Mr. Hans Schmidtmann of Worthington, Mass., says he has just received an imperf. block of six of the *new one cent* precanceled in the type discussed herewith. This is the electro type, showing Boston, Mass., in two lines with single bar above, between and below and catalogued under Boston as Type IV.

Cypress, Ala.—If ever a precancel had a southern flavor this one has. Cypress, Ala., comes handstamped in two lines of medium sized caps between bars. In sorting over a lot I ran across a number of the above, all of the one cent denomination.

Denton, Texas.—I uncovered a pair of seven cents handstamped in a bluish ink DENTON, TEX., the type being fairly large capitals between bars which stood out prettily in its blue dress against the black background.

Ennis, Texas.—Ennis is now using the U-24 roller which will be Type II. Type I is also a roller but the letters are much smaller. In this latter type reading down I have a 1 cent Pilgrim which is quite a rarity. Some new Pilgrim precancels that have come to light are Virginia, Minn. (U-6) 2c inverted; Newark, Ohio (large handstamp) 1 and 2 cents; Iowa City, Iowa (U-6) 1 cent; Monticello, Iowa (U-16) 1 and 2 cents; Maquoketa, Iowa (U-24) 5 cents. The Victory precancels have just about all been used up but a couple of uncatalogued ones are Maquoketa, Iowa, and Virginia, Minn., both normally canceled. I might mention here that San Francisco is using large numbers of these stamps. The reading up variety is about twenty times scarcer than the reading down.

Ithaca, N. Y.—A roller type is coming on current issues. The letters are tall and rather thin between lines. I have seen quite a few values.

New York City.—In a job lot of precancels I found half a dozen one cent coils *perforated 14* vertically. These were precanceled with a thickish sort of a handstamp very much like U-1. I am informed that it was either the Funk-Wagnalls Co. or Crowell Co. who used them. I shall be indebted to any interested reader for further information on these stamps.

Paonia, Colo.—New type handstamps precanceling 25 at a time have been furnished Paonia, and Pueblo, Colo., and Casper, Wyo. This information is furnished me by Dr. W. I. Mitchell, who writes: Paonia, Colo., is precanceling all values from one cent to two dollars old issue together with one and two cent dues, also the following new issue: 2, 4, 5, 10, 14 and 25c. The 5c are all inverted and 25c all reading up. No errors or doubles and no "made to order" stuff. The type is in large caps somewhat similar to U-4 electro but thinner. You should have seen the lot going out today on peach baskets. A carload of baskets with anywhere from 56c to $1.44 on each one, going to Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Denver. They will be used continuously until after apple season is over in November. Mighty few will be saved as they are all pasted flat on the tops of the crates and baskets. The old 2, 4 and 5 cents are all used up and o a few 10 cents remain.

Seattle, Wash.—Bushnell lists o one type when in reality there are the Type II is an odd sort of a roller wh overprints Seattle twice on a stamp which resembles Type I in size and s of makeup. Type III is a roller m up of plain medium sized capitals w out having any lines or bars. This impresses the name twice on a stamp three lines in a light plain styled lette

Catalogues of precanceled stamps be purchased through me, as I shal glad to help out any party desirous securing them. The edition listing P 11 percancels sells for 60c; the one ing Perf. 12 only, for $1.00; and the issue catalogue for 35c. The new P 10 catalogue will soon be off the p Also I am always ready to give in mation on this branch of the hobby.

Notes of interest are acknowle with thanks from Chas. Metz, W Black, and others. If Mr. Ward-Mal of Chicago will submit for inspection Cincinnati oddity I shall be glad chronicle it.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The man who does the "funn Hitz and Mrs., shows one of the cha ters ornamented with a sheet of sta on his coat-tails as a result of having down on the stamps. Even so, we ca say that the artist is a philatelist a calls the sheet an "entire page of pos stamps."

—Where is that philatelic le bureau? The demand for speaker stamps is beginning to make itself as we can show from letters that been received; and we are moved to if there is anyone in Chicago who share with us the interesting wor making talks in that city and sub There is no money in this sort of t but the experience is pleasant.

—A reader, Mr. Henry R. Desgeo drops us a card to say that he th that he has paid a record price f thirty-cent of 1869, which catalogue He doled out for ten dollars for a s men that was not distinguished in way except that the stamp was o markably fine color, centered and " factorily canceled." While Mr. georges is a sport, we think that hi prices than that named has been for this stamp; and we have paid dollars, ourselves, for a bang-up s men.

—Recently, a friend made a fin one cent and three cent of 1861 U States and as he is an old-fashioned lector, he clipped the stamps from envelopes. He secured twenty-nin the one cent and of that number was not a single really superb copy now he has joined the ranks of prophets who say that soon all the fect copies of the early stamps will strong hands with the result that newer collectors will have to be co with copies that do not rank in this

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1877-79, 6 pence blue on green, No. 75	3.50
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By L. Andree.

The hobby of Kings finds as many ardent collectors in the outposts of Empire as it does in Britain or America. In my experience collectors abroad do not, as a rule, go in for all-world collection but confine themselves to those special countries in which they are interested. Taking the collections on a whole I should group the countries they specialise in somewhat as follows:—

Biggest percentage—British Colonials.

Next biggest percentage — French Colonials.

Next biggest percentage—Portuguese Colonials.

Next biggest percentage — Dutch Colonials.

Others again specialise in War and Air issues.

Singapore.—The capital of the Straits Settlements with the adjacent State of Johore and the Federated Malay States as a hinterland, is a veritable Clapham junction of the East. It is practically the jumping-off ground for Borneo, Sumatra, Siam, Java, and the Philippines. It is an up-to-date city with docks and wharves extending for miles, is electrically lit throughout, and has a population of about 750,000.

Singapore boasts of three live stamp shops where one can purchase stamps of both the expensive and inexpensive variety. For some time past nearly every stamp window in the place was choc-a-bloc with zoological varieties from North Borneo, which country as one tourist tersely remarked, had more stamps per capita than any two stamp-issuing countries in the Postal Union—and the majority of these issues were held in Singapore. In fact, Borneo issues got into such bad odour at one time that collectors began to look upon it as a country

Where art of man deviseth,
  Apt pictures put on stamps
And revenue contriveth,
  To give that place a chance.

But things have rapidly changed, and vendors who once stocked unprofitable rubbish are now stocking the better class stamps only.

One of the finest collections of the Straits Settlements, which was recently sold in London for something like £10,000, was put together by Mr. Jas. Bicknell, at one time Auditor-General of the Straits. Another fine collection of Straits and F.M.S., but which is not likely to come into the market, is a collection owned by a very prominent official who at one time held the office of Deputy-Governor of the Settlements.

Singapore, peculiarly situated on the cross roads of both Indian Ocean and China Seas, is a place of great interest to philatelists who, if they are keen on enlarging the Asiatic portions of their collections, can obtain at a small outlay the stamps of at least a dozen different countries.

In the immediate neighbourhood of the Straits Settlements of which Singapore is the capital, are situated the native States of Kedah, Kelantan, Trengganu, the Federated Malay States and Johore, with Siam, Sarawak, Borneo, Labuan, and Brunei, lying within easy reach, whilst Timor, Sumatra, Java, Dutch Borneo and the Philippines are only a few hundred miles away. The stamps of all these territories both old and current are always procurable in the native shops in Singapore.

Singapore, owing to its cosmopolitan nature, opens up a wide field to philatelists who are anxious to procure some of the classic issues of the Far East, which are often picked up at the weekly stamp auctions where collectors and dealers often clash in friendly rivalry.

I think it is Kipling who states in c of his works that "If you miss a man London and fail to meet him in P Said, you are bound to run up agai him in Singapore." The truth of t has often been realised by many a c who has had the recollection of meeti in Singapore some old friends in p lately, who from all reports were lieved to be away in the Old Country the enjoyment of a holiday.

In Kuching (the capital of Sarawa all bona-fide tourists who are desir of obtaining a complete set of obso Sarawak after the issue of 1900, co obtain a set from the Treasury in Ku ing on production of an order issued the Rajah, who is a keen collector hi self and has one of the finest collecti of Asiatic rarities in the Far East.

The Federated Malay States.—T Federated Malay States, which compr the States of Selangor, Perak, Pana Negri Sembilan, Sungei Ujong, and recently-acquired States of Trengga and Kelantan, is a country as large France but with a population of so thing under five million inhabitants.

In the old days each of these Sta had its own ruler (a Malay Sultan) w issued his own stamps and, with assistance of a political agent, manag the affairs of his State. But with advent of Sir Frank Swettenham, at time Resident General, the whole these States were federated and pla under one administration, which, course, meant a big saving in the reve of the country.

The Federated Malay States and Straits Settlements are exceedin wealthy territories. The development the rubber industry of that country one of the world's industrial roman and is a long story I need not tell h In nine years the quantity increased times, and the value twenty times. attention paid to the rubber industry unfortunately, retarded the developm of general agriculture, but the Gove ment have just awakened from t sleep and are opening up huge a which will no doubt attract further ca tal into the country and provide w for thousands of people.

Siam.—Almost adjacent to the Malay States and only three days' from Singapore, is the highly-develo and rich agricultural State of Si whose enlightened ruler, King Rama is as keen a collector of Siams as Crown Prince of Japan is for the sta of his country.

Bangkok, the capital of Siam, wh is picturesquely situated on the ba of the Mekong river, is a modern of some 75,000 inhabitants, possessin fine service of trams and railways wh traverse all parts of the country. It city of beautiful parks, and one of sights seldom missed by the tourist a visit to the myriads of temples which Siam is famous. Bangk though out of the beaten track, posse one of the most progressive stamp c in the Far East, the members of wh not long ago issued one of the m attractive handbooks of the older more modern issues of Siam.

Java.—Another little spot in the where stamp collectors are as thick blackberries is Java, the gem of Orient, where from January to Dec ber it is one eternal summer.

Batavia, the capital of the Dutch Indies, is an up-to-date city with a po lation of something like 850,000. houses in the city are situated in midst of beautiful and picturesque g dens which are conceded to rank as foremost in the East. Through the w directed effects of horiculturists, ai by the heat of a tropical sun, J possesses some of the finest flower g dens seen in the eastern world.

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bers in the country whose attendance was at times very irregular but, as this was thought by some of the members to run counter to the monthly auctions held by the Government, the idea was abandoned for the time.

The Government auctions held monthly in Batavia consist of the sale of stamps of the Dutch East Indies and Holland, which is a collection made by the Post Office of the Stamps attached to documents of the Department. In the Indies all stamps intended for parcels are affixed on a declaration form which is the property of the Postal Authorities. These are kept for one month, and at the end of that period are made up in lots and sold to the highest bidder.

If there are counter attractions in the city on the date of these auctions, one is often able to secure large parcels of the high values of Holland and the Dutch East Indies at a very nominal figure.

Hongkong.—Hongkong, one of our oldest possessions on the China Coast, is a wonderful shipping centre which, according to tonnage, ranks 4th in the shipping registry of the world.

As Hongkong possesses a very large floating population, the possibilities of starting a stamp club or stamp association has been looked upon as very remote indeed. A hazardous attempt was made some years ago by the skippers of some of the coasting vessels to get up a small club, but it only survived a few months. Irregular attendance and paucity of membership they say. was the cause of its short-lived career.

But with all these drawbacks philatelists still manage to transact business and do a little interchanging in the roomy and comfortable lounges of the various hotels, which are often supplemented by purchases from itinerant vendors so common in all Eastern Ports.

As Macao is situated in close proximity, a large number of the sturdier sons of Portugal find suitable employment in the busy port of Hongkong where, whatever their hands find to do, they do it with their might, stamp collecting being one of their pet hobbies.

Nearly all stamp dealers in Hongkong are young Portuguese from Macao, with the usual sprinkling of Chinese, of course, who, as a rule, only handle the cheaper grade of stamps. In short, if there is anything good in the stamp line in Hongkong you can be sure that the Portuguese of Macao have got it.

Shanghai.—Shanghai, like ancient Gaul, is divided into seven parts, first of all there is the large French concession with its pretty boulevards for all the world like a bit of Paris transplanted in the East. Then there is the British, American, German, Russian, Scandinavian and Japanese portions of the town, all of smaller dimensions, but quite as busy as the older colony which was conceded to the French many years ago. In no country in the world (Constantinople included) are there so many Consular flags flying as in Shanghai, the model settlement, the Queen of the East.

Shanghai is typically a Western city, Western in architecture, Western in embellishments, but only Eastern in appearance. It is an up-to-date city with a population of 950,000, and is noted for its beautiful parks and drives. World travellers will tell you there is no place in the world that harbours a more friendly class of foreigner than China. (The Chinese, by the way, call everyone a foreigner who is not a son of the soil.) And whether one come from Burma or Birmingham makes but little difference in the hospitality of these kind and homely folk situated quite 10,000 miles away from home. In fact it would be easier to avoid one's own shadow than to try to avoid the hospitality of the Shanghai public. It is a country devoted to public brotherhood and the idea and ideals of fraternity as is demonstrated by the various clubs and fraternal orders existing all through that country.

Here, business is based on friendship and as business is a matter of co-operation the only true co-operation that is possible is where there is a perfect understanding between those engaged.

Prior to the closing down of all Foreign Postal Agencies, Shanghai held the unique advantage of a network of postal systems embracing five different foreign Post Offices in her midst, viz.: the British, French, Russian, American, Japanese and Chinese Post Offices.

As all up-country mails had to pass through the Chinese Imperial Post Office, all foreign postal agencies had to send their mails to the Central Office of the Chinese Imperial Post, who alone were responsible for the transit of all inland matter.

Besides a large number of native vendors in the city and surroundings, Shanghai possesses a large and progressive stamp club with a membership running into quite half a hundred.

The one and only regret among stamp collectors in those far-flung outposts of Empire is the conspicuous absence of any sort of a collectors' journal or stamp information bureau where matters concerning philately can be gleaned, and it is to *The Philatelic Magazine*, which I have very frequently seen in my travels, and which is highly esteemed, that collectors all over the Orient readily turn their eyes to. As all overseas collectors are dependent on offers made to them from dealers at home, and are particularly responsive to those offers of stamps, outside of their own particular neighbourhood, such as those of New Europe, Br. West Indies and the United States, it should amply compensate any dealer with a reputation in fair dealing to cater for this market, where there is always a ready demand for the better class stamps.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

GERMAN STAMP DELUGE.

Recent Provisionals swept away by further rise in postal tariff.

Of the eleven surcharged provisional stamps at 8,000 and 20,000 marks recently announced in the "P. M.", only four have appeared—in spite of the official decree—as follows:—

"8 tausend" on 30pf (numeral—old watermark).

"20 tausend" on 12mk, on 25mk (both Harvesters).

Ditto, on 200mk (small numeral).

A still newer rise of tariff has, however, meanwhile swept away these stamps, too, and brought a second series of provisionals in other denominations in their stead. On September 1st were issued:—

"5 tausend" on 40pf orange (numeral—new watermark).

"15 tausend" on 40mk green (Harvesters).

"30 tausend" on 10mk blue (Harvesters).

"75 tausend' on 400mk *green* and "75 tausend" on 1000mk *green* (both small numeral).

It is interesting to observe that the two stamps surcharged with "75 tausend" are both green, whereas the 400 marks in an unoverprinted state only exists in brown, and the 1000 marks in grey. One can only suppose that these two stamps have been specially printed in green in order to make a clearer background for the black lettering of the two provisionals.

On the same day was issued a "definite" 100,000 marks stamp, red, in the current broad numeral type. That the "definiteness" of this large size stamp, which on appearance had already sunk to the level of the every-day postal fee, will not last three weeks, may be taken for granted.

Three provisional Official stamps have also been made by surcharging old Officials with higher denominations:

"5 tausend" on 5mk brown.

"20 tausend" on 30pf orange (without "21").

"75 tausend" on 50mk violet.

The surcharge is, in the case of *every* stamp, black and two-lined, the former value being barred out in some of them.

Further surprises along the whole line are in store. This new deluge of stamps which, to the astonishment of all collectors, has so suddenly swept over Germany, may be illustrated by the following figures: On August 23rd an ordinary inland letter in Germany still cost 1000mk, from August 24th 20,000, and since September 1st it costs 75,000mk!

The German Post Office, whose fees for several years had, from month to month, been left farther behind by the mark depreciation and which in consequence had at last a deficit of billions of paper marks, is now overtaking this sin of omission with seven-league boots. Since September 1st it has (like the State Railway) placed its fees on the basis of a standard figure which, in case of necessity, is to be multiplied twice a month by a new index number.

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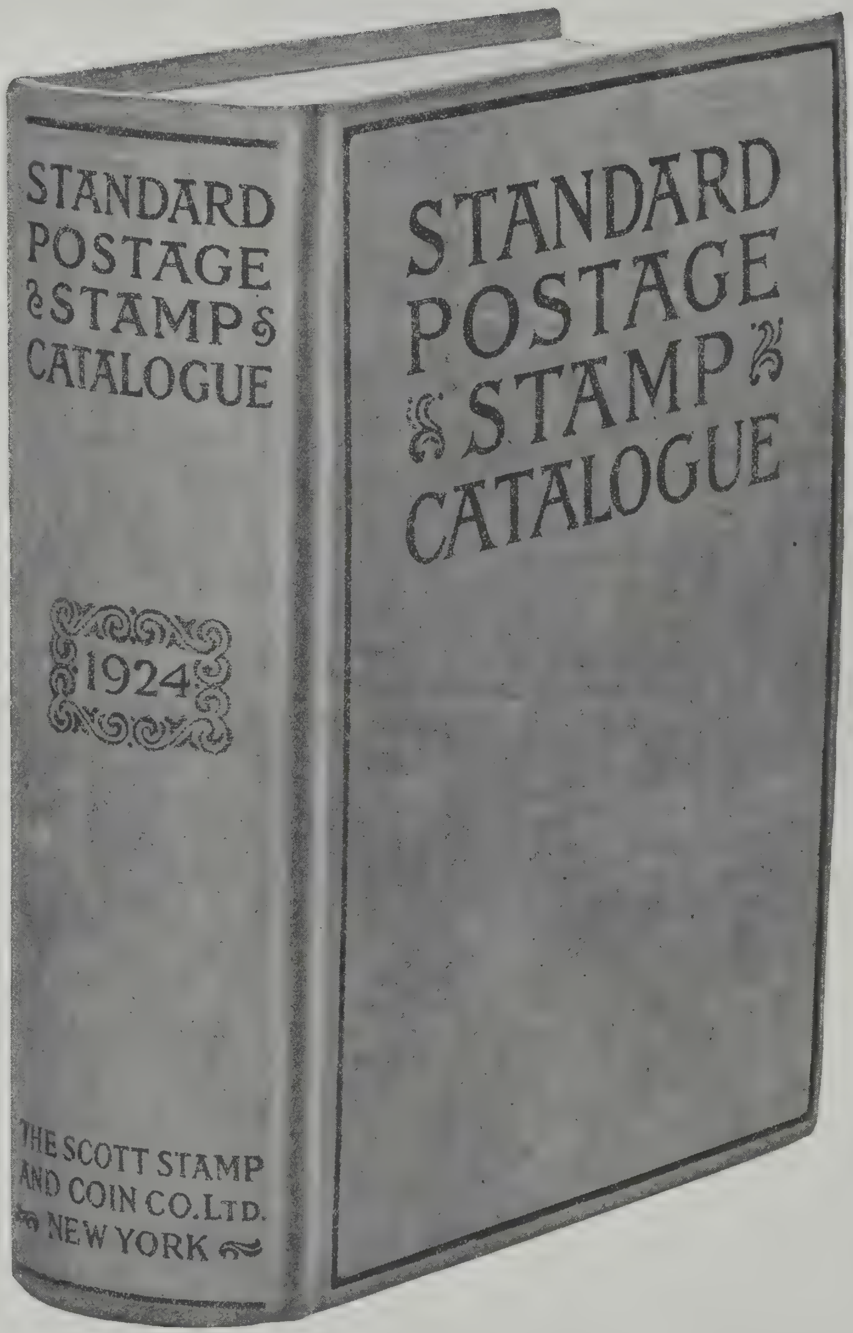
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Henry M. Underwood is listed as a clerk, residing at 78 Elm Street in the Directory for 1868. Another son, named E. Alexander Underwood, is listed in the Newark Directories as early as 1873 and, until he died in September, 1920, was engaged in banking and other business in Newark.

The following data regarding Alexander Underwood is taken from "The Underwood Families of America" (1913) :—

"Alexander Underwood was born October 10, 1810, at Forty Fort, Luzerne County, Penna. He was an architect and builder, mill owner, and patentee. He resided first at Newark, N. J., but on his second marriage removed to Ilion, N. Y. In his first shop, * * * (now site of the Masonic Temple.—H. M. U.) he placed the first steam engine brought to Ilion, since so famous for its numerous manufactures. Here he conducted a sash, blind, and door factory. Later he invented numerous forms of machinery, including the first automatic machine for manufacturing matches (1858), and later the first twine binder for harvesting grain. For a time he was engaged in the manufacture of matches at Newark, N. J., then lived in Kenosha, Wis., and finally returned to Newark, N. J., where he died June 7, 1890."

The Newark factory on New Jersey Railroad Avenue was next to the southeast corner of Green Street and the block No. 113 to 123 N. J. R. R. Avenue is now occupied by a large brick factory building. At the time the Underwood factory was in operation the tracks of the New Jersey Railroad ran through the avenue at the street level. The middle of the avenue occupied by the railroad tracks has since been elevated and is now a section of the main line of the Pennsylvania System. Stamp collectors—and others—traveling over this line between New York and Philadelphia pass the site previously occupied by the front door of the Underwood factory, a few hundred feet south of the present Newark station.

On the editorial page of Mekeel's Weekly of November 14, 1914, the following appeared :—

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he had the drawing ready to send to Washington, where the die was to be made at an expense of three hundred and fifty dollars. Unknown to Mr. Underwood his son substituted his father's picture for that of the 'steam engine;' and Mr. Underwood was surprised beyond measure to discover his portrait on the stamps and as a modest man, we take it that he was somewhat chagrined at the revelation. Mr. Underwood says that his company (in Kenosha—H. M. U.) sold out to the Park City Match Company of Kenosha, Wisconsin."

Quite likely the frequent passage of trains on the New Jersey R. R. before the door of his factory suggested to Mr. Underwood the idea of using a locomotive for the principal feature of his stamp.

In a letter dated August 5, 1923, Mr. H. M. Underwood, who is now living in Waukegan, Illinois, and is in his 80th year, writes :—

"I am the 'bad boy' who disregarding paternal orders substituted the photo of 'the pater,' Alex. Underwood, in lieu of a locomotive in the order for the dies for stamps of Alexander Underwood & Co. If this enrolls Alexander Underwood in the 'hall of fame' of match manufacturers, the honor is well deserved, in consideration for the limited reward usually accruing to inventors. * * * *

The Electric Match Co. used the Underwood dies exclusively—at first by permission—later by purchase."

The Chicago Directories list the Electric Match Co. in the editions of 1870, 1871 and 1873. In 1870 and 1871 George N. Jackson was President and E. C. Long was Treasurer. In 1873 S. D. Perry was Vice-President, E. C. Long, Treasurer, and H. M. Underwood Superintendent. In 1870, the address was 43 So. Water Street, in 1871 at 11 and 13 Wabash Avenue and in 1873 at 10 Congress Street.

Mr. H. M. Underwood has kindly presented the writer with several bill and letter heads, which confirm the data given in the Directories. On one of these, dated Chicago, June 20, 1871, the officers are Geo. N. Jackson, President, S. D. Perry, Vice President, and E. C. Long, Treasurer. The heading is

"Office of The
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11 & 13 Wabash Avenue"

and in small type at the left, enclosed in a diamond, is "H. M. Underwood,—Factory at Kenosha, Wis.—Superintendent" in three lines.

The most interesting of these letter heads is in different type from the former and the address is 97 West Madison Street. The date in manuscript is Oct. 18, 1871. Across the top of the sheet in small type is printed

"Having shared the common fate at our old quarters 11 and 13 Wabash Ave., we are again settled, warranting our matches as usual, 'Sure Fire and Safe'."

The great Chicago fire occurred on the 8th and 9th of October, 1871. Americans can well be proud of the enterprise which, after experiencing such a terrific disaster, could, within ten days, find new quarters, have new stationery printed and be ready for business.

The Electric Match Co. of Chicago took over the property of the Park City Match Co. of Kenosha after the latter firm had bought the Kenosha business of Alexander Underwood. As the dies of the Park City Match Co. stamps had been sold to James L. Clark of Oshkosh in 1867, the Electric Match Co. did not obtain nor use either of the Park City dies.

The Underwood factory in Newark probably ceased operation in 1869 or 1870 and subsequently the Underwood die was sold to the Electric Match Co. The latter concern had the firm name in the central disk over the Underwood portrait changed to read "Electric Match Co." and this altered design exists in the form of die proofs. The Electric Match Co. had no stamps from the altered die—there is no evidence that a plate was ever made from the die—but they used stamps from the Underwood plate for a year or two previous to March, 1872. All the available evidence indicates that some of the Underwood stamps on old paper and all of those on silk paper were used by the Electric Match Co. of Chicago at their Kenosha factory.

For additional data regarding the earlier and later history of Alexander Underwood's connection with the match business the reader is referred to the articles on the Park City Match Co. stamps.

The Boston Book gives the following data :—

Die approved, Oct. 23, 1867.
First issued, Nov. 7, 1867.
Last issued, March, 1872.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
1,762,320 issued on old paper.
220,000 issued on silk paper.

"This die was sold to the Electric Match Co. of Kenosha, Wis., who had it altered, but never used stamps from it."

The Underwood stamp is an upright rectangle of the standard 1c size and the greater part of the design is taken up by a central disk extending the complete width of the stamp, which bears a full-face portrait of Mr. Alexander Underwood. In colored letters above and below the portrait, following the curve of the disk, is inscribed "Alex. Underwood & Co." above and "Matches" below. In each of the four triangular spaces outside the corners of the disk there is a colorless numeral 1, while slightly curved marginal labels at the top and bottom of the stamp are inscribed "One Cent.—U. S. Inter. Rev." Slight floral ornamentation at the four corners squares up the design which otherwise is almost devoid of ornamentation.

The single plate was made by Butler & Carpenter and all the stamps were printed in Philadelphia. The Boston Book lists the yellow green shade on old paper and experimental silk paper, and the blue green shade on old paper and full silk paper, which classification agrees with that of the present writer. The old paper variety has never been common and has a reputation of coming in unsatisfactory condition. The silk paper is very scarce and the condition is also apt to be unsatisfactory. No pair, strip or block of either variety has come the writer's attention.

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Gilbert M. Burr, Meshoppen, Penn., writes:—

"I wish to express my appreciation of your department on the 'Low Values Specialized' as this is very interesting to me, as I have been working on some of these some time and appreciate the help.

I have a colorless L in a plain block and an X in a block with the extra line at top, as you mention having the 22 of, but 21 is my highest colorless numeral. The X is on the 3c re-engraved.

Can you give me any information on the ordinary numeral cancellations enclosed in circles with bars running horizontally? I have quite a variety but find identical numerals and surrounding design coming from several cities. Were they used without any system, and is there anything published that throws any light on the matter?"

So far as I know these numerals were run without system; New York, Chicago and many other cities used them. For instance, I have some identical with the New York numbers from Poughkeepsie. I believe they were a standard form of steel die stamp sold by a die-making company wherever they could sell them. I think in some cities they were used to designate branch post-offices and in other cities clerks in the post-offices. In the New York (common type of small numeral in a circle with horizontal bars above and below) there are two types, one with the figures seven millimeters high and the other with numerals eight millimeters high. Use of these began about 1879 and was continued for many years.

Mr. Bates E. Clark, of No. 122 South Burdick Street, Kalamazoo, Mich., writes:

"Wiley makes no mention of the orange cancellation on the three cent green. I have one on cover. Bright orange cancellation on stamp and orange town on the envelope (LeRoy, N. Y.)."

I have often heard it said that there never was an orange color used—that this was due to oxidation of the cancelling ink, etc., but I agree with Mr. Clark that there was an orange used. What do some of the other readers of this department think?—ED.

Here is some interesting comment from J. W. Andrews, 208 North Harvey Street, Urbana, Ill., regarding the two cent brown and green (Washington), Nos. 210 and 212:

"I am trying to gather a good bunch of cancellations on these two favorites of mine and have quite a large collection of cancellations in addition to my collection of minor varieties. I have a fair lot of flags, wheels, U. S. monograms, P. O. D. monograms, colored, etc., but there is one cancellation that I have been waiting for for years and that is a real honest to goodness red (an 1847 red) on this stamp. Evidently there "ain't no sech thing." However, I have two beautiful large lavender grids on the green, and a beautiful *Green* grid of the same size on a brown.

So far I have paid no attention to the paper varieties, except that I have five or six stitch watermarks on each. There is an experimental rib on the brown that I have been after but without success so far, although a copy was in a recent auction.

My latest good find was a three cent, 1851, with red Paid Three in circle.

I have a fair bunch of shifts on No. 206. One strong one is the stamp with a line through the O of ONE, through the U. S. and in the A of POSTAGE, along with other minor shifts.

Have about twenty copies of 208, one shift. There is a line in the white space immediately above the POST section of the upper label. This is the only shift that I have seen on this stamp."

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The managing editor visited Salt Lake City in August, but neglected to take with him a list of Salt Lake subscribers. We now wish it had been his privilege to lunch at the Utah Cafe and come in contact with the proprietor, J. Bogris, who is interested enough in the WEEKLY to send his check for $5.00 for membership in the Honor Club.

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—J. Schmerl of San Francisco sends us a colored cartoon feature entitled. "Toots and Casper," in which philately figures in a wonderful degree. A lusty infant is seated on the floor exercising his vocal chords in a very demonstrative fashion. Father and mother are both pictured as giving the babe everything under the sun to appease his wrath, until finally the disgusted father throws a letter upon the floor and the infant catching sight of the stamp is immediately pacified. It is some cartoon.

—We have been shown a new advertising cancellation by Frank A. Goldsmith:—"Constructing Riverton Irrigation Project 120,000 Acres." It comes from Riverton, Wyoming

—We are advised by P. J. Drossos that Crete, Yvert & Tellier No. 22 can now be considered official as the stamp has been furnished to most of the persons who received complete sets of the provisionals in June. There was no public sale of the stamp, the remaining stock having been bought up by speculating officials who have disposed of most of their stocks to dealers.

—We are much pleased to hear of the organization of stamp clubs at high schools and other educational institutions; and it is comforting to know that in some instances the students get the encouragement of the instructors in their stamp work. The Sentous Junior High School Stamp Club is still going at a good clip and evidently it has gathered a momentum that will carry it through the next five years, for has not a check for five dollars been received from Mr. Geo. H. Grinnell of Los Angeles, Calif., who has taken charge of this club, for a five-year renewal of subscription to the WEEKLY? It has. Mr. Grinnell says that the WEEKLY is absolutely necessary to any stamp club and that he wants to be sure that none of the members is lost because of "expired subscription." We know that Mr. Wylie will not object if we welcome this member of the five-year club.

—Mr. W. C. Michaels was unanimously elected president of the Kansas City Bar Association at the annual election held recently, taking the place occupied heretofore by Senator A. L. Cooper. Mr. Michaels is one of our ablest philatelists, who has been to the fore as a collector for many years; and we congratulate him on his accession to the honor shown him by his legal associates.

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—Mr. N. S. Hufnell of Wilmington, Delaware, says: "I am in receipt of a letter from my correspondent in Germany. He states that there has been a law passed, whereby the German postal censor opens registered mail and confiscates U. S. A. money that might be enclosed. Do you know of this or is it a rumor growing out of the reported dishonesty of some of the German postal employees?" We take no stock in this report and nothing has appeared in the postal news that we have seen to give it the color of truth.

—We rejoice to know that illness in the home of Mr. Edward S. Knapp, the Confederate prize-winner, has been overcome; and we learn that Mr. Knapp is now installed in his home at 158 E. 64th Street, New York City.

—Our managing editor, Mr. Wylie, turned in his card for 73 net in the Wenham, Mass., golf tournament, and got the honors for the best net score, leading a field of eighteen players.

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ber is not expected to break the ice
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of a relative that a certain section of
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—A new advertising cancellation comes from Portland, Oregon, as follows: "Pacific International Live Stock Exposition, Nov. 3-10."

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—It begins to look as though the S. P. A. means business. Its Committee on Ways and Means, appointed to adjust matters on the irregularities of members who failed to settle promptly with the Sales Department, at the annual convention in Washington, reported it had accumulated several hundred dollars as the starter toward this Refund. Disbursements to those having had losses will start soon, we understand. The new president, Victor W. Rotnem, is the right man in the right place.

—The U. S. Government Philatelic Exhibit which was recently shown at the International Exhibition in London, will be on view at the club rooms of the Boston Philatelic Society, 322 Tremont Building, Boston, Tuesday, November 6, from 8 to 10 p. m. All collectors in Boston and vicinity are cordially invited.

—The volume of publicity that philately is receiving is great and we wish that it were possible to measure it accurately. We have never made any serious attempt to preserve the clippings from newspapers and other publications that we have received in the course of the past twenty-five years as editor of the WEEKLY, but we should be interested in seeing just how many inches of publicity philately has received during the past three years, for instance. We do not suppose that any person who has been in a position to secure the notices has made a scrap-book of them.

—The tendency to ignore the damaged stamp seems to be growing and the market value of the defective specimen is becoming weaker. It is a question whether we cannot become extremists on the subject of the damaged stamp and blind our eyes to certain qualities that it must be admitted that they have. One thing is certain and that is that the man who will buy defective copies may have them at prices that are unbelievably low, if he will keep his eyes open.

—A collector tells us in confidence that before he married, the young lady showed much enthusiasm over his stamps but that now she finds it hard to listen patiently while he extols the beauties of his pets. "What to do?" he asks.

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By CEDRIC BONNELL.

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Rare old letter-franks are all of these, whose charms age cannot wither; for, though long ago relegated to the limbo of the obsolete as active forwarding agents of our inter-Empire correspondence, they'll assuredly continue to star with ever-increasing lustre in the world wide stampic firmament.

New issues of stamps are of far greater frequency in some of the British Colonies than with ourselves, and in the case of certain small island dependencies it is notorious that no inconsiderable portion of their revenue accrues from continual exploitation of philatelists and enthusiastic young collectors.

Most of the twenty-odd values of a freshly-designed complete series of United States stamps, running from one cent to five dollars, have now superseded the types which have been current for the last ten or a dozen years. On those Grover Cleveland may be seen wearing the purple of the 12c; bonnie Martha Washington again figures on the new 4c brown, pretty much as in 1902; while Roosevelt, on the 5c blue, is for the first time included in this great people's portrait gallery of famous past Presidents.

Franklin and Washington, who between them formed monopoly of the portraiture on the "1912-1923" series now for the most part superseded, are to figure only on the 1c and the 2c values respectively; and, until the "Harding 2c memorial" stamp has run its brief sixty days' course, the familiar "Washington 2c red" will remain in nearly total eclipse.

An impelling official reason for the wider-range of physiognomic diversity on the new stamps, says the Omaha (Neb.) *World Herald*, a daily owned by Senator Hitchcock, is that greater variation is essential in order to guard against so many clerical failures in the detection of short-paid matter, the colours, also, of several of the old values having been too closely akin. By the way, our first Edwardian halfpenny stamp had after a time to be altered to a lighter and yellower shade of green because of the number of 2½d blues that kept going agley at the stamp counters, especially under artificial light.

The Nebraskan journalist goes on to say: "In this connection may we suggest that what our stamps need is whiskers, than which nothing gives such variety to the human face. A good, snappy selection of all the standard types of whiskers ought to serve the purpose perfectly. The most hurried and overworked postal clerk couldn't fail to notice with half an eye the marked difference, for example, between Oom Paul's lace edging and a neatly trimmed Van Dyck. There would be variety to spare between a set of Dundrearys and the imperial of Napoleon III. General Burnside and James Hamilton Lewis would look well in any stamp collector's album. In the matter of moustaches alone, a whole series can be provided for, beginning with a tiny Charlie Chaplin and winding up with a fine engraving of the walrus type." Now, what price these Roosevelt-Cleveland examples by way of a quite modest start in that direction?—*Nottinghamshire Guardian.*

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Chapter IV.

The Perforated "Liberty Head" Stamps.

In September, 1882, the *Philatelic Record* chronicled the 5c and 7c of the previous type *perforated;* in the following month *Le Timbre Poste* added the 3c; in March, 1883, the 2c was mentioned in the *Philatelic Record;* while the 1c and 20c were not recorded until February and August respectively of 1884.

The problems presented by these perforated stamps are much more complex and therefore more difficult of solution than those in connection with the imperforate issue. Mr. Hausburg writes as follows:—

"It has been stated that the perforated stamps, the first of which appeared towards the end of 1882, perforated by a single-line machine, 13½, were printed from the same plates as the imperforate series; I must say, however, that I entirely disagree with this theory."

There is no doubt whatsoever that different plates were made for, to again quote Mr. Hausburg, "while the plates of the imperforate series appear to be made up of fifty different electros, those of the perforated stamps seem to consist of two panes of twenty-five. That is to say there are a great many points of similarity between the corresponding stamps on the two panes, although the value plugs seem to have been inserted separately for every stamp in the sheet of fifty." This is an important point and one to which we shall refer again later as it has considerable bearing on the actual number of separate plates used in the production of the perforated "Liberty Head" stamps. In studying these perforated stamps Mr. Hausburg made a very important discovery which we cannot do better than describe in his own words:—

"From the reconstructed sheets it is evident that for the perforated series there were three distinct sets of plates. I say distinct, because in every plate belonging to a particular set there are flaws peculiar to that set.

This at first caused a good deal of trouble. Most of the plating of the pèrforated series was done from a complete pane of the 1 centime. I would find, for instance, the position on the pane of a specimen of the seven cents ultramarine, and then I would find that there was a seven centimes blue which was evidently the same variety, but the position of the '7' in the shield was different, and there were differences also in other parts of the stamp.

Fortunately there is no difficulty in deciding to which plate any specimen belongs. So far, I have always found that any one shade or color belongs to a particular plate. For instance, there are three distinct shades of the 5 centimes; a bluish green, which is always found to belong to what is called in these notes Plate I; a yellow green which is always Plate II; and a deep bright green, which is always Plate III. There are, of course, shades of each, but it is always quite easy to say to which plate any specimen belongs."

Mr. Hausburg describes the peculiarities of the three plates as follows:—

Plates I and II.

No. 25—There is a slanting stroke across the space between the outer lines of the frame above the "Q" of "REPUBLIQUE."

No. 28—There is a colored lump on the bottom of the "C" of "CENT" in the left lower label.

No. 40—There is a lump on the outer right-hand side of the shield opposite the upper part of the "C" of "CENT."

No. 43—(except the 3c.) There is a thin white mark across the lower part of the neck.

Plate II.

No. 32—The lower left-hand corner of the shield is incomplete.

Plate III.

No. 3—The upright part of the "L" of "REPUBLIQUE" is broken.

No. 17—The outer frame at the lower left corner is damaged.

No. 27—The outer frame at the upper left corner is badly damaged.

In addition to the three plates mentioned above, there is a variety of the first, found only in connection with th 2 centimes which Mr. Hausburg term Plate Ia. Now, while it is perfectly tru that these stamps fall naturally int three groups, as tabulated by Mr. Haus burg, a little close examination (bearin in mind the method employed in manufacturing the imperforate stamps) wi soon prove that three different *sets o plates* were certainly not used. To star with, how would it be possible, by an method of reproduction, to produce set of plates, at once so different and ye so alike, from one common source? Mı Hausburg has shown that twenty-fiv electrotypes of the chosen design wer arranged in five rows of five and fron this block of 25 two reproductions wer made which, placed side by side, forme the printing plate of fifty impression That the "original" plate, if we ma so term it, was made up in this manne is proved by little pecularities founc on corresponding stamps on each of th two vertical halves of the plate. Thu No. 4 resembles No. 9 in many respects No. 14 has many points in common witl No. 19; No. 34 is very like No. 39 anc so on. Now the small peculiarities or the particular stamps just cited as instances, are found on *all three* of Mr Hausburg's plates as well as on hi sub-plate for the 2c, thus proving tha if separate plates were made they al owe their origin to one common source

Perhaps it will make matters clearer if we reproduce our line of argument exactly as printed in the *Postage Stamp* for June, 1914, viz.:—

"If individual plates were needed for each denomination, why should the manufacturers have gone to the trouble of having them pierced for movable value plugs? It would have been much simpler to have engraved the numerals by hand or to have inserted them by means of punches on the blank shields. And why the necessity of three plates for the 5c when the so-called plate I shows no signs of wear and is, in fact, greatly superior to plate III? Apart from the improbability of there being separate series of plates how would it have been *possible* to reproduce plates, differing in so many particulars, from one common matrix? For instance, as Mr. Hausburg points out, No. 28 on the plate of all denominations from Plates I, Ia and II

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characterised by the presence of a olored lump on the bottom of the 'C' 'CENT' in the left lower label, though is variety does not occur on plate III. ow, if that lump of color was apparent ough on the original to be reproduced eleven plates (according to Mr. ausburg's theory) why should it sud- enly cease to show on the last three ates made? Then again, on all values om plates I, Ia and II (except the 1c d 3c on plate I), there is a prominent colored flaw above the pile of cannon lls at the right on No. 12 and a similar w across the neck on No. 43, yet these ws do not appear on the correspond- g stamps of plate III which owe their igin to the same common matrix.

I am afraid the theory of three sepa- te series of plates will not bear investi- tion. It is apparent that the same ethod was used as in producing the perforate stamps; i.e., the same plate as used for several values, the plugs r the numerals being changed as re- ired. We thus have *states of a plate* ther than a series of separate plates. t the same time a little study will ow that more than one plate was em- oyed, though it is difficult to say posi- ely exactly how many. To a certain tent, therefore, I must theorise re- rding the actual number of separate ates, and the proof or disproof must with someone having more material study than I have—more especially in e way of large blocks and uncut sheets.

My idea is that at first two plates of ty were made which were in con- rrent use. One of these, which I term ate A, was used only for the 1c. This is determined by the absence of flaws on Nos. 12 and 43 (as regards No. 43 this is surmise, for I have not been able to find a satisfactory specimen of that number on the plate), and the presence of two prominent flaws on No. 31 which are found on no other denomination. Other proof is provided by Nos. 45, 46 and 49, which have the right-hand frame lines of the value shields perfectly straight, whereas, on all other values of the so-called plate I these lines show more or less decided bulges. Why this plate was used only for the 1c is a point on which I can suggest no explanation. The other plate, which I term Plate B, and which I infer was made about the same period exists in four clearly defined states.

In the first state, used for the 3c only, there are no flaws on Nos. 12 and 43, though in other respects it is sufficiently unlike the 1c as to discount any probability of it being a later state of Plate A. There are no flaws on No. 31 for instance, while Nos. 45, 46 and 49 all show bulged shield lines.

The second state of this plate was used for the 2c, 5c and 7c and, I believe, in the order named. In changing the value plugs from '3' to '2' some of the lines of the shield were bent more and the flaws on Nos. 12 and 43 were made. At any rate these two stamps on the plate of the 2c are not known without the flaws, while the corresponding stamps on the 3c I have never found with flaws. That the 5c was printed later seems probably from the presence of little flaws not shown on the 2c and that the 7c was printed later still is proved by many of the flaws, begun on the 5c, having now become quite prominent. These flaws are, in many instances, caused by bits of dirt or dried ink adhering to the plate, and so printing on the stamps as dots or blotches of color.

After the printing of the 7c in blue more 2c stamps were needed, but before these were printed the dirty state of the plate seems to have been noted and it was cleaned. We thus have a third state of the plate (Mr. Hausburg's Plate Ia). This state of the plate is very similar to the last, except that most of the color smudges and blots have now disappeared. The large numerals '2' occupy entirely different positions from those in the previous state, thus serving as additional proof that movable plugs were used. That the plate was cleaned can, I believe, be traced on No. 30. On the 3c, first state, there is a tiny line of color between the base of the letters 'UE' of 'REPUBLIQUE.' This was evidently caused by a small piece of projecting metal which, by the time the 7c was printed, had accumulated sufficient dirt or dried ink as to print as a very plain color smudge. In this new printing of the 2c, third state, the line has been restored to its original clearness, showing the plate must have been cleaned. The 2c was the only value to be printed from this state of the plate for before it could be used for any other denomination it received a serious damage, resulting in a new variety, which we may reasonably term another state.

This fourth state is Mr. Hausburg's Plate II, and is characterised by a badly damaged shield on No. 32. The lower left portion of the frame of the shield has been entirely removed. That the plate is the same, however, is obvious from the manner in which the flaws and peculiarities match those of the earlier states. That it *is* a later state is proved by the additional signs of wear. No. 12 will serve as an example; if this is examined it will be found that the outline of the flaw, always clearly defined in earlier states, is now gradually losing its sharpness. From this fourth state of the plate 1c, 3c, 5c, 7c and 20c stamps were printed, but in exactly what order it is a little difficult to say. But taking notes of flaws and their progress and little peculiarities which only crop up in certain states, I fancy the order of printing was 1c, 20c, 3c, 5c and 7c. My reasons for so thinking are that colored smudges that appear between 'REPUBLIQUE' and 'D'HAITI' on some stamps are never very prominent on the 1c. That the 20c was printed next seems to be proved by the straight right-hand frame to the shield on No. 16. In the case of the 3c this line is bulged outwards; in the 5c the bulge is worse; and in the 7c it is worse still; hence I presume they were printed in that order. There are many other stamps that might equally well be cited as instances in proof of this theory.

Lastly, we have to consider Mr. Hausburg's Plate III. This I believe to have been an entirely new plate. It is not a later state of Plate A, nor is it Plate B, though it was evidently cast from the same matrix as those two plates, as is shown by the small imperfections common to all on Nos. 4, 9, 14, 19, 34 and 39. In most other respects, however, the similarity ends. Plate C, as I term this one, may have been in use concurrently with B for a time. It is characterised by numerous badly damaged value shields, in many instances large portions of the frame lines being entirely erased. No. 3 has the vertical stroke of the 'L' of 'REPUBLIQUE' badly broken; No. 17 has a very badly damaged lower left corner; and No. 27 has an equally badly damaged left upper corner. Only the 2c, 5c and 20c were printed from this plate and judging from a study of the flaws the 5c was printed first, then the 2c and finally the 20c.

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A collector who to our knowledge for over thirty years has been a close observer of the trend of philately says that it is evident that stamps are being bought for investment purposes by wealthy men who take stamps out of the market and put them, not in stamp collections, but in the safety vaults. While admitting that it is a compliment to stamps to place them in the class of gilt-edged securities, the collector is under a handicap, as a consequence of the rapid advance in price of many of the desirable stamps. While there is some basis for the remarks of our friend yet we think that he exaggerates the number of non-philatelic investors; and he admits that the collector, who, liking stamps, also looks upon them as having investment attractions, is well within his rights in buying whatever suits his fancy. In fact, we do know that there are a good number of collectors who are buying stamps that appeal to them beyond what may be called the purely collecting limits, but if collectors wish to invest in stamps, we say that they are doing a welcome, and in many cases, a wise act. These words are *apropos* of the receipt of "Postage Stamps as an Investment," by Charles J. Phillips of New York, who for almost forty years has been in the thick of professional philately, wherein he lists the countries whose stamps offer opportunities for price enhancement. Mr. Phillips comes out flat-footedly for stamps as an investment; and well he says that all those who invest considerably in stamps, according to our means, must attend to the financial aspect of stamps. Reduced to its briefest form, the most desirable investment is in the "old classic issues .... that tell in a collection." Mr. Phillips' little book of forty pages is all meat; and a perusal of it must fortify the faith of investors.

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Mr. Phillips thinks that the U. S. department stamps are sadly neglected and without reason, and that as sure as fate they will again be taken to the philatelic bosom. Their cancellations alone give them a claim on collectors, not to say any thing about printings, papers and other varieties. To the Confederate States, both general and local issues, Mr. Phillips offers his profoundest regards, and he says that these stamps are the most historical and valuable that exist. Mr. Phillips shows an appreciation of Confederate patriotic envelopes, envelopes used twice, those made of wallpaper, prisoners' letters, official envelopes that is quite remarkable. He maintains, and justly, that the manner in which the Confederate stamps have been ignored, relatively speaking, maketh the philatelic heart sick; and that it follows that when they come into their own, the present prices of the stamps will seem ridiculous. From Argentine to Western Australian, Mr. Phillips tells in concise sentences what are the best fields to cultivate in his opinion for a harvest of dollars. The brevity of Mr. Phillips' findings loan the more point to them, it seems, and we shall tell of the foreign stamps spoken of in the next number.

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A reader, Mr. L. M. McCarthy, San Francisco, has sent us a clipping from a magazine whose name does not appear, in which the editor speaks of "enthusiasms," among which stamp collecting is included, and we find that philatelists are set apart as examples of "blind boosters of their cult" whose intemperate statements of praise in behalf of their "field" arouses the antagonism of people who have some hold on themselves. The editor avers that it was always thus with collectors, as he remembers that when he was a boy he wildly shouted the praises of stamp collecting. He hints that it would be more seemly if philatelists would restrain themselves in their loud-voiced admiration for the hobby. This editor is in small business when he takes this means to show his prejudice against philately; and if there was anything in his charges, they would fall to earth, anyway, as the fault is not to be alleged against philately but against its followers. The truth is that as many of the collectors who make themselves heard are boy collectors who naturally speak of what is close to their hearts in unmeasured terms, the unyielding critic who would hold that fact up against collecting is unfair. Mr. McCarthy, in sending the clipping, says: "I am glad that there is some one who may be depended upon to sting these fellows who scoff and sneer at us, as they have an idea that they can get away with murder." At any rate, here is a refutation of the claim that philatelists have always been so partizan in their beliefs that stamp collecting is irresistible and unconquerable that irritation ensues on the part of the collector who does not join in the ballyhoos! From the *Philatelist*, London, Jan. 1, 1867, we take the following: "The future of philately, if we may judge from appearances, looks bright and promising. In the course of time it will doubtless cease to be the fashion and firms now flourishing by promoting its progress will have run with the stream and turned their attention into newer, and perhaps as yet undeveloped, channels. But even then, philately will have its quiet friends and adherents, still proud of, and deserving the name of, philatelists." Surely, this is modesty and good-manners.

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The Junior Philatelic Society of London has been celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, and at its meeting, held October 6th, the President, Fred. J. Melville, gave an interesting address, as has been his custom annually for the past quarter-century. As president of the J. P. S. he has a record of achievement that bids us pause and ponder. Always active in philatelic well-doing, the society has a string of achievements to its credit that establishes it as an important factor in philately for years to come, and its crowning triumph was the recent international exhibition at London. That Fred. J. Melville is an Admirable Crichton of philately need not be said to those who know the man, whose philatelic activities have been so varied in scope and so extensive in their application; and there is every indication that for many years to come Mr. Melville will work unceasingly in the philatelic vineyard. Speaking of himself, Mr. Melville said in his address: "Perchance if you put up with him for another twenty-five years, the new young members of the jubilee season 1948-49 will have a chance to acclaim him 'Beaver'."

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ST. KITTS-NEVIS, 1890-1922.

By Harry E. Huber.

XX. *Sale of Colonial Stamps in London.*

Early in 1920 at the suggestion of the Crown Agents arrangements were made for supplying British Colonial stamps in London, at face value, to stamp dealers. The procedure is to issue a communique from time to time (usually quarterly) to bonafide stamp dealers, containing news of impending changes, or new printings of Colonial stamps, and to ascertain their requirements. A fee of 10s is charged on every parcel of stamps supplied. The amount received for stamps so disposed of is credited to the account of the Colony.

As supplies of stamps are received from the printers, quantities are taken out sufficient to fill orders in hand, and delivery is made on receipt of advice that the stamps have been received and issued in the Colony. At first there was considerable confusion, and stamps were released before they had reached the Colony. The double medallion series of St. Kitts-Nevis was in the hands of London dealers, and being sold in May, 1920, while in the Colony they were not issued until June 15th.

During 1921 many complaints were received by the Colonial Office from the Colonial authorities, as the result of representations made by Colonial collectors against the practice of stamps being on sale in London before available in the Colony. Considerable inconvenience was also occasioned the local Post Offices and vendors who were in receipt of remittances running to hundreds of pounds, which had to be held, at times for months, before the stamps were available.

At the opening of 1922 the Crown Agents discontinued for a time supplying stamps to English dealers, until a scheme could be perfected which would insure the actual issue in the Colony before the stamps were released in London.

The system does not extend to dealers beyond the United Kingdom, and American dealers, and others, must as before, remit direct to the Colonies.

"4 Millbank, Westminster,
London, S. W. 1,
5th October, 1921.

Sir:—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st September, enclosing a cutting from the . . . . on the subject of the supply of Colonial Postage Stamps to dealers. In reply I have to inform you that we have been authorised by several of the Governments for which we act, to retain, when shipping consignments of new stamps, those required by dealers in this country, in order to avoid the delay and inconvenience of sending them to the Colony, and then having them returned in response to orders sent out by those dealers to the Colonial postal authorities. These stamps are not issued by us until the supply has reached the Colony, and the arrangement does not affect stamp dealers in countries other than the United Kingdom, who should send their orders as hitherto to Colonial Postmasters.

2. —. . . . . . .

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
For Crown Agents."

The stamps of St. Kitts-Nevis were among the first to be supplied in this manner, and since then the practice has been extended to many of the Colonies. The scheme has its advantages and disadvantages, but it is doubtful if the Crown Agents considered so much the stamp dealers of the United Kingdom, in recommending its adoption, even though there have been many instances where dealers have been considerably inconvenienced in obtaining supplies from the Colonies. With conditions as they now are, English dealers have their stamps as soon as, if not sooner than, the stamps go on sale in the Colony, which is a distinct advantage over dealers in other countries, who must remit weeks ahead of anticipated issue date, and then wait from three to four weeks, and longer, while the stamps are in transit.

But much can be said in favor of the practice. So far as the smaller Colonies are concerned, it insures a sufficient supply of stamps being ordered from the printers to care for English dealers' requirements, as well as the local demand, and thus prevents a shortage which might easily occur should the local authorities underestimate the overseas' demand. Too, the local Post Offices are relieved of the work of filling and preparing these orders for dispatch.

XXI. *Presidency Series, Script Watermark, 1921-22.*

With the advent of the Georgian issues rumors began to circulate that a change was contemplated in the type of watermark used for British Colonial stamp papers, but official announcement that the change had been effected was not made until November, 1920, when a Bulletin issued by the Crown Agents, notified that:—

"Early this year it was found that the dandy roll used to manufacture the all-over watermarked papers used for the issues of Colonial Postage and Revenue stamps since the year 1903 was completely worn out. It was decided to manufacture a new dandy roll bearing an Imperial Crown and the letter CA (Crown Agents), shown in script capitals. This has now been done, and the old roll has been destroyed. Supplies of white and blue papers have already been made from the new roll, and as the existing stocks of green, yellow and red papers are used up, the new paper will be brought into general use."

The first stamps to be printed on white paper with the script watermark were the 1d and 2½d of Bermuda's first Legislative Tercentenary series, issued at Hamilton, on November 11, 1920; the new blue paper was first used for the 2s of Barbados small Arms type series, issued at Bridgetown, on November 14, 1921.

The letters CA are in script capitals, similar to those of the G v R watermark introduced in 1912, for the Georgian stamps of Great Britain, and the Edwardian Imperial Crown takes the place of the former Victorian Crown.

The ½d and 1d stamps of St. Kitts-Nevis, on script paper, were issued in the Presidency in July, 1921, but were supplied to London dealers by the Crown Agents some months before. In February, 1921, there was a shortage of 1d stamps of the Presidency series, and until the 1d script stamps arrived, the 1d of the Federation series was used exclusively. The ½d was similarly affected for several months in the same year, and the 2d likewise, early in 1922.

Three shipments of the 1½d stamp were sent out in 1921, but on paper with the old multiple Crown CA watermark. In May, 1922, the 2d and 2½d were issued on script paper. The latter had a very short life, as in less than 3 months stock had exhausted, and the new consignment was in brown. The 2s on the new blue script paper was issued in July, 1922.

1921-22, Presidency series, double medallion type, King George V and seal of St. Kitts (½d, 2½d, 2s), or of Nevis (1d, 2d). Watermarked multiple Crown and script CA sideways to the right. Perf. comb 14. Chalk surfaced paper for 2s.

½d blue green,	July, 1921
1d rose red,	July, 1921
2d gray,	May, 1922
2½d ultramarine,	May, 1922
2s ultramarine and violet on blue. (C)	July, 1922
(C)	July, 1922.

XXII. *Federation Series, Script Watermark, 1921-22.*

The first of the Federation series to appear on the script paper were the ½d and 1d late in 1921, followed by the ¼d

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in April, 1922, and the 2d in June. The ½d and 1d were released by the Crown Agents to London dealers several months before issue in the Islands.

These stamps were printed from plate 10, introduced in June, 1921, in sheets of 120 stamps, 2 panes of 60, separated by a narrow gutter. The plate number appears twice in the lower margin, in the usual positions, upper margin being blank. A marginal line surrounding each pane is broken at each line of perforation, with but one or two exceptions.

The 1d carmine on script paper was never on sale in St. Kitts-Nevis, their stock on the old paper lasting until the summer of 1922, by which time a color change had been effected; the ¼d on script was not issued there until November, 1922. Up to the first of July, 1922, Antigua and the British Virgins were without the ¼d brown, ½d green and 1d carmine stamps of the Federation series with the script watermark. The 2½d ultramarine and 6d dull violet and red violet, on script paper, were issued July 13, 1922, overprinted "Barbuda," but in unoverprinted state they do not yet exist.

1921-22, Federation series, King George V, Postage & Revenue, watermarked multiple Crown and script CA, perf. comb 14. Plate 10.

¼d brown,	April, 1922
½d green,	October, 1921
1d carmine,	October, 1921
2d gray,	June, 1922

(To be continued).

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—The 1c green, Franklin, design of 1923, perforated 10, a product of the rotary press, was issued some time back but precancelled only, the precancelling being done at the Bureau. From the first these stamps have been engraved, then precancelled by the same machine and as it looked as if months would elapse before the stamp appeared uncancelled we appealed to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. Through the courtesy of Mr. Warren Irving Glover we are now able to purchase the stamp, unused, from the Philatelic Stamp Agent at Washington, where they were placed on sale on Wednesday, October 17th. Those that I have seen are from plate 14349 and I note that they come in two slight shade differences of yellow green.

I also learn that the department has had the Bureau of Engraving and Printing discontinue the engraving of the 2c Harding memorial stamp on the rotary press, that is the perforated 10 variety. It seems that the black ink does not produce a satisfactory product for they vary from a deep black to a grey black that borders almost on a white. This means that more of the flat plates are being made so that by the time our list is complete the number of Harding plates will possibly exceed one hundred. The discontinuing of this stamp does not mean that it will be rare, for millions have been produced.

While speaking of the Harding emission it will be recalled that in my notes some time back I mentioned that first-day covers had been mailed not only to important officials in this country but to the ruling heads abroad as well. Replies are now beginning to arrive from Europe. The King of England is pleased to receive the cover as is the Prince of Wales. It cost the President of Germany two hundred thousands marks to tell me that the cover was appreciated. The special secretary to the King of Spain was ordered by His Majesty as was the head of the Cabinet to the King of Belgium, to express thanks for my thoughtfulness. The head of the household of Her Majesty, the Queen of the Netherlands, took the time to write a long hand letter of appreciation.

I know of no stamp issued by any government that has created so much interest philatelically. Hundreds seem to be specializing in the emission and I have received dozens of letters calling attention to slight shifts, dots, lines, dashes and the like, showing that many are studying the variety. As yet, however, I have found no minor variety worthy of chronicle and if any of our readers have I trust they will let me hear from them. With such a large issue turned out so hurriedly surely something out of the general run should happen.

In a recent Chronicle mention was made of a perforated reprint of the Franklin carrier and notes upon the subject from Mr. B. K. Miller are of interest. Mr. Miller writes, "There are no official explanations of the perforated reprints of the Franklin and Eagle Carriers. Perhaps the explanation is simple. When the order for the reprints was being executed the officials printed both of these carriers on the well known reprint paper and perforated them, not knowing that they should not be perforated or that the Franklin should be on pink paper. The error was discovered and these particular printings were suppressed. Some got out. The Eagle is common and being on white paper caused little comment. The Franklin is little known. I believe there are about twenty copies known. There is no doubt it is from the Franklin plate on the 1875 reprint paper and most probably perforated for the government."

I recently made remarks concerning the finding of a set of Columbians in imperforated pairs, gummed, and said to be "neither proofs nor essays but stamps printed on the regular paper." These were located by one of our best known dealers who writes, "The old time dealer of twenty to twenty-five years ago may recall a story that there was a complete set of these stamps in imperforated pairs in existence, but at that time, although everyone was watching for them, the only denomination that came to light was the 2c. The set was given out as the property of Henry Hilton, who was collecting at that time and who was a personal friend of John Wanamaker and one of those interested in trying to corner the $1 value; he purchased large quantities of the issue and, so the story goes, in a box of stamps which Wanamaker gave him there was this set in pairs. We knew the story and ot the existence of this set for years, and only recently through a collector could we obtain it."

We wish to thank Messrs. H. W. Porter, J. E. Scott, C. L. Chalfant, F. S. Eaton and A. H. Robertson for notes of interest.

The monthly supplement to the *Postal Guide* for October gives a very interesting story entitled "When The Ship Comes In," dealing with the New York Harbor Boat Service and telling about millions of letters and parcels coming from and going to the far corners of the earth. There are several other stories of interest to the stamp collector and more particularly one entitled "Try Chemical To Prevent Mildew." We are told how mail sacks are chemically treated to prevent such mildew and it is barely possible that the many changelings in stamp colors that have recently been coming to life may be partially due to this fact. It is nothing unusual to find the 6c approaching the brown of the 4c, the 1c approaching the black of the 7c; the 2c coming in a very dark shade, no doubt due to chemical action of some kind.

BELGIAN CONGO.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the following additional values of the new set: 5c orange, 50c blue, 75c orange and 1fr olive. Also 5c brown, 10c carmine, 15c violet, 30c green, 50c blue and 1fr grey in the new postage due set.

CHINA.—Mr. R. Roberts submits for chronicle the following Air Post stamps: 15c green and black, 30c vermilion and black, 45c violet and black, 60c blue and black, and 90c olive and black. The stamps are perforated 14.

COCHIN.—Our energetic colleague, Mr. Y. Rama Seshayya, B.A., Editor of the *Indian Philatelist*, informs us that a new value, viz., 10 pies blue, overprinted "On C.G.S.," has been issued with the head of the present Raja. The colour resembles that of the 3 pies with the head of the late Raja (Gibbons No. 27), but is somewhat deeper in shade. The watermark and perforation are as for the existing values of the present issue.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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brown, 50c blue, 75c deep orange,
grey, 3fr deep blue, 5fr purple.

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yellow brown, 50c blue, 75c deep oran
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F. A. Kraft, 4610 Pabst avenue, of Milwaukee's leading exponents e collection of stamps, states that ascinating pastime is gaining con- r every year. The national society has well over 3,000 members.

t many of the schoolboys, whose st hobby is the collecting of stamps, st in the work, according to Dr. t, who says that stamp collectors nvariably men of means, who can time and study to the hobby.

ere are so many little things which the value of a stamp, and these ue collector must know. The his- of the country, the dates of various , the curious and uncommon water- s, whether the stamp be lithog- d or engraved, all affect its cost and bility, according to Dr. Kraft.

oks, coins, antiques, all take up a amount of space and need large nwieldy cases, he says, while one sized catalogue will hold a life- collection of stamps. That is bly the greatest reason for the vast sing of collectors and the popularity sport.

ry one at some time or other is with the bug and it is the rare who never possessed a collection of s in his youth and engaged in ping" duplicates with his pals. er he kept on and blossomed forth collector of fame or whether it y remained a passing fantasy of uth, every one has experienced at time or other the passion for own- h of a rare object that drives col- half way across the globe and o pay a fabulous sum for a bit of narked paper and a dab of glue.

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NEW GREEK ISSUE.

By P. J. DROSSOS.

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THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

Programme for Session 1923-24.

Thursdays, 1923.

Oct. 11.—Display of the Straits Settlements Stamps of Queen Victoria's reign from His Majesty's Collection, with a Paper by the Past President, Mr. E. D. Bacon, C. V. O.

Oct. 25.—Sir N. E. Waterhouse, K. B. E. Display of selected Stamps from the Postmaster-General and Official Issues of the United States of America with Notes.

Nov. 8.—Mr. G. H. Dannatt. Display with Notes of the Stamps of Chili.

Nov. 22.—Mr. S. A. Brown. Display with Notes of the earlier issues of Gambia and of St. Lucia.

Dec. 13.—Capt. C. J. S. Jewell. A Paper on the "Plating the Rivadavia 5c Plate D and the identification of each of the four 'Plates'," with lantern illustrations.

Thursdays, 1924.

Jan. 17.—Lt.-Col. G. S. F. Napier. Display of the first type of Greece.

Jan. 31.—Five Minute Papers by the Members.

Feb. 14.—Mr. G. C. Alston. Display with Notes of Hanover. Mr. R. Wedmore. Display with Notes of Prussia.

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April 10.—Display of Rare Stamps by the Members (limited to 20 pieces).

May 1.—Dr. E. W. Floyd. Paper and Display. The Stamps of the Confederate States of America.

May 15.—The President. Paper and Display—Selections from the stamps of Columbia.

May 29.—Five Minute Papers by the Members.

June 19.—Annual General Meeting.

MARKET IN MODERN COLONIALS.

By PHILATELIA.

At the nadir of the season it is interesting to survey the prospects for the future and results of the past. It is as yet too early to tell the lasting effects of the great Stamp Exhibition.

Most dealers appear to have done big business and made new connections; but the real effect will be gauged by the number of new recruits to the hobby who develop into earnest collectors after the first spasm of interest aroused has died away.

A bull point for stamp investment often overlooked by the propagandist is its immunity from Income Tax, and as the rises are far more certain and profits greater than in any ordinary set of shares, the influx of the investing public would be enormous if the interest in, and financial possibilities of, our King of Hobbies were more generally known. It is useless for highbrows to deprecate the introduction of finance to their science; this is a utilitarian age which is best reached through the purse.

The popularity of the *Philatelic Magazine* overseas is illustrated by an interesting letter which has reached me from an American, apparently on visit to London, and who raised several interesting points on Market Notes, only some of which can be dealt with now. He thinks more attention might be given in these articles to the Colonial issues of the decade 1900-1910, which, it is argued, come into the category of Modern Colonials. Reference to these has frequently been made where the possibilities appear to have merited it, and will be again. The absence of a comprehensive text book of all these issues is much to be deplored and a wide field appears open to the zealous stamp scribe.

Modern Colonials, he opines, are the "best sitters" of any even in the States—after early U. S.

Next is raised the question of the prospects of Script Georgians, now that they are "sold off wholesale from the Colonial Agents." This later statement requires qualification. Anyone who visits the Millbank offices will find considerable difficulties and delay in the way, and will probably decide it is easier to obtain them from some correspondent or London dealer. There is no doubt there are a good many of the current scripts about; but they are popular, whilst certain issues that had a very short life are going to be good, as has already been pointed out—such as 2½d blue of St. Kitts or Trinidad. If 2s6d is a fair catalogue quotation for these, *mint*, used copies are worth at least double.

One of the last Crown Colonies to start using this new paper is Brunei, whose current issue is to appear thus. This country has troubled collectors very little of recent years and some of the stamps are much scarcer than generally realized. All the 1907, bi-coloured issues, are a sound investment at present prices, with the 5 cents and $1 the best of the lot, whilst of the 1908 issue the 8c (in two distinct colours) and 10c are both now obsolete, and will rise considerably in the next few years. The earliest set of 1906 seems somewhat over-catalogued.

It is curious how well the 2½d values of the West Indian Colonies turn out. Even Jamaica produced a useful little stamp in the 2½d Flag error. The 2½d Script of Trinidad and Turks Is. have been mentioned as examples, but it is noteworthy that the previous 2½d values of these countries also turned out gems. The 2½d figures and 2½d on blue paper Trinidad both showed enormous appreciation, and now are hard to get, especially in blocks of 4.

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The prominent example, however, was in the 1907 2½d Leeward Is., M.C.A., which was obsolete before its existence was generally known in this country. It is still a stamp worth watching, and one of which I shall probably have something further to say shortly.

THE CONTINENTAL MARKETS.

No financial notes are complete without reference to the pulse of the London Stamp Market. Pars. in certain contemporaries might lead the uninformed to suppose that the prices of the Belgian and Paris Stamp Marts are much below those ruling in London. In certain classes of stuff—Modern Europeans and speculative junk,—this may be true, but in the only field with which we are concerned—Modern British Colonials—this view cannot be held for one moment. In one or two isolated instances, lower prices may be quoted when the depreciated exchange is allowed for, but generally speaking there is no wholesale stock of better-class Modern Colonials. One may buy some of the commonest War stamps very reasonably there, but for wholesale lots of the good modern issues, so much in demand here, one may search in vain.

Even if one goes farther afield to Berlin with visions of stupendous bargains in that land of the billion-mark the disillusionment is still more pronounced. It is no exaggeration to say that it is 20 times easier to buy good Colonials in London than in Berlin. The natural corollary is that it is easier to *sell* Colonials there, even when priced in sterling or gold dollars, as the Germans, despairing of their own currency, are eager to buy something of more lasting value, whilst even they are beginning to tire of the avalanches of New European issues that have been launched from all quarters and whose prices have no stability.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

OUR SEASON OPENER = Pairs, Blocks, Original Cover

It is with pleasure that we are able to follow up our advertisement of last week with still another, of even greater quality and importance. Our manager has once ag just returned from Europe with fine things galore—and this time breaks a record for quantity of quality. No such lot has been offered MEKEEL'S readers to our knowled except when some collector has broken up years' accumulations. It is a fitting time to list these items, and may their great variety assure you all of something to interest.

PAIRS, STRIPS AND BLOCKS

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Lombardy 1850, 5 centes, No. 1, pairs	5.00
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1864, 1sh deep orange, No. 14a, pair
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1858-60, 6pf orange, No. 10, pair
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In the past ladies have probably had more influence on stamp designs than we wot of, in suggestion and useful criticism. Indeed we have it on the authority of H. M. King George that Queen Alexandria, with admirable judgment, caused an important modification to be made in the wreath design for the King Edward stamps. But the fact remains that barely half-a-dozen stamp designs have been attributed to women hitherto. We recall that two ladies were successful in the open competition for the Centennial issue of New South Wales, Miss Devine designing the 2d and 8d values, and Mrs. F. W. Stoddard the 20s stamp. To Lady Carter is attributed the pleasing "Olive Blossom" stamp of Barbados, and in more recent times we have seen two ladies score in the competition for the new Irish stamp designs. Miss Lily Williams was the artist of the Celtic Cross design, and Miss Millicent Girling's heraldic design, also a prize-winner, has yet to make its postal and philatelic appearance. It seems not improbable that if open competition for stamp designs were the rule and not the rare exception, more ladies would share the honours of stamp designing—one of the best of the numerous essays sent in for the recent Aero stamp contest was from a talented lady artist's pen.

The new pictorial stamps for Iraq enjoy the unique distinction that they are all from designs by two ladies. They were placed on sale on June 1st, and the following is the official notice concerning them which appeared in the *Times of Mesopotamia* (8.5.23).

"NOTICE.

1. New issue of Postage and Revenue Stamps of the following denominations will be placed on sale with effect from 1st June, 1923:—

POSTAGE.	REVENUE.
½ anna.	½ anna.
1 anna.	1 anna.
1½ annas.	2 annas.
2 annas.	4 annas.
4 annas.	6 annas.
6 annas.	8 annas.
8 annas.	12 annas.
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2. Only Stamps surcharged Revenue are to be considered as Revenue Stamps for the purpose of the Iraq Stamp Law and only Stamps not so surcharged are to be considered as Postage Stamps.

3. The "British Occupation" Stamps now in use will continue to be current up to and including 31st May, 1923. Thereafter letters and parcels posted with these Stamps will be considered to be unstamped. Similarly Instruments and Documents to which the present Revenue Stamps are affixed after that date will be deemed to be unstamped within the meaning of the Iraq Stamp Laws in so far as such stamps are concerned.

4. (i) Postage Stamps remaining with the Public after the 31st May, 1923, may be exchanged for the new Issues at any Post Office up to and including the 30th June, 1923.

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From this notice it will be observed that ¼ anna, 2½, 3 and 12 annas are omitted from the postage set. The 3 annas appeared subsequently, the 12 annas was prepared for revenue purposes only, and, presumably, the ¼ anna and 2½ annas have been abandoned.

The designs and colours are:

½a olive, Sunni Mosque, Moadhdham.
1½a rose, Winged god Ilus.
1a brown, Native coracles on the Tigris.
2a yellow-brown, Winged Bull.
3a blue, Ruins, Arch of Ctesiphon.
4a violet, Standard Bearer.
6a blue-green, Shiah Mosque, Kadhimain.
8a bistre, Standard Bearer.
1r br. and gr., Serpents and Tree of Life.
2r slate, as on ½ anna.
5r orange, Standard Bearer.
10r carmine, as on 6 annas.

Four of the designs are by Mrs. Colin C. Garbett, an enthusiastic stamp collector, who, as wife of a former political secretary to the High Commissioner for Mesopotamia, has a familiar knowledge of the country. Major-General Sir Percy Cox himself is a philatelist, and has probably taken a keen interest in the preparation of the new Iraqs. Mrs. Garbett, now in India where her husband has returned to his Civil Service post, is the creator of the designs for the 1½, 2, 3 annas and 1 rupee.

The other four designs, used on the ½, 1, 4, 6, 8 annas, 2, 5 and 10 rupees (and the 12 annas "revenue," which is in the same design as the 1 anna), are by Miss Edith Cheesman, a talented artist who has made a special and adventurous visit to Iraq to make her pictures and designs.

Miss Cheesman made an extensive collection of pictures during her trip, and these have formed a remarkable exhibition during June and July this year in the North Gallery of the Imperial Institute, South Kensington. The collection includes portraits of prominent men, including King Feisul, landscapes and interiors, in oils, water-colours, and in black and white. Some of the subjects are of special interest, as Miss Cheesman had the opportunity of visiting many out-of-the-way spots in Iraq, which had been visited previously by only one or two English women, and also the holy cities of Kerbela, Nejef and Kufah, as well as the better-known places on the Tigris and Euphrates. The pictures usually had to be painted very quickly, she tells me, and often under great difficulties.

I am indebted to Miss Cheesman for descriptions of her stamp designs.

The predominant picture in the series, on the 4 and 8 annas and 5 rupees, depicts the Standard Bearer of the Dulaim Desert Camel Corps, a mobile police force, which is peculiarly adapted for desert warfare on account of its ability to move at a moment's notice to spots far removed from all ordinary sources of supply, and maintaining itself there with no other assistance than its own transport. The original standard is of brilliant green silk, with a passage from the Koran worked upon it in gold; the globe and pendants on the top of it are of silver. The rope running round the design is taken from the *agal* or short piece of rope with which camels are hobbled.

The picture, on which Miss Cheesman is seen at work, and from which she adapted the stamp design, is an oil painting 36" by 38", and was on view last month at her Mesopotamian exhibition.

The 1 anna (and also the 12 annas "revenue") shows the round coracles or native boats, which are extensively used on the Tigris and the Euphrates. They are constructed of reeds with wooden uprights, and covered outside with bitumen. The pattern round the design is taken from cowrie shells, which are stuck into the bitumen in various patterns as ornaments.

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GEORGIAN STAMPS OF NEW ZEALAND.

By Rev. F. G. Harvie.

A brief review of this interesting series of stamps will probably not be out of place; the bare check list in the Catalogue is rather obscure to the majority of young collectors, the reasons for the large number of varieties being far from clear without the help of explanatory notes, which are outside the scope of a catalogue.

The first Georgian stamps were issued in New Zealand, in July, 1915. With the exception of the ½d green (which is surface printed and perf. 14x15) the whole set was engraved on rather thick paper, and of the ten horizontal rows in each sheet, the four top rows were perforated 14x13½, and the six lower rows 14x14½. It should be noted in passing, however, that early printings of some of the values appeared perforated 14x13½ throughout, and that the 4½d and 7½d values were so perforated for several years, the last named, in particular, not being issued with the "duplex" perforation until a comparatively short time before its withdrawal in 1921. The entire series has the standard watermark of NZ over Star.

July, 1915.—

1. *Surface printed, Wmk.* NZ and Star. *Perf.* 14x15.
½d green (shades).

2. *Line engraved, Wmk.* NZ and Star. *Perf.* 14x13½ and 14x13½/14½.
1½d grey.
2d bright violet.
2½d deep blue.
3d chocolate.
4d orange-yellow.
4½d deep green.
6d rose-carmine.
7½d red-brown.
9d olive.
1sh vermilion.

The war broke out just a year before the appearance of the above stamps, and was directly responsible for nearly all the subsequent varieties.

To begin with, the duty on receipted bills was raised from 1d to 2d; but as the cancellation of stamps on tradesmen's and other bills is commonly made in violet with a rubber hand-stamp, it is obvious that in unscrupulous hands a violet stamp with a faint violet cancellation was liable to be removed and used again. Hence it became necessary to change the colour of the 2d stamp. The postal authorities simply exchanged the colours of the 2d and 4d denominations.

1916.—Same as last.
2d orange-yellow (January).
4d bright violet (April).

The next result of the war was a shortage of paper, and the Government printing office was obliged to exercise rigid economy. There was in hand a surplus supply of paper which had been made for the large stamps of the pictorial issue of 1902, but never used. In order to avoid waste, this was utilized for several of the Georgian stamps, until it was exhausted. This paper is much thinner than that employed for the Georgians of 1915; moreover, the watermarks had of course been spaced to fit the oblong pictorial stamps, and, consequently, a considerable number of the comparatively small Georgian stamps printed on it do not show any watermark at all, and only a few stamps on each sheet have it well centred. The 1½d was the first stamp to be printed on this paper, with the duplex perforation as before. Then follow the 2d (orange-yellow), the 3d and t 6d; these three values show two mark characteristics: (*a*) The plates we printed with the paper sideways, ar consequently, show the watermark sic ways, and (*b*) they are perforated, f some unknown reason, regular 14.

1916.—Engraved; on thin "pictori paper.

(1) *Wmk. upright, duplex perf. before.*
1½d grey (Mar., '16).
Do. no wmk.

(2) *Wmk. sideways. Perf.* 14.
2d orange-yellow (June, '16).
Do. no wmk.
3d chocolate (June, '16).
Do. no wmk.
6d rose-carmine (Aug., '16).
Do. no wmk.

The next series of varieties was due a rise in the postal rates. The ordina letter rate was first raised to 1½d, t result being that far more stamps of t denomination were required than befo and the engraving process proved to slow and costly. An order was con quently given for the manufacture plates similar to that used for the ½ stamp, i.e., for surface printing. Wh these plates were being made in Englar a provisional plate was made in N Zealand, from which the 1½d stamp w surface-printed in grey-black for a f months, pending the arrival of the n plates from England. When the lat arrived, the new stamps appeared slate-grey, and similar in all other spects to the ½d stamp. The stam surface-printed from the locally-ma plate, are slightly larger than the e graved ones, and are very roughly ex cuted; they also vary considerably depth of colour.

April, *1916. — Surface-printed fr locally-made plate. Wmk.* NZ and St *Perf.* 14x15.
1½d grey-black (shades).

September, *1916.—Surface-printed fr English plate. Wmk. and perf. as la*
1½d slate-grey.

It was soon found that the new star was too dark to show a black cancel tion with sufficient clearness, so t colour was changed to red-brown.

September, *1918.—The same.*
1½d red-brown.

The postal rate had meanwhile risen 2d; this necessitated the surface-printi of the 2d stamp, and it appeared at t same time as the 1½d English pla Later it was followed by the surfac printed 3d.

September, *1916-19.—The same.*
2d orange-yellow (Sept., '16).
3d chocolate (May, '19).

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are both quite pleasing; the colour of the 2d, however,, is very thin and watery compared with its engraved predecessor. Like some other things, however, it has improved with age.

For the sake of young collectors, it may be well to note here that the surface-printed Georgian stamps are distinguishable from the engraved ones (1) by the colour of each stamp; (2) by the perforation, which is uniformly 14x15 on all the surface prints; (3) by the lines of shading on the head and neck, and (4) by the dotted network in the background, which is quite different.

The 5d and 8d denominations had not, thus far, been issued with the head of King George; the Edwardian stamps of these values had been retained. The 8d was always in demand, particularly for telegrams, as for some time 8d was the minimum charge for them. In fact, so great was the demand for them that the 8d K. E. stamp was actually issued on the pictorial paper (wmk. sideways and perf. regular 14) for a short time. It was not, however, until 1921 that they were superseded by the issue of the Georgian 8d and 5d.

The 8d stamp in New Zealand, from the very first, had always been printed in deep blue, i.e., in the Queen Victoria issue of 1882, in the pictorial series of 1898, and in the King Edward series. The postal authorities in 1921 were so conservative, that, blind to the consequences, they retained this colour for the Georgian 8d; and so in the latter part of 1921 there were two different Georgian stamps of almost identically the same colour, the 8d and the 2½d—both in constant use.

Obviously this state of affairs could not last, and so the colour of the 8d was very soon changed to a dull, reddish brown (not unlike the 7½d stamp, which had just been withdrawn). The blue 8d has the duplex perforation; the red-brown 8d has at present only appeared perf. 14x13½ throughout.

The 5d King George appeared soon after, with duplex perforation in a handsome sky-blue. The earliest sheets were perforated 14x13½ throughout.

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8d deep blue (May, '21).
Ditto. Perf. 14x13½.
8d red-brown (Feb., '22).
Ditto. Perf. 14x13½ *and duplex.*
5d blue (May, '22).

In 1923, the ½d stamp has been issued on thick paper, for use in the coil machines. This brings the series down to the present day. The 7½d with the duplex perf. is an uncommon stamp, especially used; likewise the short-lived 8d blue. Of the others, the old 4d orange-yellow and the 2d violet are by far the scarcest. The remainder are for the most part easily obtainable, and the whole series, if well arranged, forms a most interesting and attractive item among the stamps of Oceania. It is obviously best, and not very expensive, to collect the engraved stamps in blocks of four, or in vertical pairs, showing both perforations *se tenant*, i.e., from the 4th and 5th rows of the sheet from the top.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular.*

RIDGEWOOD N. J., STAMP EXHIBIT.

(We reprint this article from the "Ridgewood Herald" for the specific purpose of showing our readers how a stamp exhibit can profitably be conducted in local schools. This clipping comes from W. L. Kinkead, an old-time subscriber to the WEEKLY, and we take it for granted that he has been prominent in promoting the exhibit. Local clubs will find this a good way to arouse interest in philately. —W. O. W.)

The boys and girls of all our village grammar and high schools who are interested in the collection of stamps will be glad to have an opportunity to exhibit their treasures to their friends and others on November 3rd, at the Beech Street School. This is one week later than announced last summer, but that will give more time for preparation.

The mounted exhibits and all albums should be carefully marked with name and address and left with the committee in charge of the exhibits at the school for arranging between 9 A. M. and 12 noon, on November 3rd.

The exhibition will be open to the public at 2 P. M. The judges will review the exhibits between 2 and 9 P. M., at which time the prizes will be awarded, and exhibitors will then claim their exhibits, albums, frames, etc.

All collections offered in this competition must be owned (not borrowed) by a school boy or girl who is a student in the village grammar or high schools.

All special collections should be mounted in frames (any picture frame will answer) under glass, and name of exhibitor should be placed plainly on the back of each frame.

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The following announcement was printed in the *Postal Bulletin* of September 22, 1923:

"This department is in receipt of an announcement from the Berlin office reading as follows:

"'As a result of the lack of postage stamps the German office is temporarily forced to attest the prepayment of correspondence for abroad by means of notation showing the postage collected.

"Articles received at delivering post offices marked for the collection of postage by the New York or other exchange offices will be delivered after the affixing of postage-due stamps, as formerly.

"Articles, however, the envelopes or covers of which are without postage stamps but marked 'Taxe percue' or 'Gebuehr Bezahlt' (postage paid) or otherwise marked to indicate postage has been paid in money may be delivered without the collection of postage, pending the time when postage stamps will again be used in Germany."

It having been brought to the attention of the department that some postmasters are erroneously collecting postage due on mail matter originating in Germany bearing no postage stamps but marked as indicated in the foregoing, further attention is invited particularly to the last paragraph of the announcement reprinted above.

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AN INTERESTING STAMP EXHIBIT.

COLLECTION OF ARTHUR HIND OF UTICA DISPLAYED AT THE NEW YORK COLLECTORS CLUB.

Arthur Hind's collection of United States and Confederate postage stamps was exhibited for the first time in this city at the opening meeting of the Collectors' Club, 120 West Forty-ninth Street. President John N. Luff, Secretary J. Brace Chittenden, Julius C. Morgenthau and a few other officers accompanied Mr. Hind and his stamps to the club.

Mr. Morgenthau introduced Mr. Hind as the greatest stamp collector in the world, saying that his recent purchases of the rarities in the Ferrary collection at the Paris auction sales had placed America in the front rank in the philatelic world. The United States collection as shown was the one which won a grand championship prize in the international stamp exhibition in London last May.

Mr. Hind is a textile manufacturer and bank director of Utica, maintaining an office in New York. He made no speech at the exhibition the other night, but waved his hand toward a big black bag from which three bulky albums were being extracted, representing a fortune in stamps, and it was only a portion of his complete collection. One album contained the early issues of the United States, the second had the later issues, chiefly of the Twentieth Century with the early carriers, while the third album held the Confederates and a number of early envelopes with curious "postage paid" figures and designs used prior to adhesive stamps.

INTEREST IN EARLY ISSUES.

One of the albums was placed in the custody of Charles J. Phillips, the former London stamp dealer, who sold to Mr. Hind a few days before the London exhibition the United States collection of the late Henry J. Duveen. The entire Duveen collection, including all stamps of foreign countries, was offered for sale at $1,150,000. No collector was found who wanted to take the whole lot, and the most valuable portions have been sold this year by complete countries. The United States and Confederates were valued at about $200,000.

The greatest interest centered in the early United States issues, and that volume, which was shown by John A. Klemann, had a crowd of members around it until nearly midnight. The Hind volumes contain many unique specimens which can be seen nowhere else. One of the unique copies, which was locked up for years in the Paris home of the late Count Philip von Ferrary, was the postmaster's stamp issued at Boscawen, N. H., just before the first Government issue in 1847. It is on the original envelope bearing the Boscawen postmark. Its cost to Mr. Hind was about $12,000. Another unique specimen was the Lockport, N. Y., postmaster stamp, which also was acquired at the Ferrary sale and cost $8,500, and another rarity was the 5-cent envelope stamp issued by the Annapolis Post Office, which cost $3,000. Other choice postmasters' issues include the 5-cent Millbury, Mass., a fine 5-cent Brattleboro on the original envelope, both the 5 and 10 cent Baltimores, the latter being one of only two copies on the original envelope, the St. Louis 5, 10 and 20 cent values, including a complete sheet with three of the 5s and three of the 10s, the

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In the 1857 issue all the values are present in magnificent blocks, including all the shades of the five-cent value, and there are fine copies of the very rare first 1861 issue, of which single copies of the higher values are worth more than $1,000 apiece. These were in use only during August, the design being slightly changed in September. Best of all, however, are unused specimens of the inverted centres of the 15, 24 and 30 cents of the attractive 1869 issue, worth from $3,000 to $5,000 apiece. There was nothing lacking also in the various grilled stamps, of which some of the higher values are practically unobtainable.

More than one hundred members viewed the collection, among them being George Walcott, Joseph T. Lozier, J. Murray Bartels, Hugh M. Clark, Edward Stern, J. J. Klemann, Eugene Costales, Elliott Perry, Winthrop S. Boggs, Walter S. Scott, George B. Sloane, Sidney F. Barrett and M. Ohlman.—*N. Y. Times.*

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—In the Weekly of October 22 appeared an advertisement of the W. W. Anderson Co., Princeton, Ill., in which certain covers were advertised under two different years, 1851 and 1857. The covers in question were really 3c 1851 and the firm will be glad to submit selections to interested parties at from ten to fifteen cents per cover.

—Morris Kershner of Chicago, renewing his subscription, writes us how he listened in to the talk on stamps given by Mr. Severn through radio station WMAQ, Chicago, Ill., the evening of October 25. Mr. Kershner stated that the talk lasted about twenty-five minutes and that Mr. Severn described in a very interesting manner the pleasures of stamp collecting and especially the collecting of United States stamps.

—We have received a brief word from Ernest R. Ackerman from Kyoto, Japan. He writes that he was at Nikko on Sept. 1, but all of his trunks were at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, and they had not been recovered as recently as October 9. Mr. Ackerman informs us that an entirely new set of postage and revenue stamps will soon be issued by Japan, and the design will be considerably more complicated than the present issue. The new stamps will be imperforate and without gum.

—A card of remembrance is at hand from Mexico City. It comes from A. W. Whitten of Chicago, who is sojourning for a short time in Mexico, where, as he expresses it, he is "trying to pick up a few Mexican stamps while here."

—The P. O. Department's exhibit of U. S. stamps was displayed in Buffalo, October 25. Will H. Fedder of LaSalle, N. Y., sends us this information with a warm commendation of the tastefully displayed exhibit.

—A. Leon Adutt, the well-known English philatelist, sailed on the Aquitania, Nov. 3, to attend a New York City conference. He will visit Chicago, Washington, Buffalo and Philadelphia during his stay here. Mr. Adutt was recently awarded a gold medal at an exhibition in Czecho-Slovakia for his Confederate States.

—No. 14 of the *Bi-Monthly Journal*, published by H. E. Harris & Co., is a hand. It is a large, 24-page magazine and is especially devoted to exploiting the trade activities of the Harris firm. There is, however, a great deal of interest to the collector in the publication, and our subscribers will do well to procure copies.

—Information is at hand that A. B. Slater of Slocum, R. I., is on a three or four years' trip about the world. He has no fixed itinerary and mail matter will not be forwarded.

—Price list No. 14 is the latest from E. E. Nyden, 356 E. 157 St., N. Y. City. It lists by sets a great number of offerings at prices that will prove very attractive. Copy free on request.

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On days before the increases went into effect, everybody who had to write a letter took advantage of the old rate and as a consequence, on such days there was always an immense crowd in all post offices. I myself had to stand in line sometimes for an hour to mail a letter. Finally conditions became so bad that the post offices ran out of stamps and then the "pay over the counter" plan was adopted, but only when there was no supply of stamps available.

I had the opportunity several times to speak to high officials, and learned that the postal authorities were contemplating adopting a plan similar to that one in use at the German railroad offices. There they are using a base price and a multiplicator, varying with the dollar exchange rate. They told me that they figured on issuing stamps based on this idea. Up to this time I have not seen any and the postcard I am enclosing shows that they are still issuing provisionals and also regular stamps.

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On October 2nd the Postmaster General, of Birmingham, England, Mr. John Scott, stated in his opening address, that he (Mr. Scott) "held that the joys of collecting anything must involve something more than mere possession; and in the case of stamps there was the design, material, reproduction, ink, adhesives, engraving, printing and cognate arts, all offering wide fields for study." He skipped history, and a few minor details, but he hit pretty much all the rest, except monetary value.

In the *Sunday Times* (N. Y. Oct. 28) is a column devoted to the showing before the Collectors Club of the collection of U. S. and Confederate States stamps, which, while including mention of the gems of world wide repute by name, and giving in some cases intimate details of rarity, as well as a little list of the first magnitude stars of philatelic fame who were present beside the owner, also is headed by a figure valuation which takes most of the joy out of it for the youthful collector.

The contrast between the tone of the opinion of Mr. Scott and the heading "$500,000 in Rare Stamps Exhibited" is exactly the item that causes the greater percentage of discontinued names on our club rolls and the gaps in your subscription list.

While I congratulate Mr. Hind, Utica and its people, New York and those present on their good luck at being able to own or view such an aggregation of wonders, I cannot help deprecating the lack of tact exhibited by the press and the committee in placing the cost first and the interest last.

It is axiomatic that the gems will land where there are funds to pay for them, and the intention to acquire, but in a case like this, where the experts gather to view, and comment, and compare, and pass judgment should not the publicity man of the club be willing to voice the collecting items and forget (for once) that line of ciphers following the dollar sign and the numeral.

Such an item, while glorifying one phase of Philately, is a very serious and dampening deterrent on the young amateur, whose collection is likely to catalog $499,500 less than Mr. Hind's wonderful aggregation, even though the youth may be more ardent a collector, proportionally, than the senior.

To those of us who have for years been fostering the items touched in Mr. Scott's address, this inappropriateness of position seems a handicap almost impossible to explain away. I question also its aid to the trade, except to a few exceptionally lucky dealers who make a specialty of chasing rarities for sale to those able, like Mr. Hind, to own them.

It is this tendency of the press to elevate the cost price to the top line and to subordinate the interesting facts to the end of the article which damages the technical points of collecting, no matter whether it be stamps, or paintings or something else. California has the "Blue Boy", and the artist who views it probably once in a thousand times would be able to tell its cost. The wonder in its colors, the figure, the unforgettable spell of a perfect painting, pales the cost into a mere detail. Bring in a reporter, and his first statement would be "This painting cost a million, and came from a gallery in England", &c. He would know the duty, the freight and the size of the screws in the case, but he would skip every essential item of the picture itself.

So here we get the slant of the reporter who thinks (being a New York reporter) in round figures, and who add the carefully prepared details, probabl proof read and checked by a philatelis of note, in the exact position that suc trivial details occupy in the minds o those who know nothing of the detail o acquisition, and history, and the othe collecting spurs.

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Beyond doubt Mr. Hind will improve even this seeming completeness by the addition of other wonders, which still exist here and abroad in these classifications; but with such additions it seems to me that the effective discussion of them is marred by the tendency of the journalistic section to overdo the price to the damage of the items that make the piece valuable as part of a collection which in itself is history, and all the other items of Mr. Scott's mention, to the Nth power.

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I have been trying to get up enough spunk and pep to come back at myself like Mr. Oakland wanted me to, and slap the stamp dealers on the wrist after the nasty cracks I gave the collectors in my last outburst of literary effort, but after mature deliberation, to cop off one of your own pet phrases, I have decided that since I am now a dealer it would be less majesty or something for me to do that to my confreres, as Champion would say.

But really, Charley, that was a bum head you gave my other letter. I wasn't all sour at the world, like Tuesday's milk on Saturday. I was just feeling foxy and wanted to tell the world how much fun us stamp dealers have in a day. And doggone, some of the boys thought I didn't like the game.

As a matter of facts, Charley, if it wasn't for the stamp collectors, us dealers would be S. O. L., for we would all have to go to work. As it is, the collectors brighten our days for us and it is the tinkle of their little shekels that makes the merry ring in our little tin till, and buys the baby a pair of shoes, y'know. Why, Charley, I love the collectors, for if it wasn't for their want lists and etcetera, I would probably be back in old Chi driving my little cart and histing up the heavy cans again.

And because I was a collector oncet myself, I can see the game from their way of looking at it. It is a fact that there are a lot of rules in the game that could never get by in the old corner grocery, and some of these rules look mighty funny to the collector until he gets on the other side of the fence, and then they are all very clear.

One of the most noticeable things that collectors can't understand is why most stamp dealers are as independent as George Washington was on July 4, 1776. That independence is the bull-works that keeps the old wolf from scratching the paint off the front porch. Most of these "high-powered notions" objected to by so many collectors are caused by the collectors themselves.

For instances, the big, one-man dealer is pressed for time, the most valuable asset of a stamp dealer, and he has learned that the fellow who writes him on a postcard is usually not apt to prove a heavy buyer, but a "shopper" who divides his dollar with a hundred dealers and uses cards to save postage. Hence he figures the postcard man is a waste of time. Here he is wrong in many cases, but he will take a chance and throw the card away. Had he a large force to handle the volume of small business, he would welcome the postcard inquiry, as many dealers do.

Also, Mr. Collector can't see why he is invited to stay away from certain dealers who only want large sales. That is also due to the fact that these certain dealers know that they are not equipt to profitably handle small sales, and they are not good enough sports to sacrifice the big customer to the interest of the smaller men when it hits their profits and brings them little. This is human nature, just as practiced by the other fellows themselves in some ways.

Nor can the collectors see why the dealer who has a deuce of a time getting a single copy of certain penny rarities which he must have to satisfy the cravings of the big buyer, fails to enthuse over the want list of the man who buys all of his cheap, ordinary and profitable stock from the small dealer near home and only comes to the big man for the hard-to-gets that the other fellow never can supply. If, as in most other lines of commerce, it were possible for the dealer to get one stamp as easily as another, this condition would not exist, and all business would be welcome.

Because the hard ones are hard, and collectors want them, the fellow who has them has found that he can be as independent as he pleases. Send him a want list for the unsaleable and slow-moving stock, and you will see him render quick, snappy service and bring out the customers' box of cigars from the safe when you come in the office. Dealers have found that it takes the cream to sell the milk, and the fellow who wants cream only has to pay for the skimming.

All in all, most collectors and dealers are human, in some respects, at least. If the fellow who is troubled with poor service on his lists will try confining his business to a few dealers who will get to know him as a buyer, he will find little reluctance on their part in catering to his wants. And until the millenium when one stamp can be had as easily as another, it will be natural for the dealer to favor the man who takes the bitter with the sweets.

Well, Charley, I gotta quit and make up a specialized lot of Hejaz for a man who specializes in them, and I gotta pick through the stock to find a certain Jammu that got mixed with Jammu and Kashmir, and I can't read Jammu or Kashmir either, so I am in a bit of a Jam -u might say.

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EDITORIAL.

An old reader says that we "should take note of all the unjustified criticism of philately that appears in print" and refer the objectionable items to a "select list" of philatelists whose duty it would be to write in rebuttal. He suggests that we publish the names of those who are willing and competent to act on his proposal. This plan is a good one, but in view of the fact that numerous collectors throughout the country allow no opportunity to pass to correct unfair or ignorant statements, we feel that it is not necessary to call for volunteers. Further, it is our opinion that the committee that will be appointed by the American Philatelic Society will fill the bill more appropriately than private appointees.

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Our European correspondent, Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz, now in London, rescues the following philatelic paragraphs: "That veteran stamp collector, Mr. L. Vernon Vaughan of Demerara, who as a boy in 1873, sold for six shillings, the unique one cent British Guiana stamp which recently changed hands, at 7,343 pounds, still cultivates the hobby and also retains his membership in the British Guiana Philatelic Society." This notice appeared in the *West India Committee Circular*, London, 13 Sept., 1923. In the same issue of the *Circular* there is an article: "The Island of Montserrat. Itself, Its People, and Its Postage Stamps."

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The Treasury Department has replied to the letter that was sent to Washington in accordance with a resolution passed at the recent convention of the American Stamp Dealers' Association protesting against the ruling of the department that was rendered April 18, 1923, holding that cancelled United States postage stamps are dutiable as printed matter on their foreign market value at the rate of 25 *per centum ad valorem* under paragraph 1310 of the Tariff Act. After an explanation tending to uphold the decision, the Hon. McKenzie Moss, Assistant Secretary, concludes his letter by saying that the Department is unable to authorize the free entry of cancelled postage stamps of the United States unless imported by or for the account of the exporter. The letter in its entirety covers the ground from the view-point of the Treasury Department and it now becomes incumbent upon the stamp trade to confer with the intention of devising some plan for relief from this burdensome and really uncalled-for restriction.

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When Mr. B. K. Miller of Milwaukee, that ardent student of the stamps of the United States, wrote us to say that the backs of the stamps of this country had been used for advertising purposes long before New Zealand had shown its enterprising spirit in 1893, Mr. Miller was asked to give us particulars of these certain U. S. varieties. He answered: "On the three cent green of 1870, ungrilled, National, number 147 in the catalogue, three advertisements have been known, printed on the backs of the stamps under the gum. This information is omitted from Luff's work and is one of the few omissions that I have found in that marvelously complete work. So far as I know, their history is unknown. Lately, I obtained a fourth variety, viz., 'Buy Radway's Ready Relief,' in four lines. Possibly some of the old-timers could throw some light upon their history." We had forgotten entirely the existence of the stamps to which Mr. Miller calls attention and while we have vague recollections of the history of the three cent green, advertising backs, definite details are not forthcoming. It is hoped that some reader who has the story of these stamps on his tongue's end will favor us, else we shall be compelled to begin to look through the files of stamp papers, 1870 to 1875, and other works.

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We notice in the minutes of the South Wales Philatelic Society, a reference to the specialized collection of the stamps of the United States, made by Sir Nicholas Waterhouse, which was awarded a gold medal at the recent exhibition in London. It is told that "a block of six of the 10c green" was bought at auction in 1903 for 16 shillings and his refusal subsequently of 250 pounds from an American collector for the block shows that the buyer "plunged" to advantage. A block of four of the five cent of 1847 is on the cover and a used block of eight of the same stamp, off the envelope, we assume, rub shoulders in the Waterhouse collection. We wish to say that in no other class of stamps have prices advanced so rapidly as in the early United States in pairs, strips and blocks. We remember, for instance, a good many years ago when pairs of the five cent of 1851 were divided by the Canadian dealers who used to visit us and a single sold at half the price of a pair; and now we find the pair quoted at around two hundred dollars. It is likely that the most sensational advances are to be found in the prices of pairs and so on of our own stamps, during the past decade.

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In consequence of our paragraph in the issue of October 22nd, speaking of the early stamp collectors in this country, we have received several questions based on "Who was the first stamp collector?" not alone in this country but in the world. We do not remember having looked up this information for a long time, but now, having recourse again to old files of English papers, we find that Moens claimed to have started his collection in 1855 and as Belgium from the beginning of philatelic time has been regarded as a sort of cradle of philately, the distinction of having been the first collector may properly fall to J. B. Moens of Brussells, who five years later was an acknowledged philatelic leader. English writers have said that it was not until about 1860 that collecting "became general" in England. Any collector who became identified with philately as early as 1865 is entitled to our profound consideration and it is safe to say that there are few collectors now present who started in fifty-eight years ago. However, it is known that boys of eight and nine are keen collectors, and so we want the old-timers among our readers who have many philatelic years to their credit to let us know when they began their careers.

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We mentioned Dr. George F. Heath of Monroe, Michigan, as one of the veteran collectors with the idea of starting our experience meeting. It is a duty to preserve a roster of the collectors in this country who began to collect with the dawn of philately. In this connection, the following letter from Donald R. Heath of Plainfield, New Jersey, has been received: "I was very much pleased with the reference to my father as one of the old collectors. The date you mention, 1863, is correct and I might add that he told me of having a collection of over two thousand stamps which he lost in a fire at Warrensburg, Mo., where he was in the drug business and also was postmaster for some time. This was a good collection in those days of little knowledge of minor varieties. He wrote articles for magazines under the pseudonym of 'Linwood.' The first issue of his *Numismatist* came out in 1888 and contained as much stamp as coin material. He was an early member of the Pomeroy Stamp Club of Toledo and of the Chicago and Detroit Clubs. I am sure that he was one of the first readers of the WEEKLY, as in 1894 the paper had long been a visitor to our home."

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After noticing my name in the column in connection with a certain block, that block is plate No. 590 and has very pronounced shading. Now let me tell you what I have found.

First I want to give Major C. H. Bonesteel credit for starting this particular train of thought. In a letter that I got from him he remarked that he was convinced that the shading above refrered to was due to some recutting of the plate, as he had made a study of some sixty, more or less, I have forgotten the exact number, of the stamps with dated cancellations, and without exception, all dates before '85, and most of the '85 dates showed no shading, while after '85 the shading was in the great majority. Working on this clue given me by Major Bonesteel, I looked over my own stamps, and although I have no dated copies set away except as come on certain town cancellations, I found some fifty or so, and found a large number in my bunch of duplicates, and without exception those before '85 showed no trace of the shading while the later dates showed a preponderance of shading, being practically universal for '87 and on.

This verified Major Bonesteel completely, but there was another phase of the situation which occurred to me. I have separated this stamp into some seventeen shades, and have twenty copies of each shade mounted. In doing this I have taken account of the condition of the impression. There are two very distinct types of impressions. In one the lines are not so sharp and distinct, but are fairly "fuzzy," so to speak, while in the other the impression is very sharp and the line of engraving is very sharp. As these two are quite different in appearance, I have listed them separately, and I also found that without exception the fuzzy impressions did not have the shading and the sharp impressions did have the shading.

Now what does this mean? Frankly, I can hardly guess. Possibly it is a wearing of the die from one impression to the next. The shading seems to come out as the impression becomes worn. Again I am apt to start an argument. Which is the new die and which is the worn one? I am inclined to think that the sharp impression is the worn die, and the rough impression the new die. The proofs that I have are another verification of the fact but help not at all in the solution. Five proofs that I have in unissued shades seem to be a sort of half and half and show the shading faintly. Two others that I have in issued shades are the "fuzzy" impression and show no trace of the shading. I would like to hear of some more proofs and their condition and shading. Will other collectors give us this information?

I am sure that all proofs are not printed before the stamps are issued. I am sure of this in the case of one proof of the Columbian issue, owned by Dr. L. L. Steimley of this city, undoubtedly the greatest authority on the Columbian issues. This particular proof could not have been printed from the first plates. For this reason I look upon the proofs not as conclusive evidence of the time factor at all.—J. W. ANDREWS, 208 North Harvey St., Urbana, Ill.

Major C. H. Bonesteel writes that he has found two copies showing the stitch watermark on the five cent certificate, U. S. revenue first issue. The stitch runs horizontally across the stamp about in the middle and not up and down as in the 1870 issues and thereafter. Also, he says he has two stitch watermarks on the six cent and twelve cent War Department, stitch running up and down. Among the many cancellations which Major Bonesteel has in his collection of 500 War Departments are some of the old Army Post and Fort cancellations, many of which have been discontinued for years.

Charles A. Nast, 827 Sixteenth Street, Denver, Colo., author of the well-known and popular essay on cancellations on the Three Cent Green in Wiley's Book, writes the department regarding certain cancellations which have been mentioned. He says in part:

"In respect to the colorless numerals on the low values, '22' is the highest numeral so far discovered. I have it on the two cent brown (he does not say which issue) and the three cent green.

I am interested in the one cent blue, two cent brown, two cent green and vermilion, three cent vermilion and green, four cent green, four cent carmine, five cent Taylor, issues of 1870 to 1887, and the two cent Black Jack. I have only one block of four used of the three cent green, this with a town cancellation. They are scarce.

There is only one die of each of the two cent brown (Washington) and the five cent Garfield, the difference in the cross hatching noted by correspondents being due to freak plates or worn plates.

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Your cancellation 'X,' if it is type print, stands for ten—if colorless, it is part of XII (Roman numerals). I have it on the three cent green. There are several types of the colorless."

(The cancellation which Mr. Nast refers to and which was mentioned in a recent issue, is typeset and the X is small, compared with the Roman numeral types. About 10 millimeters high, as I remember.—ED.)

Mr. Nast illustrates six types of large colorless letters in blocks of solid color. These are not to be confused with the smaller colorless numerals in round or square blocks of color of the Boston, Mass., type, which run from one up to 22, at least. The numerals here referred to are about half an inch in height.

One type is the three within a square block of color, with small arcs of color top and bottom and both sides. A second type is square block of color with oblong blocks of color top and bottom and both sides and little squares of color at each corner. The third type is large "3" within a circular block of color surrounded by a narrow rim of color. The fourth type is the colorless figure within a large oblong of color with bars of color above and below. The fifth type is colorless figure within a large circular block of color. The sixth type is a large square block of color with colorless numeral contained. He says that the first four are found on the three cent re-engraved and the last two on the first issues, soft and hard paper.

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1923, perf. 11x10, Rotary Print
1c green.

As mentioned before the Post Office Department has been sending from city to city the frame of stamps which was awarded a prize at the International Exhibition in London, last May. In addition, they have recently made up six more frames, consisting of the current series of postage stamps arranged in an artistic manner and these too are being distributed where they will do the most good to bring before the public this one side of the working of the Post Office Department.

The Post Office Exhibit consisting of proofs of all United States stamps from the earliest to date which was prepared for the Exposition at Rio de Janeiro has been returned to Washington and will be later placed as a permanent exhibit in the office of the Philatelic Stamp Agent. Unfortunately, when the exhibit was boxed up for return, the one packing it placed a fine red sawdust in the box and this has sifted through to each frame, so that the exhibit will have to be taken apart, remounted, and the frames put in shape. This shows not only proofs of all of the different series but contains one of the two die proofs made of the 24c aeroplane with the center inverted.

The Department has announced that after November 30th the stamps on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency bearing the "Shanghai" overprint will be withdrawn and destroyed. All orders up to that time will be filled in so far as the available supply will permit. These stamps were originally placed on sale in Washington, while current in Shanghai, to enable the American collector to obtain his supply without writing to China. Now that the necessity of such an issue has terminated the Department feels it wise to discontinue their sale. At pre ent they have fair supplies of most d nominations, but the 50c and $1.00 val are not as finely centered as required the particular collector.

The department is now distributi the Harding stamp in greater numb and their general use on business mail increasing. Mr. F. R. Demmerly w is connected with a large Insurance C has been watching the mail and out 2,000 letters received from all parts the country between Sept. 10th to 20 inclusive exactly 125 copies of the Har ing Stamp were found. Of these 13 we from the rotary press and 112 from t flat plate. This number included thr pairs as well as a strip of four and a str of three. In other words, during Septe ber and October about 6% of the busine mail carried this variety. The proporti of rotary stamps used has no dou greatly increased because the rotary plat were not put to press until a later da

I have learned something this we that is certainly news and that is that is evidently possible to communica with the next world, besides they see to be using United States postage stam in the lower regions. Mr. A. H. Rober son has just sent me a stamp which clearly postmarked with a town cancell tion "HELL"—further investigation ho ever, shows that the stamp evident came off of a cover cancelled F Mitchell.

We wish to thank Mr. J. H. Housto Mr. W. G. Windhurst, Mr. C. H. He mann and others for notes of interest.

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ERMANY.—The continued slump in value of the mark has necessitated uent adjustment of the postal rates, h now takes place every fortnight it has been found impossible to keep with these changes except by sur- ging the existing stocks of low es which are now useless for post- At the time of going to press the est value issued is 250,000 marks, this must soon be far exceeded, as ig Free State has already issued amp of one million marks, sur- ged on 10,000 marks. Many of these harged stamps issued during the past weeks are already obsolete.—*Whit- King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

W ZEALAND.—Mr. J. W. William- a native of this country, sends the wing taken from a paper published ckland:—

he suggestion to issue a new stamp ark the re-introduction of penny ge has been approved by the Post- er-General, the Hon. J. G. Coates, he issue will come out on October

design, which has been approved is at present being finally drawn to the die being made, is by Mr. Bock, engraver, of Wellington. design aims at being distinctive haracteristic rather than artistic. chief feature is a tiny map of New nd, including a dot for Stewart , the space occupying five-sixths whole stamp. Across the top of tamp appears: "1d New Zealand The side borders represent scroll- in the form of Maori carving, and , in small type, are the words "Uni- postage" (one word on each side oblique). Right across the bot- re the words "One penny." stamp will be printed in pink ink, ternational tint for the penny m"

MARINO.—In reference to the set mps noted a few weeks ago Mr. e Klein advises that they were only three days and the total is- nsisted of 60,000 complete sets.

DEN.—Mr. Fred A. Jekel advises has a pair of No. 152 perforated all four sides. The letter with tamps were mailed in Stockholm, ber 4th, last year.

RNS-JORDANIA.—The current issue rprinted Hedjaz stamps is only a provisional one, and our agent at Amman informs us that a permanent pictorial set is in preparation and will shortly be issued. It is understood that the design will be a picture of Meshatta Castle, which lies to the east of Amman. —*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

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In our mail for Monday, October 29, we received three five-year renewals of subscription, which carried with them memberships in our Honor Club. One was Frederick J. Corey, M. D., of Havana, Ill., and in connection with his remittance Dr. Corey sends us this appreciative word:—"If in this small way I may be able to help you in producing the same excellent publication as we now enjoy, you may know that I do so with pleasure and trust you will have many years of profitable experiences in carrying on your work."

In the Post Office service at Cincinnati, O., may be found one of our subscribers, Herman Storch. Mr. Storch is an old friend of the WEEKLY and his membership in the Honor Club is only an advanced step in the appreciation that he has always had for the WEEKLY.

The third application for membership came from Col. R. H. Peck of Atlanta, Ga. Col. Peck wasted no time in unnecessary correspondence but the letter did include a check for $5, which is gratefully placed to his credit.

Mr. Severn makes reference in Gleanings to the subscription sent in by Mr. Grinnell in behalf of the Sentous Junior High School Stamp Club, located on West Pico St., Los Angeles, Cal. Many school organizations are using the WEEKLY with profit and Mr. Grinnell's example is a worthy one for others to follow.

Just as we go to press a letter is received from G. H. Miller, Martinsville, Ill., with remittance of $5 for membership in our Honor Club. We give Mr. Miller a cordial welcome to the charmed circle.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

BUFFALO ORGANIZES.

Ten collectors of the Buffalo district met Friday evening, October 26, at No. 73 West Eagle Street, Buffalo, N. Y., and organized a collector's club. Three other collectors, who were unable to be present because of unavoidable engagements, telephoned in to declare their desire to be counted as charter members. The club was organized, officers elected and arrangements made to meet the following Friday and every first and third Friday of the month thereafter.

Officers elected were Warner Bates, president; L. H. Gardner, vice-president; H. C. Flierl, secretary-treasurer; and Fred L. Koepf, auctioneer. Others who joined as charter members were: Matthew W. Bennett, Dr. R. C. Fisher, J. W. Schaefer, Fred P. James, J. H. Bell, John Aldred, A. Creed, George B. Graham, T. J. Gundlach. A membership campaign will be conducted at once and members will be solicited not only in the city of Buffalo but throughout the western New York district of which Buffalo is the center.

The meeting opened with an auction at which a large number of lots of United States and foreign were disposed of. Some of the finer pieces, especially covers, brought very good prices. Following the auction the business meeting was held and the evening concluded with a showing of selections from dealers. One of the features of the evening was an exhibit of five and ten cent forty-sevens furnished by Messrs. Flierl and Koepf.

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Prior to October, 1914, when the foreign "Capitulations" were formally abrogated by the Sublime Porte, six nations exercised their right to maintain their own postal establishments in the Ottoman dominions, viz., Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Russia and Austria. Of these the first three named above re-established national post-offices in Constantinople and Smyrna in pursuance of treaty rights, subsequent to the Armistice of Oct., 1918. The British, French, and Italian post-offices at Smyrna were destroyed in the great fire of Nov., 1922, and by agreement with the Turkish Nationalist Government, were not re-opened.

An attempt was made to revive the Russian Post in Constantinople by the Wrangel administration in Nov., 1920, but this was suppressed in the following May in consequence of strong representations by the Turkish Government on the grounds that Russia was not a member of the League of Nations and that the Treaty of Sévres was still unratified.

I.—Great Britain.

A branch of the British Army Post-Office at Constantinople, for the use of civilians, was opened in January, 1919, and on July 17th, 1919, was transferred to complete civil control. On March 1st, 1919, the British civil post-office at Smyrna was likewise re-opened for the convenience of the mercantile community. Until July, 1921, these offices made use of contemporary postage stamps of Great Britain, recognizable only by means of the local postmark. On or about August 1st of that year, however, they were supplied with a distinctive stamp issue comprising ten denominations of current British adhesives (from ½d to 10s) surcharged with equivalent values in Turkish currency. These were shortly followed by a separate series for use in the Parcels Post service in the form of seven stamps overprinted "LEVANT" in sans-serif capitals.

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III.—ITALY.

Italian military post-offices established in Constantinople and Smyrna in March, 1919, were finally transferred to civil control on July 1st, 1921, but it was not until four months later that the postage stamps employed then received a distinguishing surcharge in paras and piastres.

The first series made its debut on Nov. 7th, 1921, and consisted of five values of current Italian postage stamps locally surcharged in Turkish currency as follows:—

1 piastre on 5c green (3400).
2 piastres on 15c slate (25,200).
4 piastres on 20c orange (8000).
5 piastres on 25c blue (14,200).
10 piastres on 60c carmine (100,000).

Between Dec. 27th, 1921, and March, 1922, the foregoing provisionals were replaced by a more definitive series surcharged at the State Printing Works, Turin, and composed as under:—

10 para on 1c brown—Feb. '22 (21,400).
20 para on 2c red-brown—Feb. '22 (20,800).
30 para on 5c green—Dec. '21 (7400).
1pi 20pa on 15c grey—Dec. '21 (50,000).
3 piastre on 20c orange—Dec. '21 (22,400).
3pi 30pa on 25c blue—Feb. '22 (29,970).
7pi 20pa on 60c carmine—Dec. '21 (87,000).
15 piastre on 1l brown and green—Mar. '22 (13,200).

During May and June, 1922, a set of four values overprinted with the names of the two offices in Italian, i.e., "COSTANTINOPOLI" and "SMIRNE" respectively, were supplied by the Italian State Printing Office, the stamps thus overprinted being:—

20 para on 5c green.
1pi 20pa on 15c grey.
3pi 30pa on 40c brown.
7pi 20pa on 1l brown and green.

The introduction of a new postage rate of 3¾ piastres found the Italian post-office unsupplied with a stamp of that denomination. As a temporary expedient, therefore, a small stock of unsurcharged 25 centesimi stamps remaining on hand was locally surcharged "Piastre 3.75" in two lines, and placed on sale on August 5th, 1922. The surcharge was set up to cover a half sheet of 50 stamps at each impression, the 3rd and 8th stamps in the setting presenting a variety with large figure "7."

3.75 Piastre on 25c blue (70,000).

The consignment of stamps received from Turin in May and June, consisting of only 5000 sets, proved totally inadequate to meet the public demand, with the result that a fourth local issue was created to supply the deficiency, pending receipt of further stocks of the permanent issue. These provisionals were placed on sale on August 12th-17th, 1922, the surcharging having been carried out at the Imprimerie Andriea in Constantinople.

30 para on 5c green (8000).
1pi 50pa on 25c blue (7090).
3pi 75pa on 40c brown (33,790).
4pi 50pa on 50c violet (24,074).
15 piastre on 85c red-brown (12,000).
18pi 75pa on 1l brown and green (19,900).
45 piastre on 5l blue and rose (1600).
90 piastre on 10l olive and rose (1400).

The two lowest values were completely sold out within a few days of issue, and as the expected supply of the Turin overprinted series had not turned up by the latest steamer, a further local printing of these values was necessitated. On August 18th, 1922, therefore, the following made their appearance:—

30 para on 2c red-brown (50,000).
1pi 50pa on 20c orange (45,000).

On October 15th, 1922, the 10c and 40c stamps appeared with fractional surcharges, also locally, overprinted viz.:—

1½ piastre on 10c rose-carmine.
3¾ piastre on 40c deep brown.

Presumably these local printings were made from time to time during the political crisis of 1922 in just sufficient quantities to enable the Italian post-office to carry on until the situation was more settled, as it was then uncertain whether the agency might not have to be closed down at short notice. At any rate another series of local surcharges was brought into use in December of that year:—

30 paras on 5c green (——).
3 piastre on 25c blue (6000).
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7½ piastre on 85c red-brown (8000).
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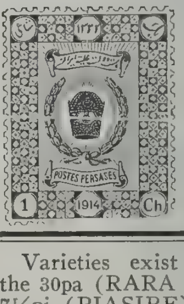

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30 para on 5c green.
1pi 20pa on 25c blue.
3pi 30pa on 40c brown.
4pi 20pa on 50c violet.
7pi 20pa on 60c deep carmine.
15pi on 85c red-brown.
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At this congress many radical changes were approved, relating to the interchange of mails between the members of the Union. Maximum rates for postage on international mail were fixed, and the international payment for transit of mails was established on the basis of the gold dollar rather than the franc.

In letter rates, a scheme had to be found which would satisfy those members who desired increased postage rates, as well as those who desired no change. With such conditions, the long cherished uniformity of postage rates had to be abandoned, and the final decision was to fix the maximum rates on a gold basis, with the proviso that members might retain the rates previously in force, or fix others according to their own ideas, so long as the maximum rates approved by the Congress were not exceeded.

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Britain's penny postage with the Colonies, inaugurated on Christmas Day, 1898, was abandoned on June 1st, 1918, for a 1½d rate. Two years later, on June 1, 1920, this gave way to a 2d rate for the first ounce, and 1d for subsequent ounces, only to suffer another change, on June 13, 1921, when the rate for "subsequent ounces" was made 1½d. These changes also affected mail matter for the United States. Post cards, inland, Empire and foreign, were raised to 1½d, and at the same time, the foreign letter rate was increased from 2½d to 3d for the first ounce, and 1½d for each succeeding ounce. Registration fee was made 3d instead of 2d.

By an Order-in-Council of 29th November, 1921, and published in *The Leeward Islands Gazette*, of 1st December, new parcel rates were made effective from 3rd January, 1922.

"RULES

Made by the Governor-in-Council under the authority of The Post Office Act, 1909.

1. From and after the coming into operation of these Rules, the following rates of postage chargeable on parcels addressed as hereunder mentioned shall be substituted for the rates of postage hitherto in force on parcels similarly addressed.

a. On a parcel in any Presidency of the Colony not exceeding 3 lbs. in weight, addressed:
(1) To any place in the United Kingdom, or to any British Possession outside the Colony, 2s (1s)
(2) To any place in the United Kingdom via Canada, 2s 3d (1/3)

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2. So much of any former Rule, whether made for the Colony generally or for any Presidency thereof, which fixes the rates of postage to be charged on parcels addressed to any of the places mentioned in Rule 1 hereof is hereby rescinded.

3. This Rule shall come into operation on the 3rd day of January, 1922.

Made by the Governor-in-Council this 29th day November, 1921.

E. D'A. TIBBITS,
Clerk of the Council."

The figures in brackets at the right do not form a part of the Order-in-Council, but are the rates previously in force, and are added merely for sake of comparison.

This was followed by another Order-in-Council, of January 9, 1922, in which the rates on other postal matter destined for outside the Colony were increased as from 1st Februray, 1922.

On January 3, 1922, increased rates were made effective on "parcels posted in any Presidency of the Colony, addressed to any place in the United Kingdom or British possessions," as follows:

	Increased from	*to*
Not exceeding 3 pounds,	1/–	2/–
via Canada,	1/3	2/3
Not exceeding 7 pounds,	2/–	3/9
via Canada,	2/6	4/3
Not exceeding 11 pounds,	3/–	5/–
via Canada,	3/9	5/9

This was followed by an Order-in-Council made January 9, 1922, increasing postal rates on other matter destined for outside the Colony, effective February 1, 1922.

"RULE

Made by the Governor in Council under Section 6 of the Post Office Act, 1909.

On and from the first day of February, 1922, the prepaid rate of postage on postal articles, other than parcels, originating in the Colony of the Leeward Islands, shall be as follows:—

The United Kingdom, other parts of the British Empire, Tangier, and the United States of America (including the United States Virgin Islands, Porto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii and the Canal Zone)—

Letters.
For the first ounce or fraction thereof, 2d
For each additional ounce or fraction thereof, 1½d
Post Cards.
For each post card, single, 1½d
For each post card, reply, 3d
Printed Papers.
For every 2 ounces or fraction thereof, ½d
Commercial Papers.
For the first 6 ounces or fraction thereof, 3d
For each additional 2 ounces or fraction thereof, ½d
Samples.
For the first 4 ounces or fraction thereof, 2d
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Each subsequent pound or part, up to a maximum of 6½ pounds, ½d
Registration.
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For all other foreign countries the rates of postage shall be as follows:—

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For the first ounce or fraction of an ounce, 3d
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Post Cards, Printed Papers, Commercial Papers, Samples, Blind Literature, Registration, Application respecting registered and unregistered articles,	The same rate as that for the United Kingdom.

All former Rules relating to rates of postage on postal articles other than parcels, and mentioned in this Rule, originating in this Colony, and addressed to places mentioned in this Rule, are hereby rescinded.

Made by the Governor-in-Council this 9th day of January, 1922.

E. D'A. TIBBITS,
Clerk of the Council."

On May 29, 1922, letter rates in Great Britain were reduced:

Inland letters—1½d for the first ounce. Over 1 ounce and not exceeding 3 oz., 2d. Each subsequent ounce, ½d.

Empire letters and to U. S. A.—1½d for the first ounce. Each subsequent ounce, 1½d.

XXIV. Federation Series, Additional Values, 1922.

With the increased postal rates, stamps of other denominations than contained in the series became desirable, and an Order-in-Council, made January 9, 1922, authorised the issue of 4d, 5d, 2s, 3s and 4s stamps.

"ORDER-IN-COUNCIL

Whereas by an Order-in-Council dated the 3rd day of September, 1901, and published in the *Leeward Islands Gazette* No. 46 of the 5th September, 1901, the several values of stamps for use throughout the Colony were fixed at ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s 6d and 5s.

And whereas, by an Order-in-Council dated the 20th day of February, 1909, and published in the *Leeward Islands Gazette* No. 11 of the 11th March, 1909, a stamp of the value of ¼d was added to the values of stamps before mentioned.

And whereas, it is expedient to add to these values stamps of the following values, namely, 4d, 5d, 2s, 3s and 4s.

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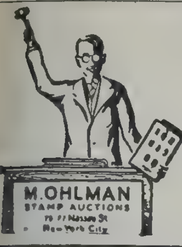

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Made in the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands, this 9th day of January, 1922.

E. D'A. TIBBITS,
Clerk of the Council."

These stamps were printed from plate 10, in sheets of 120 stamps, 2 panes of 60. They were received in St. Kitts late in April, and issued on May 12, 1922. The figures and letters of the value tablets are in color on a plain ground, within a hexagonal frame. The duty plates for these five values are provided with a broken marginal line, so that completed sheets have a double marginal line, that on the inside belonging to the keyplate, and that on the outside, to the duty plate, and printed in the colors of their respective impressions.

The 4d is on pale yellow paper, creamy in appearance, with the multiple Crown CA watermark; the 5d, 3s and 4s are on white paper, script watermarked. In the first printing of the 2s both types of blue paper were used, Antigua receiving the stamps with the watermark multiple Crown CA, while to St. Kitts were sent those with the script watermark.

The shilling values are required for use on parcels, and the 4d and 5d for combined letter and registration charges on inter-island and Empire letters, respectively.

May 12, 1922. Federation series, King George V, Postage & Revenue, watermarked multiple Crown CA (4d, 2s) multiple Crown and script CA (5d, 2s, 3s, 4s.) Perf. comb 14. Plate 10. Chalk surfaced paper for all values.

4d black and red on yellow (C).
5d dull violet and olive green (C).
2s violet and ultramarine on blue (C) 2 types of watermark.
3s green and violet (C).
4s black and carmine (C).

(To be continued.)

THE DAMAGED STAMP CONTROVERSY.

By F. L. COES.

I. note in a contemporary journal a letter from a collector who feels that there is a place for a damaged specimen, as well as a value to it, and while he does not make mention of the marking of counterfeits in his plea for damaged items, I feel he is bringing out a side of the damaged stamp controvesy that is worthy of more than passing consideration.

For years we have been urging our young collectors to "specialize" and to study; well knowing that there is not a single country that does not have somewhere in its list of items, some one stamp that will be unattainable. Now, some of us are counseling the destruction of the damaged items, even though we know that they would be space fillers most acceptable to the striver after completeness of items, even if not immaculate.

Take for example War items, of which there were printed less than ten thousand. Some were sent to this country on letters, and usually arrived damaged. Is not one of these better for the student than a blank space? If I give away the damaged cover received thus to a beginner in the country, when I get my own immaculate copy, am I not doing the cult a favor? Who is damaged by the gift? No one except a seller of the item in mint condition, who is hoping that the covers will disappear soon so he can boost the price to a point commensurate with rarity.

The Rev. Myers, in living up to the tenets of his calling, is distinctly doing well in aiding the youthful collector in this commendable way. And right here, let me add that there are plenty more of us who take advantage of the damaged condition to fill spaces even if we talk differently.

But about the marking of counterfeits as such. A legal member of our club, a collector of years standing, looks at it from a new angle. It is this:—

"It depends wholly on who the stamp belongs to." "Suppose I have a counterfeit unknowingly in a lot of my stamps, and send it to a society sales department for sale." "It is pulled out of the book, and I suffer the fine, if any, or am debited with its marked price." "I send it to an auction seller, and he does the same, but mark you he does not stamp it "Cft" because it is not his property and he does not want trouble." "He may write reams about it, and on the mount, but *not on the stamp*, because he knows better." "In fact he has known counterfeits to turn out to be genuine, as we all have, and he has a living to make."

"If I endeavor to sell it, knowing it counterfeit, I am party to a fraudulent transaction and that is actionable; but even that gives no one a legal right to mark my property good or bad without my consent."

"From the other end, there is nothing to prevent the owner if he is a dealer, stamping anything from the word counterfeit to the 18th Amendment on his property." "And after he has thus stamped it, he can sell or not as he is able."

The bug in the ointment, and the hole in the skillet is the little fact stated above that "counterfeits are not all as expertized" and customers are hard to make in these days of strenuous competition. Why talk about the millennium and its wonders while we have a fifty-fifty condition here with no one wanting to do the "commencing." We do not like to harbor any counterfeit venders, or their wares, but popular opinion, publicity and concerted effort will do more, and easier, than any such drastic cure applied to someone else's property.

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—From Mr. R. A. Kremers we have received Permit No. 1 of Madison, Wisconsin, in red, which indicates the payment of 12c or charges on the registered envelopes containing tickets for a football game, sent out by the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Kremers adds that a cover is on display at the U. of W. Historical Museum that was used on a scientific book, registered, bearing 25 copies of the surcharged 250 Tausend of Germany. Total 6¼ million marks.

—Correspondents have been showing us letters from Germany with high stamp ratings and the highest postage on a single envelope thus far is 80 million marks. At some future time collectors will ponder over those wild days when stamps had their denominations in the millions and a good many of us are keeping a few examples of them on the envelopes as philatelic signposts.

—The Santa Ana, Cal., *Daily Register* for October 30th gives the front page to the likeness of James E. Alexander, assistant postmaster of Santa Ana, poring over his well-stocked albums. Mr. Alexander and his collection are given a great send-off and Messrs. Porter, Phinney and Kubitz are named by the newspaper as being high in the philatelic order. Here is the box-note that accompanies the column article: "Here's James E. Alexander, assistant Santa Ana postmaster, hobnobbing with his collection of United States postage stamps, considered one of the most beautiful and complete in the West. The ten stamps on the page directly in front of Alexander are valued at more than $1,000. The one in the upper right hand corner is the inverted locomotive adhesive of 1901 and alone is listed as being worth $750."

—Money-order exchange between the offices in this country and Bulgaria have been resumed according to an order of the third assistant postmaster-general. Our money will have a convertibility into Bulgarian currency at the rate of exchange prevailing upon its arrival in Bulgaria.

—Now that old kill-joy who has paid a few left-handed compliments to stamp collecting must show his antipathy further. He says that Mussolini's idea is a sickly one as the person who uses the stamp will not look at, much less read the words under the gum. This editor is an old fuss-budget.

—Some time ago the clever conductor of the Line o' Type or Two column of the Chicago *Tribune*, began a paragraph with the words: "If you collect stamps or if you're all right," etc., in calling attention to a slogan of the *Philatelic West* and *Collectors' World*. We ignored this little barb as we have reason to think that Mr. Donaghey (it would serve him right if we spelled his name wrong) is somewhat of a collector himself. However, he was halted by Mr. A. Hippchen of Chicago, who indited the following come-back to the *Tribune*, whose editor had the nerve to turn his back on it:

"We know that all men either collect stamps or they do not collect stamps. There are two great divisions of mankind:—The stamp *collector* and the *non-collector*. The Non-Collector has usually a sneaking idea, sometimes expressed, that there is something wrong with the collector, that he must be just a bit off. But—The collector has no uncertainties; he knows, mind you, *He Knows*, that the non-collector is mentally deficient, or he would never neglect one of the most pleasurable and educational pursuits of life—The Royal Hobby of Stamp Collecting."

Mr. Hippchen also enclosed his card that tells of the joys of collecting and says that the editor would afford himself great pleasure by starting a collection and experiencing the happiness that one derives from stamp collecting.

—The Fidelity & Deposit Co., Baltimore, Md., offers to insure stamp and coin collections but places a limit on $50 valuation. A booklet issued by the firm says, "The reason the policy is limited to $50 is because the true value is too difficult to ascertain. The value in stamp and coin collections is more sentimental than intrinsic." However, the company adds that the limit mentioned may be increased upon payment of an additional premium. Information by courtesy of R. B. Martin.

—J. C. Wilson, 13 Oak St., Clarendon, Va., would like the address of Duncan Mellier, Jr., formerly 4903 Pershing Av., St. Louis, Mo.

—We have received word from Karl Koslowski that Latvia is about to issue some new stamps for relief of the crip pled soldiers of the late world war, a well as the Latvian independence strug gle. The series will consist of thre values and two hundred thousand set have been ordered printed. The frankin value (retained by the P. O. Depart ment) will be 7s per set of three stamp while the remainder, 30s, will revert t the charitable organization. Denomina tions, designs or size of stamps are no known. The P. O. Department will dis tribute among its branches one-third o the issue only, while the beneficial or ganization will receive two-thirds of th entire issue for its disposal. The publi will fare poorly in connection with thi issue, as it is a known fact that a cer tain dealer has obtained the control o the allotment made to the society interested. The face value of the set will b about eight cents U. S. currency.

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—It is reported from Japan that the ent earthquake destroyed its bureau engraving and printing. Overtures ve been made to this country for the nting of Japan's currency and stamps a Washington and it is understood that esident Coolidge wishes that all con- eration be shown to Japan in this ergency.

—A recent departmental order pro- ves for greater care in the cancellation o our postage stamps:

The department continues to receive ny reports of parcel post and other tter sent in the mails on which the mps are not cancelled, although at- tion has several times been called to s matter. Uncancelled stamps can be moved from parcels and used a second ie and a large loss of revenue un- btedly occurs through such reuse. Postmasters and employees are again requested to take particular pains to see that all stamps on parcels and letters sent in the mails are properly cancelled. Stamps must be cancelled only with black cancelling ink furnished by the department and the cancellation marks must be distinct in order that the stamps may not be used again.

W. Irving Glover,
Third Assistant Postmaster-General."

—We want to thank the several readers who wrote to us concerning Samuel Dawson of Salvador; and elsewhere we publish a letter received from Mr. Paul C. Standley of the Smithsonian Institute on the subject.

—We have been informed of the death of Mr. S. W. Scott of Dubuque, Iowa, recently in Chicago. Mr. Scott was known to a number of Chicago collectors to whom he disposed of a number of covers, including a St. Louis provisional, the results of finds among the correspondence of a relative.

—The following is taken from the chronicle of news issues as it appeared in a stamp magazine in February, 1867: "Grenada. The paucity of this island's productions receives a slight alleviation by the changed colour of its six penny, which at present is orange-red."

—A recent visitor to Chicago was S. Valentine Saxby, once well known as a stamp dealer who now has his habitat in Duluth, Minnesota, where he is secretary of the Association of Commerce.

—A dealer reports to us that he has received an order for an attractive lot of stamps suitable for framing as a window display from a non-philatelic druggist who takes pride in his window dressing.

—F. W. G.—The thin white lines shown in the cuts used in the 1924 Scott's catalog are in keeping with government regulations requiring illustrations of stamps to be thus defaced. The Weekly is compelled to take the same course.

—Elmer F. Smith, Carthage, Ill., would like to communicate with parties who have had dealings with a collector in Baltimore by the name of Kassell.

—E. O. Barnes sends us a picture from the *Times-Picayune* rotogravure section of Oct. 28, showing Mlle. Juliette Depressle as "a living replica of a French postage stamp." In the lower corner of the picture is a representation of the 25c La Semeuse French stamp. The portrayal is excellent and secured first prize at a recent Parisian charity festival.

—We have received from the S. Grossman Co., 245 E. 59 St., N. Y. City, Bargain List No. 6. It is a very large and comprehensive pricelist giving many bargain offers from the stock formerly belonging to Max Beck. Interested parties should apply for a copy.

—J. Schneider, giving address as General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio, is seeking approval selections. Dealers will do well to secure satisfactory commercial references before sending an approval selection in care of "General Delivery."

—L. F. D.—We regret that we are unable to give you a list of our subscribers in your state. It is the policy of the Weekly not to divulge the addresses of stamp collectors unless it can be done with their consent. The year books of the A. P. S. and S. P. A., give the best information as to the location of stamp collectors but these books are only available to members of these societies.

OUR NEW SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST.

It is with great pleasure that we record the result of the first month's work. It shows that much interest is being taken in securing new subscribers for the Weekly and we desire to express our hearty appreciation of the cooperation extended. The W. J. Zink firm of Cleveland leads with 45 new subscriptions, with the Fennell Stamp Co. second with 36. We call attention to a new aspirant for honors in the Pikes Peak Stamp Co. of Colorado Springs. Their 35 new subscriptions look good to us.

A half page of advertising will be given the dealer who sends in the largest number of subscriptions during the twelve months beginning Oct. 1, and quarter pages will be awarded for second and third prizes. The standing for the month of October is as follows:—

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LOSS OF THE WEBER COLLECTION.

By Forrest Shreve.

Two brief notices have appeared in the Weekly regarding the loss of Mr. A. H. Weber's collection in the disastrous fire which visited Berkeley, California, on Sept. 17th. As this was one of the most noteworthy and valuable general collections in the country, and was lost under unusual and dramatic conditions, it seems appropriate to give a somewhat fuller account of both the collection and the fire.

Berkeley occupies a narrow strip of land between the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay and a wall of hills whose slopes are too steep for habitation. On the hills are pastures and planted forests of eucalyptus. A fire on the northern slope of the hills on the morning of the 17th seemed to threaten no danger to Berkeley until a very high wind set in about mid-day and soon brought the flames to the crest of the ridge. Mr. Weber's home was in one of the uppermost streets, commanding a magnificent view of San Francisco Bay and Mt. Tamalpais. It was therefore in the first section of the city to be attacked by the onrushing flames. Mr. Weber states that after the danger was realised he had "less than ten minutes to get out." Alone in the house, in a room filled with the treasured philatelic acquisitions of a lifetime, the unfortunate man used the few minutes at his disposal to rescue two circuits and some approval selections, with only time enough left to pick up two of his albums that were handy.

Mr. Weber had one of the few general collections of such extent and detailed completeness that any one of his volumes might be mistaken for the collection of an acute specialist in that particular country. He not only began to collect 40 years ago, when the collecting was good, but he kept up to the minute in all countries, and studied the new issues as keenly as the rest of us study the old ones. This habit had filled his albums with unlisted varieties, shades and printings.

The destruction of this collection is not only a great loss to philately in the sense that many gems are gone forever, but also in the fact that it embodied the results of an immense amount of unpublished original investigation. In this day and generation a goodly percentage of collectors think of their stamps as an investment and don't think of them as being anything else. Mr. Weber's holdings were superb as regards condition, and magnificent as an investment, but his interest in their cost or increase of value was so slight that it was completely masked by his interest in the stamps as objects of study. Only a few weeks prior to the fire he had mounted Latwija in a very elaborate way, with sheets, blocks, shades and varieties, after making a prolonged examination of his accumulation of material. Why should a real collector wait for someone else to discover a country and point out its features of interest? In similar fashion he could show elaborate volumes of Liberia, Guatemala, Persia, Iceland, Paraguay and other countries that are seldom regarded as worthy of the attention of an investor, although still full of interest for the investigator.

Mr. Weber had only a few of the great rarities of the first water, but he came very near having everything else, and could show a very large number of completed countries, in many cases including both used and unused copies. It would merely be a digest of the catalog to attempt to enumerate even the most impressive pages of his collection, whether it be in old United States, blocks of Cape triangulars, fine old German and Italian States, beautiful Brazilian bulls-eyes, the consular stamps of Madagascar, or countless full sheets of surcharges in Siam. With the wide interest that is displayed only by the beginner and the old-timer, Mr. Weber also collected the entires of all countries, letter-cards, post-cards, and older issues on cover, as well as United States and Canadian revenues. In cancellations on the older issues of nearly all countries he had made a fine beginning before the rest of us started. He could show nearly complete series of numeral cancellations, in all of the s cessive types, for all of the smal British Colonies, not to mention ea European cancellations. In this field, in every other, extensive notes and li were lost, together with all of his ph atelic library.

Such an unfortunate occurrence ag brings to attention the necessity of ha ing some workable means of insuring c lections and stocks of stamps. The thi of chief importance for the owner stamps, and for the good of the hob is not to be compensated for stamps th are destroyed but to keep them fr being destroyed. Adequate fire prot tion in the form of a first-class safe a relatively cheap insurance for the m who has invested over $5,000 to $10, in stamps. Mr. Weber's location seem so secure from fire hazard that he h not taken this precaution, and the o possible good that can come from lamentable misfortune is to have it ser as a warning to others that we "nev know what is going to happen."

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Gilbert M. Burr, Meshoppen, Penn., rites:

"I have one copy of the 3c '69 showg an arrow in the lower left corner inting horizontally to right, and a copy the 10c with an arrow in the lower ght corner pointing horizontally to the ft. I also have copy of 3c with arrow inting down that is a cut, but these hers are both perforated all around.

Luff on the '69 issue says, "On the lues from one to twelve cents incluve, these marks were placed at the iddle of the top and bottom, and incated the line on which the sheets were be cut in half. The half sheets of e hundred and fifty stamps, fifteen rizontal rows of ten stamps each, were rther marked for division into fifties desired. These marks were placed on e sides of the plates between the fifth d sixth and tenth and eleventh rows. the one and two cents the marks were ort straight lines. On the three to elve cents they were composed of three es forming an arrow head.

On reading this the thought occurred t me, were not these horizontal arrows ones for dividing the sheets in fifties, ad were they not perforated instead of ct?

I believe that somewhere I have one the 3c greens the same way, showing a arrow, yet perforated all around, but a I have a number of thousand of these i will take me some time to go over and s for sure if I do.

I appreciate your work in Mekeel's y much and hope you will continue i'

would be very much interested to s Mr. Burr's 3c green perforated all aund and showing arrow.

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t is a pleasure to give the readers of ts department this real gem from the n of H. P. Atherton, Springfield, ass.:

Arrows.

When Were Arrows First Used?

his title may sound a bit ab-original; the intention of the query is purely platelic. You've probably looked thro "ousans 'n thousans" of 3c '61s and 's and found nary an arrow. Me too! Ten on the other hand, you have probaly looked thro a smaller number of 3c 9's, and found some with arrows. Tey come with arrows at the sides, as well as at tops and bottoms. The arrow can come at the top side, or bottom side of stamps printed from the same plate, depending on whether they are "off centered" upward, or downward.

These 3c 69s are funny little things—what? If you ever find a perfectly centered copy, it is cancelled, ten to one, as black as last year's coal supply (now soot), and the reason for this is undoubtedly (?) owing to the fact that such a volume of black smoke could come out of that big bell-shaped smoke stack those poor little engines had to push along in front of themselves. It got all over everything, including the stamps.

Well, are these 69s the first stamps of the U. S. A. to wear arrows?

After collecting a large number of 2c Black Jacksons, one day the prettiest little copy (off center of course) wandered in, and at the bottom left was the neatest little flat arrow, low pitched, like the roof of a summer pavilion, where the wind jokingly blows rain back up under the shingles, to drizzle down your neck; not a mean little sharp pointed arrow, such as comes on some of the '69s, and Bank Note issues. Many hundred Black Jacks have arrived since; but never another with an arrow.

The 2c black is listed in that hit or miss aggregation following the regular 1861 issue, and dated 1862-66, whatever that means.

Haven't yet seen the date of issue of this 2c black stamp authenticated. My earliest year dated covers show Aug., 1863. They are in the gray-black tone common to the first four plates—Nos. 28, 29, 30 and 31. This stamp with arrow comes in this first group probably, as the three later plates—Nos. 50, 51 and 53 are printed in intense black generally, the margins often showing insufficient wiping of the plates before printing the sheets of stamps.

Dated postmarks are not always correct. One Black Jack has been seen on a piece of cover cancelled with the true Phila. postmark, the small octagon, and clearly dated May, 1862; this hardly seems possible, yet there it is in print!

Sumter, S. C., post-office used the year date 1861 on all its outgoing mail during its entire existence in the Confederacy. So we should verify dates carefully before accepting a single example as the correct solution.

This arrow on the Black Jack is perhaps the first employed by the U. S., in making its plates, the arrow being an interesting forerunner of what is now a popular side line with our collectors.

Everett Van Voohis of Cold Springs, N. Y., writes:

"I have enjoyed reading your 'Early Low Values Specialized' column but so far have seen nothing in regard to the 1851, 3 cent or the same value of 1856 and 1861 issues. I have tried very hard to get the booklet on the 3 cent 1851, by Dr. Chase, but so far with poor success. I would buy this if I knew one for sale. Have you one you care to part with or do you know of one I could get?

"I have a 3 cent, 1851, with the C of CENTS having a curlycule crossbar.

"It is clear and distinct and not blurry. I am wondering if this is the variety mentioned in the Specialized U. S. catalogue GENTS instead of CENTS or is it a sub-variety of this?.

(I believe it is the one mentioned.—Ed.)

"I also have another 3 cent, 1851, that has distinctly two outer lines at right. This to my mind is not from Plate 3 where this variety occurs, but from a later plate as it has no inner lines. Another 3 cent 1851 I have shows double transfer in Three Cents and also has three lines recut in upper left triangle. This is two varieties on one.

"In the U. S. Specialized catalogue mention is made of a 5 cent 1847 with dot in U. Can someone enlighten me where this dot is located in the U? Is it in the wide or narrow uprights of the letter? I have one that shows a strong dot in the narrow upright about half way up. I am wondering if this is the variety catalogued."

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The good work of properly presenting philately to the public mind goes on and if we do nothing more than hold what we have, stamp collecting may be said to have become a fact and not merely a fancy, in the estimation of the more intelligent part of the outside world. Yet with the showing that has been made, it would seem to be a misfortune if we were to relax our efforts to sell philately to all the outsiders, as a Babbitt would say. With the encouragement that is evident on all sides, we must continue our efforts to make philately a definite factor in the minds of the non-philatelists. Our end is not to make collectors of all the members of the uninterested public but to have the uninitiated know that stamp collectors are a class numerically strong that is engaged in a pursuit that is reasonable and logical and as such, entitled to consideration.

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In continuing our comments on Mr. Phillips' little book, "Postage Stamps as an Investment." we submit the following observations, which were crowded out of the preceding issue. In Argentine, the "Rivadavia" stamps of 1864-72 are given the call and in Brazil, the first issue is given preference. British Columbia is cited as a country replete with possibilities and the covers with combinations of these stamps with those of the U. S. are particularly lauded. Canada is endorsed unqualifiedly and the cancellations are called a neglected field. Early Colombian Republics with its states is listed as preferred stock and early France especially with unordinary cancellations are approved. India from 1854 to 1859 are placed high in the list as likewise are the Jamaican pineapples with the subsequent issues down to 1880. Japan and Mexico are recommended for those who will give serious attention to the stamps and Newfoundland is said to be an investment almost equalling Canada. Sierra Leone, Virgin Islands and particularly the provisionals of Turks Islands are given special mention and a score of other countries are placed among the eligible list. Naturally, a number of the European countries, Australian divisions and South American and West Indian countries other than those named here call for comment. Mr. Phillips' list is a model of brevity and is such as to give point to the investment inclinations of collectors. The fact that only the older issues are named is a factor that makes the conclusions conservative and well founded.

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The following letter from Mr. Paul C. Standley, United States National Museum, Washington, is welcome: "Enclosed are two envelopes that show that some of the Latin American countries are beginning to employ postal advertising. Recently I have received several Mexican letters bearing a dated cancellation which reads: 'Visite Usted gran feria Guadalajara, Jal., diciembre proximo (visit the big fair at Guadalajara, Jalisco, next December). Recently many letters from Guatemala have been handstamped 'Guatemalan coffee is the best all over the world,' in both English and French; and occasionally a letter from Salvador arrives with a similar handstamp, which, however, does not form a part of the cancellation. Letters from Panama of late often bear a similar caption, 'Panama, Ideal Tourist Resort,' in both English and Spanish. As in the case of the Guatemalan inscription, this has been applied with a handstamp. I do not remember to have seen any of these cancellations mentioned noticed in the WEEKLY, although many of your readers must already be familiar with them." Looking over our advertising cancellations, we find that Chile used in 1913 a five line cancellation calling attention to the importance of indicating the house number and street on mail matter and a number of years ago, Mexico began to use its famous weather prediction cancellations.

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On mail matter coming from Belgium, we find interesting cancellations, in box form, as follows, both in English and Spanish, and the postmarks too, are, for instance "Bruxelles" and "Brussel:" "Spa (Belgium) Waters-Baths Rheumatisme Heart-Anaemia," English, and Spanish: "Spa (Belgica) Aquas-Banos Reumatismo Corazon-Anemia." Notice the "e" tacked on "rheumatism" in the English version. These bi-lingual notices are particularly interesting; and in the present instance we are somewhat surprised to find the Spanish language employed in Belgium although on second thought why should not the baths be especially recommended to those rich South Americans?

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Our cry for help has been heard and Mr. G. C. Rheinfrank of Chicago has consented to fill dates occasionally for philatelic lectures before boys' and other clubs, thereby sharing with the editor the privilege of proclaiming the merits of philately before groups of receptive auditors. Mr. Rheinfrank is a collector and dealer whose experience has covered many years in stamps, and moreover, he is no stranger to the lecture platform, he having achieved a reputation of having been one of the best that ever graced the Chautauqua circuit. The editor has had the following letter from the director WMAQ, the Chicago *Daily News* radio station: "Your talk was exceedingly interesting last night. I was sorry that you had to cut it and hope you can talk again." Mr. H. R. Arnold who was instrumental in starting the philatelic radio idea in Chicago promises to secure a date at one of our other radio studios for some other philatelic speaker.

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We have mentioned the author, Hugh Lofting, whose Doctor Doolittle books for children are received with great applause, as having a philatelic inclination that is given free rein in the course of his writings, every now and then. Now we have the 359 paged book, "Doctor Doolittle's Post Office," illustrated, in which the winner of the Newberry Medal for the most distinguished contribution to our literature for children in 1922 disports himself with engaging abandon that suggests, as a critic has said, the antic Tom Sawyer and the "imaginative topsy-turviness of the English Alice." Doctor Doolittle established the swallow mail in his houseboat off the coast of Africa and soon had it running so successfully that he ran out of adhesive material for the stamps but he invented an original gum made out of licorice that so swelled the sales of stamps that another contingency had to be met. The natives bought the stamps in order that they might show their liking for the original gum by licking it off and then exchanging the stamps for others. This would not do and so then the good Doc hit upon this scheme; and on behalf of philately and sanitary statistics, we quote:

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To recapitulate, therefore, there were three plates for these perforated stamps, one of which was used quite extensively and the others but slightly, viz.:—

Plate A. 1c carmine or deep vermilion on buff (Mr. Hausburg's Plate I).

Plate B1. 3c yellow or grey bistre on buff (Plate I).

Plate B2. 2c violet on mauve (Plate I).

Plate B2. 5c blue green on pale green (Plate I).

Plate B2. 7c deep or dull blue on greyish (Plate I).

Plate B3. 2c purple on very pale mauve (Plate Ia).

Plate B4. 1c pale vermilion on buff (Plate II).

Plate B4. 3c olive bistre on buff (Plate II).

Plate B4. 5c yellow green on green (Plate II).

Plate B4. 7c ultramarine on greyish (Plate II).

Plate B4. 20c deep or red brown on buff (Plate II).

Plate C. 2c aniline mauve (Plate III).

Plate C. 5c deep green on green (Plate III).

Plate C. 20c pale brown on buff (Plate III).

If further proof that movable plugs were used is desired it can be found in the numerals; especially in the 2c. Many of these have flaws by means of which they can be readily distinguished and the same figure can be identified as having been used on different plates. Thus the figure on No. 15 of Plate B2 corresponds exactly with No. 10 on Plate B3; No. 42 on Plate B2 is No. 27 on Plate B3; and No. 16 on Plate B3 is obviously the same as No. 38 on Plate C."

The paper for this issue was surface tinted like that employed for the imperforate stamps, and this tinting varies considerably in depth of tone. The tinting is sometimes exceedingly faint and all values with the exception of the 7c have been recorded at sometime or other as printed on quite white paper. We have examined a large number of these stamps, but we have never met with any specimens regarding which it could be definitely stated that they had absolutely no tinted impression.

Pronounced shades are known of all denominations and, fortunately, as Mr. Hausburg soon discovered, one shade or color always goes with one particular plate or state of a plate.

The perforation gauges 13½ and is the work of a single line machine. Partly perforated stamps are sometimes met with. M. Moens says: "The stamps may sometimes be found without the vertical perforation at the right-hand side; this arises from the fact that the outside line of perforation was sometimes omitted at that side of the sheet." All values are known imperforate vertically and the 1c, 2c and 20c are also known imperforate horizontally. The 1c, 2c, 5c and 20c denominations in horizontal pairs, imperforate between the stamps, are known; while all seven values are known in vertical pairs imperforate between.

It is assumed that several impressions from the plate were taken on one large sheet but we certainly have no satisfactory evidence on this point for no *tête-bêche* pairs are known of any of the perforated stamps nor have we ever heard of the existence of any sheets containing two or more panes.

The quantities of perforated stamps issued are not known, for the records do not distinguish between postage stamps and those for revenue purposes. Sometime in 1883 M. Richard despatched a consignment consisting of the following:—

1c,	206,000	5c,	157,000
2c,	105,000	7c,	71,000
3c,	70,000	20c,	33,000

This was probably the last consignment of this particular issue and it is interesting to note that the 20c was in such little demand that it continued in use until 1893 before it was replaced by a corresponding value of another design.

While these perforated stamps were in use a number of forgeries were made to defraud the Government. They are fairly close imitations of the genuine stamps and they seem to have been used over a period of about four years—1886 to 1890. At first it was considered that they were perfectly legitimate stamps produced locally, but in an article in the *Monthly Journal* for November, 1899, M. Moens succeeded in proving conclusively that they were forgeries. These fraudulent labels were produced by lithography, the design being transferred in its entirety to the stone, so that there are no varieties in the numerals or shields such as are found in the genuine stamps. The perforations are also different, some having gauge of 14 and others of 15½. They all seem to have been used at Cap Haytien and at the present time the counterfeits are rarer than the genuine stamps.

Sometime in 1884 the 70c fiscal stamp was occasionally used for postage. This fact was referred to in the *Philatelic Record* for October, 1884, as follows: "We have seen a large upright rectangular fiscal stamp, with Arms of Hayti in a circle, and inscribed "TIMBRE—CONNAISSEMENTS—EXPORTATION," which has apparently done postal duty." That this variety was ever officially authorized is exceedingly doubtful though a number of specimens are known to exist.

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*295	1901, 2c bi-colored	.04
*329	1907. 2c carmine	.03
*331	1908-9, 1c (Block 4, .08)	.02
*332	1908-9, 2c (Block 4, .16)	.03
*343	1908-9, 1c pair vert. or horiz.	.12
343	1908-9, 1c pair vert. or horiz.	.10
343	1908-9, 1c block four	.20
343	1908-9, 1c auto vend. perf. pair	.10
344	1908-9, 2c pair vert. or horiz.	.20
345	1908-9, 3c pair horiz.	.35
346	1908-9, 4c pair horiz.	.40
347	1908-9. 5c pair horiz.	.50
354	1908-9, 4c pair	.60
355	1908-9, 5c perf. 12 vert.	.30
*367	1909, 2c Lincoln	.04
368	1909, 2c imperf. pair	.20
*370	1909, 2c Seward	.04
371	1909, 2c Seward imperf.	.08
*372	1909. 2c Hudson-Fulton	.04
373	1909, 2c imperf. pair	.20
*374	1910, 1c (Block 4, .12)	.03
*377	1910, 4c brown	.09
*383	1910. 1c (Block 4, .12) pair	.06
*383	1910, 1c coil strip 4	.12
383	1910, 1c (Block 4, .12) pair	.06
384	1910. 2c vert. or horiz. pair	.15
390	1910. 1c perf. 8½ pair	.15
*391	1910. 2c perf. 8½ (Used. .12)	.12
392	1910, 1c perf. 8½	.08
383	1910, 2c perf. 8½ (pair, .20)	.10
394	1910. 3c perf. 8½ (pair. .30)	.15
396	1910, 5c perf. 8½	.20
*408	1912-5, 1c (block 4. .15) pair	.08
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UNITED STATES.—We are officially informed under date of October 31, 1923, that on the previous day, Mr. Warren Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, authorized the issue of the Harding Memorial Stamp in imperforate form. They will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency, for the first time, on the morning of Thursday, November 15th. The Department has receded from its former stand not to issue these stamps in imperforate form, by reason of the fact that hundreds of stamp collectors, as well as many others not stamp collectors, desired to obtain the stamps in imperforate form in order to frame them and retain as a memorial to our late President.

As the Philatelic Stamp Agency is still rushed with its numerous orders it is to be hoped that the general public and surely the collector or dealer will order this stamp in sheets of four hundred or multiples thereof. The imperforate stamp will be the product of the flat plate, issued in sheets of four hundred, margins all around with the usual plate numbers, arrows, guide lines and the like. The variety from the rotary press will not be issued imperforated.

Mrs. A. C. Workman kindly sends a clipping from the Washington *Star* telling the general public of the Department's intention.

In a recent chronicle I mentioned the fact that the 1c of the new design, from the rotary press, perforated 11x10, had been issued in New York. There was only one supply so I am informed and these were quickly used up. I understand, however, that the variety will shortly be obtainable through the Philatelic Stamp Agent.

Up until October 28th the Department had made 153 Harding plates and they were still hard at it. Possibly we will pass the 200 mark before we are through. I have not had the opportunity of checking these plates to see which never went to press but I have been endeavoring to obtain plate number blocks of six from all positions of all plates and I note 14876, 14895 and 14896 missing which leads me to believe that these plates have not as yet gone to press. Up to November 7th I have not seen a plate number higher than 14908 on sale but by the time these notes reach our readers no doubt the higher numbers will have appeared.

On November 6th the largest requisition for high denomination stamps ever received from any post-office in this country reached the Post Office Department from Chicago.

Exclusive of ones and twos the order totaled 60,000,000 stamps with a value of $5,589,000.00 and included one million 50c, one hundred thousand $1, four million 20c, twice as many 10c, three million of the 15c and two million of each of the 11c and 30c denomination. Other stamps of lower denomination were ordered in lots of five and six million each.

Since Chicago already has on hand stamps to the approximate value of those ordered and the requisition is designed only to cover the Christmas mailing period, indications point to an anticipated heavy parcel post mailing.

Air mail pilots flying across the continent in the future will be accessible at all times to the instructions from the ground, Post Office Department experts having worked out a one-man sending and receiving radio set which will be installed in the coast-to-coast service.

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Under date of October 30th the Third Assistant Postmaster-General sent a communication to all postmasters that will be of interest to the precancel collectors. It reads as follows:—

"In order to facilitate the handling of mail at first, second and third class post-offices during the Christmas holidays, postmasters are authorized at their option to precancel and affix stamps for the payment of postage on matter of the second, third and fourth classes offered for mailing at their offices, during the month of December, the stamps not to be delivered to the persons presenting the parcels for mailing, but to be affixed to the parcels by the postmaster or an employee of the post-office after the proper postage has been paid. Stamps used in this manner shall be precancelled in accordance with the conditions governing the precancellation of postag stamps.

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"In case any persons or concerns desire to purchase precancelled stamps fo affixing by themselves on mailing of matter of the second, third and fourt classes, postmasters shall require ther to submit an application for such privilege as prescribed in article 67, page 1 of the July, 1923, Postal Guide."

AUSTRIA.—The Economist Stamp C submit for chronicle the 600kr an 1,200kr in plum shade in the type o D10. Also the 3,000kr brown red an 5,000kr grey green in the type of A51.

Offices in Turkey.—The C. E. Huss man Stamp Co. have shown us a pair o the ¼pia postage due stamp, with no per foration between. They inform us tha in a lot of stamps just received the found five pairs of these stamps.

AUSTRALIA.—The P.M.G., states th *Australian Philatelist,* considers the present 1½d stamp unattractive, nor doe he like the colour, and considers tha the time is opportune for a change i style that will more adequately reflect th vigour and youth of the nation. He is therefore, contemplating a change in design that will embody Australia scenery.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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Canada, No. 23, 65c; 24, 30c; 25, 80c; 26 .75
No. 27, 65c; 33*, 50c; 35*, 90c; 36* 1.50
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YPRUS.—The Economist Stamp Co. vise of the appearance of the 45 stres on script watermarked paper.

ANZIG.—The mark currency having e into liquidation, a new coinage sys- is impending for this Free City; the t will be an alleged *gulden of* 100 ller."—*Stamp Collecting.*

ERMANY.—Mr. Albert W. Claflin es the appearance of the 400mk green, e of A35, surcharged "100 Tausend" dark green.

REAT BRITAIN.—The *Philatelic Maga-* understands that Messrs. Harrison's tract for printing British stamps, ich expired some time ago, will not renewed, and that it is probable that ssrs. Waterlow & Sons will take over tish stamp printing as soon as they e installed the necessary plant. This ses the question as to whether the portunity will be taken to introduce designs. Those now in use have been free from criticism, and if the stmaster-General were to throw the ter open to public competition he uld not lack precedents.—*Philatelic gazine.*

RELAND.—The Economist Stamp Co. ort the 4d, shield type, in dark blue.

AMAICA.—We are informed by the . C. S. Morton that the Child Wel- Stamps, forecast in these columns e time ago, will be issued on Novem- 1st, to prepay postage both in the nd and for overseas correspondence, will be on sale at the post-offices ing November, December and Jan- y. We understand they will be ted to the values of 1d, 1½d and 1.

new stamp of the value of 8d is e added to the pictorial series, and probably be issued on Armistice , the design being that of a War norial Cross which was unveiled and cated in Jamaica last year.—*Stamp ecting.*

THUANIA.—The Economist Stamp report a set of thirteen values of diamond shaped stamps of different designs and shades. These were issued to commemorate the reunion with Memel.

NETHERLANDS.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 10c red of the new set with the profile portrait of Queen Wilhelmina. The 20c deep ultramarine and the 50c grey black of the same series are reported by the current issue of *Stamp Collecting.*.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—According to *The Times,* a likeness of Admiral George Dewey—of Manila fame—after a portrait of Gleindenct, is to replace the head of Admiral Sampson upon a new 16 cent stamp of the Philippines, which has been engraved by Mr. F. Pauling of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and will be issued shortly.—*Stamp Collecting.*

SYRIA.—Mr. E. Stanjer shows us a mysterious provisional in the shape of the 25c blue of France overprinted "G.L. HEDJAZ P.S. 1" (in four lines) in black, used on piece with a 2 piastres on 40c carmine "O.M.F Syrie." We understand from Messrs. Bright & Son that it was issued for "Grand Liban" (the Lebanon) about two months ago, but the purport of the incorporation of "HEDJAZ" in the overprint is beyond us. The 10c on 2c provisional for the Lebanon was chronicled in September 29th.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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VIOLET CANCELLATIONS.

The recent letter of a correspondent raises the interesting question as to the value of stamps obliterated with a violet parcel post cancellation. Stamps so treated are certainly of philatelic value, and of the country instanced (Nigeria) and also of Kenya, are frequently priced separately in dealers' lists, usually at about half the quotation of those with black postmarks. The reason they are not worth so much is because the parcel cancellations are frequently heavy or blurred in contradistinction to the clear and usually neat black postmarks, and also there is some confusion in the popular mind between the violet rubber stamp cancellation of the parcel service and the fiscal cancellations in the same colour. Every philatelist knows that the high values of our own country are worth considerably more with the registered postmark than with the frequently heavy and blurred parcel post cancellation.

Only a few colonies use the violet parcel cancellation, chiefly the larger ones; the smaller frequently use the same stamp for letters and parcels, and others, such as Gambia, have a neat circular parcel postmark in black.

Any individual collector may, of course, refuse the violet postmarked copies, but this is merely a personal whim, and has no relation to their general value as discussed above.

The question of the value of stamps cancelled by favour, or to order, is quite a distinct one. It is usually found in countries where very few are required for legitimate use, and used become worth more than mint. No one would have Nigeria or Nyasaland stamps so treated, as fine copies of the current issue are obtainable under face value. If it is seriously urged that the stamps in question were cancelled by persons in wrongful possession of a cancelling machine, it should be investigated. Sometimes a number of high values are placed on an envelope to get postmarked, and although officially this is frowned at, and sometimes only the necessary stamps marked, it is difficult to prevent it. On the other hand it is not permitted for stamps to be cancelled on sheets and not passing through the post. This applies to the Crown Colonies, and if irregularities occur they should be investigated. There are of course certain exceptions, such as N. Borneo. Stamps treated in the manner described by being gummed down and cancelled to order, should only be sold as postmarked to order, and most reliable dealers would only sell them as such.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

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THE PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT

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Foremost in interest are the Harding precancels which are being eagerly sought after by enthusiasts. The handsomest I have picked up is Tacoma, Wash., precancelled in a new fancy type (Universal Type 18). Others coming to my attention are as follows: Casper, Wyo. (new handstamp), Des Moines, Iowa, Flint, Mich., Hyannis, Mass. (inverted), Indiana, Pa. (up and down), Iowa City, Iowa (normal and inverted), Kansas City, Mo. (roller type), La Junta, Colo., Louisville, Ky. (normal and inverted), New York City (normal and inverted), Oxford, Ohio (handstamp), Pewaukee, Wis., Portland, Me., Portland, Ore., and Stockton, Calif. (normal and inverted).

It is possible to list this week Chicago, Ill., on 20 cent Golden Gate, reading both up and down. This stamp is a beauty and will make bright the pages of the precancel collection.

The 2, 4, 5, 10 and 25 cents have gained such a wide circulation that from now on they shall not be specially noted by me. Their multitudinity makes it impossible to keep abreast. The 14 centers are not at all plentiful as yet. Des Moines and Cedar Rapids are the two latest from Iowa. It is odd that Chicago has not appeared as yet upon this value. New York came out last week. Perhaps the stock of thirteen cents are to be exhausted before the fourteen will be used. The 7 and 15 cents slowly come forth. Portsmouth, Ohio, is precancelling both values but few other cities outside of New York and Chicago are doing so. Boston 7 cent and Fergus Falls 15 cent are two new ones. San Francisco is the latest addition to the group furnished with government printed one cent precancels. Cincinnati, St. Louis and Boston likewise join the group.

Anamosa, Iowa—Type set precancels usually are as varied as each printing and Anamosa's are no exception. They come spaced 13, 14, and 16mm between lines.

Baltimore, Md.—An error in spelling comes on the type used to precancel the dues. Baltimore reads BALTIMOER once out of a hundred. It is interesting to note that this type is so arranged that Baltimore and Maryland are very widely spaced in order to allow the denomination of the due stamp to stand out clearly. I am not sure whether this is type set or an electrotype plate and wish some knowing reader would clear up the question in my mind.

Batesville, Ark.—A handstamped impression in small letters between bars represents this town in the precancel field. The 20 cent reading up is the only item it has been my fortune to find.

Concordia, Kansas—The U-3 handstamp and electrotype plate U-type 18, are both being employed in the current series. Neither type is plentiful. You'll have to scratch to get any.

Dover, Del.—Ashley C. LeDuc reports a visit with the postmaster of this city in which he learned that for several years Dover has used precancels from 1 cent to 1 dollar during the holiday season. A one at a time handstamp is employed to do the work and while it seems to be a rather primitive method the postmaster states it saves lots of time. The possibility is that he will soon adopt a regular apparatus so this first type is a good one to be on the watch for.

Newcastle, Ind.—At the right margin the electrotype plate must be damaged, for Newcastle precancels from the tenth vertical row of the sheet read: NEWCASTL, NEWCASTLI, NEWCASTLE with only half of E, and NEWCASTLE all of E. A strip of ten would be just the thing to have of this plate variation.

North Portland, Ore.—In three lines of small letters between lines, North Portland makes its bow to the precancel fraternity. The 50 cent carried to me this information, and as yet no more of the family have arrived.

Oregon City, Ore.—Another Oregon city to swell the ranks. It has a handstamp similar to U-3. This handstan is medium sized thick capitals betwe bars. It has lately been furnished to large number of the smaller towns. N perville, Ill., Jackson, Miss., Bradl Beach, N. J., Bloomfield, N. J., Ea Orange, N. J., Auburn, N. Y., Nev burgh, N. Y., Mamaroneck, N. Y., Pa huska, Okla., Greensburg, Pa., a Alderson, W. Va., are some that I sele at random.

Oneonta, N. Y.—Quite a name! Ha the 10 and 11 cent in a handstamp type of caps and lowers.

Oddities—Mr. Chas. Metz sends in few odd ones. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, wi no vertical stroke in "D" of Cedar ma ing it appear like an inverted "C;" Poug keepsie has two spacings; viz., N N. Y. under "G" and also under "Y Brooklyn with a dot over the comm (This is the current type, U-18 electro

Mr. Joseph Peter submits a Young town, Ohio (new handstamped typ reading "YOUUGSTOWN."

Louisville, Ky., was one of the fi cities receiving the new basket coil p cancelling devices. When it was used came to the attention of a clerk that t first "L" of Louisville was missing some stamps which read "OUISVILL Of course this would never do, so t machine was returned and a new one h now been secured. Coil specialists w prize this error and seek it for th collections with a great deal of gus It occurs on both the 1 and 2 ce values of the 1917 series. Mr. W. Greenway of Louisville passes on to the above information and as he hol the position of post-office inspector secures it first hand.

Richmond, Ind., comes with no botto bar on the stamps of the bottom ro Richmond, has printed precancels of t U-1 type.

Pueblo, Colo.—Collectors wanti variation are invited to specialize Pueb This city has to date used ten distin types of precancels. Types VII a VIII are printed from a multigra Type IX is type set in fancy caps b tween double lines (this is scarce as was only used about a month), and th lastly we have for Type X the new han stamp spoken of several weeks ago having been furnished Casper, Wy Paonia and Pueblo, Colo. I wish speak especially of the multigraph p cancels. Type VII is type writer ca tals and Type VIII type writer caps a lowers. They both come in four min varieties: between single lines, dou lines, single line at top and double bottom, and vice versa. All values fro 1 to 50 cents engraved and 3 cent su face printing both normal and invert overprints. So there are over 250 vari ties in just these two types to hunt for.

St. Joseph, Mich.—"St. Joe" can ev go Pueblo a few better. Type XII, t latest of this city, will be a permane affair. It is the U-1 electro, which tur out about the finest lookers I know o Already I have in my collection the 5, 15, 20, 30, 50 and $1.00 values a am looking for the rest.

St. Louis, Mo.—Important news, "S Lu" has a new plate. The type is t same but there is now proportiona spacing between the words. On the o plate MISSOURI was 2mm belo LOUIS, which was 1mm below SAIN Now MISSOURI is 1mm below. T appearance is much neater as can easi be seen.

Miscellaneous—Taylorville, Ill., 8, 2 50; Van Nuys, Calif., 50 inv.; Ypsilant Mich., 13, are some recent pickup Notes of interest have been receive from E. Kastrup, Lawrence Mohr, A. I Kubitz and others. They are alway welcome, so come along with information, criticism, or interrogation.

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*1862, ½ penny lilac, No. 38	11.00
1863, 1 penny blue, No. 39	2.00
6 pence brown, No. 41	6.00
9 pence brown, No. 42	12.50
1 shilling grayish violet, No. 43	12.00
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1 penny blue, No. 46	.60
2 pence sea green, No. 47	3.00
2 pence yellow, No. 49	3.00
4 pence rose, No. 50	2.00
6 pence chocolate brown, No. 52	2.50
8 pence red brown, No. 53	3.75
*9 pence dark brown, No. 55	3.25
10 pence vermilion, No. 56	3.00
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LOCAL POSTAGE STAMPS.

By Fred. J. Melville.

When a postage stamp is restricted in
ranking power to a particular district
town it is described as a "local."
local stamps form a very interesting
p, although the less official origin of
y of them has admitted of a certain
unt of philatelic philandering on the
of their projectors. Strangely
ugh, collectors have allowed this fac-
to overweight the historic and the
ous in local stamps; and the fashion,
of some years' duration, has been to
local stamps with that unwise con-
pt which is a negation of one of the
purposes of Philately.

here fashion is rife the serious stu-
has already done his work, or at
the greater part of it. The man of
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cular groups; he prefers to seek
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is glad when he can have a little
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ntial for his study should be kept
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among the students local stamps are
no means despised. They are in
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ge stamps in the countries of issue,
ey represent the influences which
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nsistency is a phantom, but it is
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rarer the mark, according to fashion.
ly speaking, the majority of the earliest issues of the postage stamps of home and foreign countries were of limited postal validity, and by that token there is nothing to differentiate them from local postage stamps issued with Government authority. It has, however, been deemed sufficient for most collectors that the Catalogue, which is the *Biblia philatelica*, has crowded the less-known locals into one of the Apocryphal volumes which has not been re-issued for some years. So this great group of historic stamps is the peaceful hunting-ground of a comparatively limited section of advanced students in Great Britain, though the collectors on the Continent have never wavered in their interest; and it is to be regretted from the British student's point of view that most of the rarer local stamps have been picked up here by our Continental *confrères* during a period when our own people were blinded to these claims of the historic by the glamour of fashion which has more to do with speculation than study.

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The stamps of the Steamship Companies are to my mind of the greatest interest among "local" postage stamps. In most cases they were used for services which forestalled Government mail routes; but unfortunately history is not very precise as to many of them. The Asia Minor Steamship Company of Smyrna used stamps somewhere about 1868 (according to the "Tapling" collection), but they do not appear to have been known to the collectors of that time, the earliest chronicle of them not appearing until 1879. The stamps are little known even now, and although of great rarity I recently acquired the only specimens I have seen outside of the British Museum for a very moderate sum, including one upon the original letter. They are plain-looking labels with simple type-inscriptions enclosed in a pearled and a shaded serrated border. They are printed in black on green surfaced paper, in two denominations, 1 piastre and 2 piastres.

There are two denominations, with colour and perforation varieties, of an Austrian company trading on the Danube (the Danube Steam Navigation Co.), and the moderation shown on the part of the promoters of these stamps is a *prima facie* evidence of the *bona fide* character of the originals, and the stamps are not uncommonly found on the original letters. The stamps were, however, reprinted in 1877, and they have in addition had a good deal of attention from the forger, who has printed his creations in a wider range of colours than the originals warranted.

In connection with the Danube and Black Sea services of steamers there were several issues of stamps between 1867 and 1872. In the first-mentioned year, the Local Post stamps inscribed "Kustendjie and Czernawoda" appeared bearing the initials of the Danube and Black Sea Steamship Company, which carried letters between the two ports under a permit from the Sultan. The view on the stamps is of the harbour of Kustendjie with one of the Company's steamers in the foreground, and the Turkish emblems of the crescent and star above. The stamps issued by T. B. Morton and Co., for their Letter Post carried on in connection with the firm's Constantinople and Danube Line of Steamers, in 1867 and 1869, are well authenticated; but the character of the Company's emissions of 1870 for the "D. & B. S. L. S." (Danube and Black Sea Line of Steamers) and the "journal stamp" of 1872, was open to much criticism, which was not withheld by the philatelic journals of the time. The journal stamp had a very short period of use, and genuinely-used copies are scarce. Reprints of all these locals exist, and in most cases the stamps have also been forged.

The Russian Company of Navigation and Trade, or, as it is generally styled, the Russian Steam Navigation Company, had a large square surface-printed stamp provided for it by the Government Printing Office at St. Petersburg. This was used for the Company's mail services between ports on the coasts of the Black Sea, and some of the Mediterranean ports.

The stamp shows the Imperial Arms, and its character and use are different from those of the other Black Sea Steamship Companies' stamps, and, having appeared in 1864, may have led the spirit of emulation in the other companies. The large square stamp is rare, as also are its immediate successors, which were lithographed at Odessa in 1865.

Finland, the land of lakes, provides us with some local stamps issued by two steamship lines. The Tavastehaus and Helsingfors Steam Packet Co. (Wanajavesi Angbätsbolag) issued the unusual-shaped (oval) stamps, all printed in vermilion, in 1867. There are three denominations—10, 20 and 25 penni. The "Helsingfors Bobaco" issued several rather curious labels for its "skärgärds trafik," its steamers carrying correspondence to the dwellers on the islets with which the coast of Finland is fringed. The stamps are coloured in a peculiar manner, two of them having the designs bisected diagonally, one half being printed in one colour, and the other half in a strongly-contrasted colour. This diagonal division of the colour arrangement is peculiar to stamps hailing from Northern Europe, similar instances occurring in the city-post locals for Helsingfors, and in the "official" postage stamps issued by the Government of Sweden.

For quite a short period, 1876-1877, the Hamburg-American Packet Company used a private postage stamp for mail matter which its steamers conveyed between ports in the West Indies. But little is known of its single stamp, which is rarely found in collections either used or unused. It was said in *Le Timbre Post* in 1877 that it was used on correspondence to Europe, but this, I think, has not been established. There can, however, be no doubt of the *bona fide* issue and use of this stamp, which was

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The West Indies, with their constant inter-communication by means of important lines of steamers, provided other steamship stamps of a not less interesting character than that of the Hamburg-American Company. In the later 'forties there was a steamer, the *Lady M'Leod,* trading between the two chief towns of Trinidad, *viz.,* Fernando and Port of Spain. This steamer was used by the public for the conveyance of letters, on which there was a charge of ten cents (five pence). Owing chiefly to the inconvenience of collecting this small charge in cash, and partly through the habit of the people sending large pieces of money, with the consequent difficulty of the captain in providing change, a stamp was issued by the owner of the vessel, one David Bryce, on April 16, 1847. From the 24th of that month no letters were accepted unless they bore the ship's stamp, which is an undenominated engraving in *taille douce,* showing the ship steaming to the right, over the monogram L Mc L (Lady M'Leod). Although no denomination was expressed on the stamp (a peculiarity which it shared with the later Government postage stamps of Trinidad) it was sold at the rate of four dollars a hundred, or singly at five cents apiece. The stamp is much sought after, being fairly well produced, but neither the artist nor the printer has been traced, and whilst there are some enthusiasts who consider that its production must have been due to the eminent firm of line-engravers, Perkins, Bacon and Co., it is by no means equal to their known work, and there is every likelihood that, had this been truly the case, the fact would have been substantiated long ago by the firm's records.

The recent amalgamation of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company with the Royal Steam Packet Company, when the latter concern drew a cheque for £1,347,825 for the purchase of the Pacific Company's shares, recalled to collectors of the old school the fact that both lines had issued stamps in the early days before postal reform had developed in foreign parts. The Company which has now been absorbed had, in 1858, issued stamps of a very handsome, line-engraved kind. The stamps are of two denominations, inscribed "½ oz. 1 Rl" (real), "1 oz. 2 Rls" (reales), the former showing the ship in the central oval sailing to the left, the higher one showing the vessel sailing to the right. The initials of the company, "P.S.N.C.," figure in the four angles. The stamps are remarkable in several ways; for the extremely minute and technical detail in the delineation of the ship, and not less for the fact that one or possibly two of the known varieties were issued by the Government of Peru, having been handed over to that Government by the Company before the first regular Peruvian stamps had been prepared. I believe this instance of the Government adoption of a privately-issued stamp is unique; it remains still for the student to establish beyond all doubt which of the varieties were used under the Company's auspices and which under the direction of the Peruvian Post Office.

As I have said, the design is full of technical detail, and a seafaring man, if once confronted with a genuine specimen, probably would have a ready sense of discrimination between genuine copies and the forgeries, which latter have been plentiful. Although the vessel is depicted within an oval of under 7mm in width, one can detect the presence of three men on board, one near the bowsprit, one near the foremast, and the third near the stern. There is a pennant at the top of the fore-royal mast, which has proved a particular stumbling block to the forger, though in some of the crudest of the spurious stamps the ship is sailing in the wrong direction.

The steamers of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company were in a measure connected with the use of a stamp known as that of Tierra del Fuego. Appropriately enough this stamp was printed in a "flame"-red, to use a colour-name not in the standard catalogues. It was issued by an American named Popper, and presumably it is his distinguished initial that is emblazoned upon the radiant sun which forms the central device. Other emblems figuring in the design are a star and an envelope, and the plebeian pickaxe and mallet. Mr. Popper is said to have organised a post between the hamlet of Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego and Puntas Arenas, to enable the white settlers in the "land of fire" to send letters by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamers which called at Puntas Arenas once a month. He is said to have sent a considerable number of mails before the Argentine authorities suppressed his service and confiscated his stamps and dies. The career of the stamp began and ended in 1891, its value being 10 centavos, gold currency, "oro."

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company hoisted its flag on a single postage stamp issued in 1875 for letters conveyed between ports in the West Indies and America, probably Curacao, Surinam, St. Domingo, Porto Plata, and Puerto Cabello. The stamp was printed by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., and is characteristic of the typography of this firm. Its denomination was ten cents, and its colour rose. It was printed in sheets of thirty stamps. The stamp was issued before the Postal Union had spread postal reform to the West Indies, but it was apparently objected to by the British Post Office and by some of the local governments, so it was withdrawn in 1880.

The issues which pass under the general title of La Guiara stamps were variously issued at the three places named in their inscriptions, La Guiara, Puerto Cabello, and San Thomas, the first two being ports in Venezuela, and the last being the former Danish West Indian colony. The first postal arrangements were made between a Scot, Captain Robert Todd, and the Government of Venezuela in November, 1863. His first stamps present the appearance of crude wood cuts printed in black on coloured paper, but these were followed by an issue engraved by the British firm of Waterlow and Sons. Later issues indicate a chance of proprietorship in the service, Todd having sold his rights to Messrs. Jesurum & Sons of Curacao, whose initials, J. A. J. & Z. appear on the final series. The stamps, which present a good range of philatelic variety, are of the highest degree of interest, and the comparative facility with which they can be procured is, I fancy, due to the importance of the traffic to and from St. Thomas, which was the very centre of all the mail routes communicating with the West Indies. There are both forgeries and reprints to guard against, but the genuine issues were well known to the early collectors *(Philatelic Journal,* Vol. i, p. 11), and their minute descriptions of them, and of the forgeries, have made the way clear for the student in modern times.

The stamps of the Central American Steamship Company have a less creditable record from the collector's point of view. They appear to have been *bona fide* in their original use, but a large remainder of the copies was sold by the company about 1891, with the result that in the unused state they are of little consideration. The stamps before me are in five denominations: *viz.,* 1 cent green, 2 cents carmine, 10 cents blue, 50 cents brown. The fifth denomination has been created by surcharging the lowest denomination in English and Spanish "Good for five cents." The stamps were lithographed in Boston (U. S. A.) and show a steamer sailing to right. Writing on March 30, 1892, Mr. C. H. Thomas, a former secretary to the shipping company, gave May or June of 1886 as the approximate date of issue. He also wrote: "No 1 cent stamp was ordered, the intention being to issue a 5 cent, there being no 1 cent rate. To remedy this we stamped all the 1 ce stamps then on hand (in red) with a cent value, the 1's never being sold the public, although I believe a few we used by some of the Company officers The lithographic stone was delivered the Company with the first printin (quantity unknown), and on the Con pany going out of business the desig were cleaned off and the stone sold to private printer in the City of Mexic

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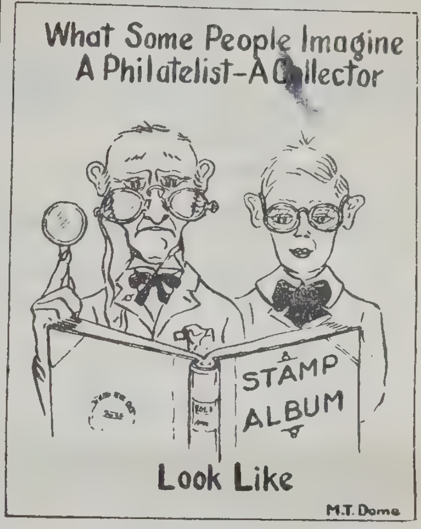
The stamps of the Canal Maritime de Suez have always been stumbling blocks with collectors. They are mostly forgeries that abound in collections, not reprints as is generally supposed. As to their original authenticity there is considerable doubt. They were first reported in 1868, before the opening of the Canal for traffic, which did not take place until November, 1869. It was originally stated that the stamps were for the use of persons in the employ of the Suez Canal Company, and they were vouched for in the early 'seventies by a writer under the pseudonym of "A Parisian Collector," who was no other than the late Mr. W. A. S. Westoby. He wrote that "our own copies came directly from the Company, by order of M. de Lesseps. We know that they were used by the Company for a short time, but the authority to continue them was withdrawn by the Khedive. Obliterated copies are as rare as obliterated specimens of the stamps of the Ionian Islands." Having quoted this last remark I would add that the forgeries exist with *soi-disant* postmarks.

There were four denominations — 1 centime black, 5 centimes green, 20 centimes blue, and 40 centimes pink—but Mr. Earée, one of the early collectors, happily still with us, says in *Album Weeds:* "A friend in Berlin, a great collector, told me that M. Lesseps informed him that only the 20c had ever been issued." The 20c is known used on original letters, but not the other values, though Mr. T. K. Tapling is reported to have paid about £70 for the set of the four values, obliterated, which set figures in the collection at the British Museum.

I am one of those who prefer the curious and interesting in our hobby to the pedantry of the modern specialist, and the majority of collectors of stamps are, I believe, with me in that respect; at least they would be in the majority if the purely commercial spirit were eliminated. In this respect we do not differ vastly from the collector of the first period of Philately, and there is good evidence that in the early days the stamps of the steamship companies had considerable vogue, and were much sought after. Had not this been so, the fictitious stamps of the steamship class would not have been launched upon the philatelic sea. In the 'sixties there were issued the *Clara Rothe* steamer's stamps, which certainly caught most of the collectors of the time napping. This was not to be wondered at, for they were accompanied by a pretty substantial account of the *Clara Rothe* steamer, depicted upon the stamp beneath the Danish emblems of a crown, sword and sceptre, and precedence was given to St. Thomas (the Danish West Indian colony) in the inscription, which also indicated Porto Rico as another of the terminal points of the steamer's route. Further, the design was stated to have been engraved by a reputed Parisian engraver, M. Stern, who had also engraved the Prince Couza stamps of Roumania. The story was that the stamps had been made under a contract with the Danish Government and the Steamer Company. There were eight values: ½, 1, 2 and 4 centavos, all printed in black, and ½ real in blue, 1 real orange, 2 reales mauve, and 4 reales green. The stamps were first mentioned by the usually incredulous M. Mahé (lately deceased) in *Le Timbrophile* of January, 1869; but by April he was ready to consign them to the *Mythologie timbro-postale* which he suggested might some day come from his pen, and which would have been a rare delight to philatelists had he lived to carry out so interesting a work.

But the *Clara Rothe* inventions had some foundation in fact, though the facts did not tally with the issue of the stamps. The steamer did exist, and is in a sense an historic vessel. It carried mails between the Danish Islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix, and even carried the European mail to Porto Rico. At that time, and for a considerable period, as I have said, St. Thomas was the "Singapore"—the junction—of the West Indies. But before the stamps were issued its owner had sold it to the Republic of Hayti, and it served as a "navy" for that troubled and troublous republic.

Even earlier than the *Clara Rothe* fraud, a bogus steamship stamp had been emitted purporting to be used for franking letters between Acapulco in Mexico and San Francisco, California. The label bears the suggestive name "M'Robish and Co.," and was chronicled in blue and in pink; it also exists in brown. Inquiries failed to elicit any knowledge of such a firm in San Francisco, or of any vessels which could have utilised the stamps. The stamps therefore were classed among the impostures within a few months of their appearance. Such frauds have from time to time been put forth by the misguided ingenious, but they do not present any great obstacle in the pursuit of philately. Probably, as Carlyle puts it, imposture is of a sanative, anodyne nature, and man's gullibility not his worst blessing. — *Postage Stamp.*



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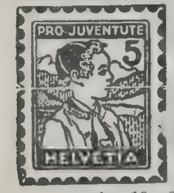

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IMMORTALIZATION OF WM. TELL.

By William Gardner.

In 1907 Switzerland produced the first of the now well-known stamps in the William Tell's son design. The central portion of the design shows young Tell holding in his right hand a huge crossbow, and in his left an enormous apple pierced by an arrow. These stamps were to have been most beautiful stamps, and, as one writer said in 1901, "the type of the ideal postage stamp of the future."

In "L'Art Suisse" of November 16, 1900, a competition was announced in which "all artists living in Switzerland or abroad could compete for new designs for Swiss postage stamps. Entire liberty was given to the artists as to the design they should use, but the name Helvetia was to be incorporated in it. The prizes were of a total of 3,000 francs for the authors of the best three or four designs.

Three hundred and thirty-six competitors presented five hundred and forty-one designs, but no design was considered good enough for the first prize. One second prize, one third, two fourth, and two fifth prizes were given, and these designs were exhibited in the Museum of Arts and Trades at Berne. None of the designs was decided upon, but a restricted competition was authorised, and the Federal Council, in the session of January 23, 1906, chose the one representing the son of Tell, with crossbow, submitted by Albert Welti, painter, of Munich and Berne.

The Design.—The picture of young Tell appears to have been adapted from an etching by Welti entitled "Ruckkehr in die liebe Hiemat" (the return to the dear homeland).

The Tell design was not much thought of—all the proportions of the picture are grossly unreal—the crossbow in relation to the boy, the apple he holds in his hand, the massive frame around it, and so on.

Adverse criticism greeted the stamps, not only from the pen of the journalist, but also from the pencil of the cartoonist. One of the wittiest cartoons was an imitation of the stamp. In the place of Tell's son was drawn a street arab sheltering beneath an enormous umbrella, and armed with a large basket of apples which he was trying to sell.

The *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* said of them: "The Swiss Federal Council has just adopted two types of stamps which have been welcomed by a severity that is deserved. The uglier type of the two is that chosen for the low values; it is the work of M. Welti, of Munich, and depicts Tell junior, to whom Tell senior has handed his crossbow, while the boy holds in his left hand the apple pierced by the arrow. Nothing uglier or more unequal can be seen."

The Story of William Tell.—William Tell, who lived in Burglen, was said to have been the finest crossbowman in Switzerland. Austria had over-run the land, become its master, and set one Gessler to be one of the Governors.

Gessler was a tyrant who had murdered or imprisoned those who stood against him. As a last barbarity, a pole was erected in the market square at Altdorf, and all Swiss were commanded to bow to the cap placed on the top of it, the punishment for disobedience being death.

Tell one day had taken a pack of deerskins to sell at Altdorf, and, having performed the task, was about to return home when he was arrested by Austrian soldiers for not respecting the Governor's orders. At that moment Tell's son came out of the crowd and approached his father.

Gessler said to Tell: "I am told that you are called the crossbowman of Burglen, and I should like you to give me an exhibition of your skill. If, at this distance, you can shoot an arrow so as to split the apple on the curls of your firstborn, I will let you go free. If not—if you miss the apple and kill your child—I will execute you here and now."

A way was cleared between father and son. The boy, with his face to the tree, bound by ropes to its trunk, felt the apple placed upon his head. William Tell chose two arrows; one he thrust in his girdle, the other he fitted to his bowstring. Tell raised his head; his eyes were steady; his face was like iron. Twang! went the bow. The arrow shot forward, pierced the apple, and buried itself deep in the tree.

Gessler turned to Tell.

"Tell me," he said, "for what reason did you take two arrows."

"If the first arrow had hurt my child," said the gallant bowman, "this one now would be through your heart."

Later on William Tell did shoot Gessler, and after that inspired the rising of the Swiss people which led to the overthrow of the Austrians and made Switzerland a free country.

Alterations in the Design.—The dies for these stamps were ordered from Berlin, and delivered to the Post Office authorities on October 27, 1906, and proved to be excellently executed. The stamps were printed at the Mint at Berne, but the next year it was decided to remove from the design the frame arrangement, and leave the boy standing upon the steps.

These stamps were in use till 1909, when it was found that the cord of the crossbow was on the wrong side. This was remedied, and in 1910 the stamps appeared with the cord behind the crossbow. The next year a minor alteration was made in the inscription, and serifs were added to the letters.

At the time of issue it was fully thought that the stamps would be withdrawn, but the design is still in use after sixteen years. The stamps are interesting. They are quite common, and varieties of paper, perforation and overprints can easily be found. In 1914 these stamps were perforated by a comb machine similar to those in use in Great Britain. Hitherto a complete sheet of a hundred was perforated by means of a harrow machine.—*Postage Stamp.*

A WAR SPY AND HIS STAMPS

By Carl F. Berger.

In Sir Basil Thompson's book, "My Experiences At Scotland Yard," there is a part which should be of some interest to philatelists. Mr. Thompson was Head of Scotland Yard during the World War and he had many adventures with enemy spies. I will quote from his book the story about the "stamp" spy whose guilty conscience was his great weakness:—

"The most absurd person employed as a spy was Joseph Marks. He attended a spy school, where they furnished him with an album of postage stamps—a method of conveying information that was new to us. He was to send to Switzerland stamps indicating particular classes of warships. Thus, ten Uruguay stamps taken in conjunction with an Edinburgh postmark would mean that ten battleships were lying in the Firth of Forth, and so on. Whether he ever intended to carry out his instructions is uncertain: usually so well-fed a person has no stomach for adventure, but he was put on trial for having come to this country after being in communication with an enemy agent, and was sentenced to five years' penal servitude. In a convict prison he was safe for the duration of the War, and when he was repatriated in 1919 he was profuse in his gratitude. Probably no one has ever gone to prison with a lighter heart. I imagine that an philatelist who may in future produc his album for the inspection of M Joseph Marks will be startled by th effect he will produce."

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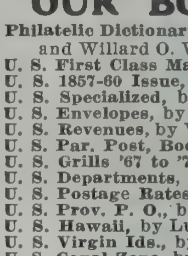

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In the fall of 1919, a collector of Kenosha, while seeking information about the Park City Match Co., interviewed Mr. Henry M. Underwood, the elder son of Alexander Underwood of Newark, New Jersey. Mr. H. M. Underwood was connected with the Park City factory in the 1860's as an employee. The information obtained was that Alexander Underwood brought the match machinery from the East to Kenosha in 1857 and located the first factory there on the southeast corner of Exchange and Park Streets.

Attempts to interest additional capital were not successful until later when T. T. Bent and Cyrus Briggs became interested and moved the factory to the west end of Wisconsin street across the tracks of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. Later on Cyrus Briggs became sole owner and sold the property to the Electric Match Co., of Chicago. H. M. Underwood was secretary and superintendent of the Electric Match Co. of Chicago. Conflicting views developed in regard to conducting the business and after about three and a half years Mr. Underwood resigned, sold his stock and quit the match business. The property became "trading property." Finally the then owners are said to have got into difficulties with the government and took up residence in Canada. The extent of the deficit is stated to have been $32,000.

Mr. Alexander Underwood returned to Newark in 1867. Ilion, New York, his earlier home, is in the Mohawk Valley, about ten miles southeast of Utica, and very near to Frankfort, N. Y., where the Gates factory was located. It is well within reason to assume that he was acquainted with the Eaton factory at Utica and the Gates factory in Frankfort, or with both of those factories, and realizing that the match business would expand enormously within a few years, his inventive talent was attracted to the possibilities of obtaining financial success through the improvement of match making machinery.

Regarding the 1c Park City Match Co. stamp the Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Feb. 28, 1865.
First issued, April, 1865.
Last issued, June, 1873.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
5,054,440 issued on old paper.
17,803,440 issued on silk paper.

"This company was succeeded by the Kenosha Match Co., T. T. Bent, Secretary, who made no change in the dies. Stamps were also delivered to one G. N. Jones from these dies, and they were finally sold to James L. Clark in 1867."

The number of the 1c stamps issued indicates that there were two or three plates for this denomination. These plates were made by the Carpenter firm in Philadelphia and all the stamps were printed there. Probably not less than 80% of the stamps on old paper and all the stamps on silk paper were used by Jas. L. Clark.

The design is indeed a handsome production and is one of the most attractive of the many beautiful designs used for match stamps. It forms an upright rectangle of the standard 1c size, having a border of Greek ornamentation which encloses a rectangular panel bordered by a line of pearls and with the following inscriptions on a solid background, "Park City—Match Co.—Kenosha, Wis." above in three lines and below "U. S. Inter. Rev.—One—Cent." Below "one" and "cent" is a small numeral 1, and just under U and V of U. S. Inter. Rev. is a small colorless five-pointed star. The central portion of the stamp is occupied by an irregular transverse oval, bordered by a line of colorless pearls. In the center of the oval is an eagle with outstretched wings facing to the right and grasping in its talons an olive branch and a sheaf of five arrows, all upon a lightly shaded background. The design was evidently adapted from the H. & M. Bentz die, which was engraved the previous year. The eagle is the same on both dies but the shading in the background is different. This eagle in the same position is also found on the match stamps of the Aetna series of St. Louis.

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could hardly be imagined. At the very time when the Kenosha stamps were first printed "Old Abe," the live eagle which was carried through a three years' campaign, and many battles of the War of Secession, by the 8th Wisconsin Regiment, was becoming famous throughout the whole Northwest.

In "The Sanitary Fairs and Their Issues" by Charles E. Severn is told the story of the genesis and fruition of a plan to raise funds for the United States Sanitary Commission in connection with the second great fair or bazaar held under its auspices in Chicago. Boys and girls earned "commissions" in the Army of the American Eagle by selling portraits of "Old Abe," and during three months the substantial sum of $16,000 was raised. It would not be at all surprising to find that the eagle on the Kenosha stamps is none other than "Old Abe" himself.

Both the old paper and the silk paper are found in the rather bright yellowish green and in a much darker green.

The old paper was quoted at a $1.00 from 1886 to 1896; $1.25 in 1898; 75c in 1900, and $1.50 since 1901. The silk paper was quoted at 50c in 1894 to 1896 and in 1900, but since 1901, and much of the time back to 1886 it has been quoted at $1.00. The 1922 quotation of $1.50 places it on a par with the old paper and although theoretically the silk paper should be more than three times as common as the old paper, as a matter of fact, the two varieties are equally scarce and the catalog prices are quite reasonable for fine copies.

The stamp is also listed on the experimental silk paper of 1871 and a few copies of this printing have been noted.

Regarding the 3c stamp the Boston Book states:—

Die approved, April 13, 1865.
First issued, May, 1865.
Last issued, Sept. 23, 1869.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
2,294,708 issued on old paper.

This stamp was also a Carpenter production and exists only as a Philadelphia printing. There was only one plate.

The design forms an upright rectangle of the usual 1c size. The border is formed of a heavy line of color enclosing a much finer line, and this in turn encloses a broad colorless line, leaving the body of the stamp a background of solid color. The central part of this background contains a circular disk on which is engraved an eagle with outstretched wings facing right, standing on a rock against a lightly shaded background. The eagle is identical with that on the die first used by B. & H. D. Howard about six months before the Park City 3c was issued. It seems probable that the 3c Park City eagle was a transfer from the Howard die. The inscriptions are all in colorless letters on a solid background. A curved line across the top of the stamp reads "Park City" and following the curve of the central disk is, at the top "Match Co.," at the left "Kenosha," and at the right "Wisconsin." Below the central disk in two curved lines we read "U. S. Inter. Rev.—Three Cents." In each lower corner is a large numeral 3 and in each upper corner a small five-pointed star. A small star is found beside each numeral at the bottom. Excepting a small leaf-like triangular ornament beneath the ends of Park City the design has no ornamentation.

This is indeed a beautiful stamp and well deserves the popularity which has always been its share. Unfortunately the orange color is often oxidized and gives the stamp a brownish or blackish blotched appearance, but a few minutes' bath in peroxide of hydrogen will restore the original color without harming the stamp at all.

From the record in the Boston Book it would appear that fully half of these stamps were used by Jas. L. Clark, but no method is known by which those used by him can be distinguished from those used by the Park City Match Co.

The scarcity of this stamp has either been over-rated in the past or a supply which was not available in the 1880's and 1890's has since come into the market. Sterling quoted the stamp at $3.00 in 1888, while the Scott quotations were $2.50 between 1886 and 1898, and $2.00 from 1900 to 1920. As good copies have been obtainable for many years around $1.00 each, the 1922 price of $1.50 for fine copies places the stamp in line with others of similar relative scarcity.

The stamp is not known to have been used in multiple, and no pairs, strips or blocks have come to the writer's attention.

After many changes in ownership, about 1870 the business of the Park City Match Co. was finally taken over by the Electric Match Co., of Chicago.—The reader will find additional data regarding the Electric Match Co. and Alexander Underwood in the article on Alexander Underwood & Co.

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When I was in Salvador in 1921-22, engaged in botanical work, I was entertained by Mr. Klein, who is devoted to horticultural work, besides being also manager of the electric company. While looking over his library I happened upon a stamp album, and drew his attention to it, with the result that most of the remainder of that day's visit was spent in talking about stamps. Mr. Klein is registered as a French citizen, although he was born in Guatemala. When a boy in Guatemala City (he is now probably about 50 years old), he accumulated a sizable collection of stamps, chiefly by direct correspondence with business correspondents of his father, scattered all over the world. When he was eighteen, wishing to come to the United States to attend a technical school, he sold his collection for five hundred dollars, using the money so obtained for part of his expenses.

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Sought for a fair rare pair
Of old U. S., but, being of
A philosophic mind,
He said, "All comes to him who waits."
"I feel that I will find"
"Just what I want eventually,"
"Well-centered, gummed as well."
Just yesterday he found it.
When he asked the price, "O **** !"(*)
"I could have bought a pair that looked"
"Almost as good,—and cheap!"
"A tenth the price,—five years ago."
"What you ask makes me weep!"
The dealer, smiling, said to him,
"The trouble with you cranks"
"Is that they must be superfine."
"Your album's full of blanks,"
"Which had you filled with good sound stuff,"
"—And later had the chance"
"To pick up finer copies at"
"Of course a big advance,—"
"The net to you would not be large."
"The stamp you had you'd sell"
"For lots more than you paid for it,"
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THE CLASSICS OF PHILATELY—WHAT ARE THEY?

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A person is not considered educated unless he has a knowledge of the books which are referred to as Classics; works of printed art which deserve immortality. There are classics of history, H. G. Well's "Outlines," Gibbons Decline and Fall, Macaulay's England, Bruce's Holy Roman Empire, Prescott's Mexico, Plutarch's Lives, *et al.* Then there are classics of comedy,—Cervantes Don Quixote, Baron Munchausen, Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer.

It makes too long a list to record the classics of every division of knowledge, but there is one branch which has been neglected. That is Philately. What are the classics of this pursuit? Or is there none? Do the stamps themselves serve as classics? If so, of the approximate 67,000, which are thus conceded a place in the immortal mind?

An entire history might be assembled from these colorful adhesives, mythology, literature, and the events in the story of mankind. Each philatelist will accord the honor to a different stamp, or series thereof. The precancel collector will vie with the United States specialist, and the biographical student with the economic assembler of the stamp. The ecclesiastic might put forward the new series of Italian church stamps, while the cartographer will rival him with a Venezuelan and Turkish map stamp.

However, hear me out. I am somewhat partial to these various sideroads of collecting, and being a historian as well as philatelist, my views cannot be biased, though I do not attempt to name these classics. Age alone can, and will prove them.

Charles G. Wilson is recording history from postage stamps. The articles form an unique tribute to the hobby, which the student of philately cannot be without. To me, they are the greatest piece of work yet supplied to the stamp collecting world. Of course there are innumerable data and booklets pertaining to the history of the issues of postage stamps, but these, while they are valuable, cannot live as literature.

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In literature, there is no more interesting a tale than Cervantes' Don Quixote. In Socialism the stamp of Hungary bearing the portrait of Karl Marx will be ever remembered. In music, the half dozen Austrian stamps with Mozart and the others, will live. Paderewski, upon the 1919 Polish stamp commemorates, not the musician, but the statesman, yet we shall remember this stamp, more for the pianist than for the president of a republic.

Each nation must choose its own hero or heroine to appear upon stamps but is there a more deserving character than that portrait upon the stamp, a picture of the founder of the Boy Scout movement which has spread to the uttermost parts of the world, Sir Baden-Powell? In the line of female pictures, the Magyar Posta or Hungary illustrating the "Patron Hungariae" should stand foremost. Mothers and humanity will praise the new stamp of France bearing the likeness of that scientist, Pasteur, who did much for hygiene and cleanliness.

And so it goes. Washington, Kossuth, Lincoln, and their like will be treasured by the patriot and rebel. Monarchists will gloat over the life of Francis Joseph, Alphonso of Spain and George of the British Commonwealth of Nations, as great examples of emperors and kings. Naval commanders and sailors will form vessel collections, and military men will put together those stamps which portray the fortunes of war, even the various cannon and many variety of troops. All these will not live, of course, except in their class, and it thus becomes extremely difficult, if not utterly impossible, to name those stamps which are thems
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CHAPTER V.

The Re-engraved Stamps of 1886.

In 1886, new plates were constructed for the 1c, 2c and 5c denominations, but these were made from new dies and on a different principle from that previously employed. In each case the numeral formed part of the die so that there are no differences of position or shape other than those very trivial ones which one generally associates with the electrotype method of reproduction. They, therefore, present no problems regarding their manufacture and though they can be plated (Mr. Hausburg succeeded in plating the 1c and 5c and had made good progress with the 2c) the task is a much more difficult one than is the case with any of the other "Liberty-head" stamps.

The 1c and 2c appeared first and were, apparently, issued in March, 1886, though the change of type was not noted by any of the philatelic journals of the period until six months later. The change of type was not ordered by the Haytian authorities but M. Richard, finding that the old plates had become so worn that they no longer gave good impressions, or that the constant interchanging of plugs when new printings were required had become an unmitigated nuisance, decided to make new plates on a slightly different plan. He therefore engraved a new die, and from this two subsidiary dies were struck on which the numerals of value "1" and "2" respectively—were engraved.

The plates were the same size as before and consisted of fifty impressions arranged in five horizontal rows of ten stamps each. Presumably the plates were composed of separate electrotypes as before, but as the cliches were quite complete in themselves there are no variations in the value tablet as shown in the preceding issues. The most noticeable points of difference between the redrawn 1c and 2c and the corresponding values they replaced are as follows:—

1.—The lines of shading on the face are vertical, and those on the chin and neck are horizontal. In the old type the lines on the face were horizontal while those on the neck were oblique.

2.—The letter "Q" in "REPUBLIQUE" has the tail turned more to the right, and the last "E" of that word is more closed.

3.—There is an apostrophe instead of a dot after the "D" in "D'HAITI," and the letter "T" has longer serifs at the top.

4.—The words "CENT." are in thicker letters.

There are also differences in the numerals, the "1" being shorter, with a very sloping serif terminating in a dot, while the "2" is taller and altogether larger. A peculiarity of the 2c lies in the fact that there is always a short line after the last "I" of "HAITI," a dot in front of the "D," and a dot or line after the word "REPUBLIQUE."

M. Moens expressed the opinion that though these plates consisted of fifty stamps only, the sheets contained three hundred stamps in six panes, that is, six impressions from the plate. No double panes, etc., seem to be known which would give confirmation to this theory.

The stamps were printed on surface-tinted paper like that employed for the earlier issues and the approximate numbers printed are said to have been as follows:—

1 centime	310,000
2 centimes	180,000

A new plate for the 5c denomination was brought into use early in 1887, the earliest specimen known is postmarked April 15th, and it is very evident that an entirely new die was engraved. This value not only differs from the type of 1881, but it has few features in common with the redrawn 1c and 2c described above. The lettering is taller and heavier throughout. The "Q" of "REPUBLIQUE" has its tail turned to the right, the "B" is very narrow, and the serifs of the final "E" touch each other. There is a long apostrophe after the "D" of "D'HAITI," and the ornaments on each side of the shield have been altered. The shading on the face and neck is similar to that of the first type, but the head is larger, the nose rounder, and there is no shading on nose or lips. There are plenty of other differences, but those enumerated should be sufficient to prove that a new die was engraved. The numeral was engraved on the die, as in the case of the other redrawn values, and this is much larger that any of the numerals on the preceding 5c stamps and is a simple and certain means of identification.

The plate was evidently constructed in the same manner as those for the other two values of this series and the stamps were likewise printed on surface-tinted paper. The number printed is stated to be "not more than 75,000." All three values of this set were perforated 13½ by a single-line machine.

To recapitulate the simplest tests for distinguishing these three redrawn stamps are the shading on the face and neck for the 1c and 2c and the size of the numeral for the 5c.

CHAPTER VI.

The 1887 Issue.

Late in 1887 a set of four stamps in an entirely new design made its appearance. The 1c and 2c were recorded in the *Philatelic Record* for December, 1887, while the 3c and 5c were not listed until a month later. The design is the same for all four values and shows a full face portrait of President Salomon in a central oval; above is "HAITI" in white letters with a shield on each side containing the numerals of value in color on a white ground. At the base is a curved scroll containing the value in words in colored letters. On the centre of this scroll is another shield showing the value in white numerals within an oval of solid color. The 1c differs slightly from the other denominations in having "UN CENT" on the scroll on *each* side of the numeral at the base.

Salomon was averse to having his portrait on the 1881 stamp of Hayti, as we have already pointed out, and the story accounting for the fact that he allowed his features to be shown on this issue is worth repeating. According to the *Revue Philatelique* we are told that "when the question of endowing Hayti with postage stamps was mooted President Salomon desired to have an allegory of the Arms of the country appear on them. However, public opinion demanded the portrait of the President. He objected, with good reason, on the ground that he would not always be President, and that he did not wish to create a precedent which in the future would cause continual changes in the postage stamps. To conciliate the public spirit he abandoned his idea, and successfully proposed the adoption of the head of Liberty. However, little by little it was bruited that the 'Liberty' of the stamps of 1881 bore a striking resemblance to Mrs. Salomon. The President was then informed that they had asked for his portrait and not for that of his wife. The fact is that the resemblance was undeniable; the President was forced to admit it, and consented to have his portrait appear on the stamps. The issue of 1887 was the result. After the death of Salomon the justice of his view and the modesty of the former President was realised and it was decided to adopt the allegory which he originally proposed."

Although the stamps of the preceding issues were all printed in Paris, the Mecca of all Haitians, for some reason or other the order for this issue was placed with Messrs. Charles Skipper & East, of 49 Great Tower Street, London. The stamps were engraved in *taille-douce*, the portrait being the work of Mr. Herbert Bourne, the well-known die engraver.

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In 1889 one of Hayti's many revolutions broke out and the then well-detested Salomon was forced to flee to Cuba, never to return. In the ensuing sanguinary struggle Legitime forced his way to the front and eventually seized the Presidential chair. Internal matters kept the authorities so busy that they had no time (or money?) to devote to bringing out a new series of stamps. Besides, there was a huge supply of the 1887 stamps on hand which it seemed a pity to destroy much as the new regime were opposed to using labels bearing the portrait of the deposed Salomon. Finally one of the officials was struck with a bright and original idea, and orders were given that the Salomon stamps might be used but must be affixed to the letters upside down. Letters on which the stamps were stuck the right way up were treated as though they were unstamped and were taxed for postage due. Thus all parties were conciliated, waste was prevented, and general harmony prevailed.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited, as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—A recent visitor to Chicago was Wilson D. Wood, one of the vice-presidents of the Peoples Trust Company of Kansas City, Mo., who while strong in his attachment for United States and British North America, yet finds time to consider old philatelic literature.

—"Why do you collect stamps?" a young collector was asked. "Why shouldn't I collect them?" he countered, shifting the battle to the questioner's territory.

—A correspondent asks if one has to get a license to sell stamps and if so, how old the applicant has to be. We are glad to say that it is not necessary to obtain a license in order to become a stamp dealer which may be an argument in favor of stamp salesmanship. Another reason for the attractions of the stamp business is that there is no age limit imposed on its followers. However, the stamp game is becoming more and more one in which the fittest survive and notwithstanding its go-as-you-please qualities, stamp knowledge and business ability are two requirements for the success of the new dealer.

—T. A. L., Tampa—Your wrapper indicates that your subscription expires with Whole Number, 1721. The present Whole Number, see first page, is 1716. This information given publicly will no doubt help others.

—A question asked of the post-office department at a recent conference of postal employees and the answer as given are appended:

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they could render which will benefit both them and the Postal Service? Some apt slogans could be carried on the dies that would bring home the importance of "Early mailing" or "Facing mail properly," "Full postage prepayment."

Answer. The suggestion is a good one and has previously been acted upon by the department, a number of dies now being in use in the larger offices. The imited appropriation makes it impossible to extend the use of these special dies materially, and as the mail passing hrough the cancelling machines in the arger offices goes to every section of he country, the department feels that ufficient publicity is now secured to render unnecessary the expenditure of any additional funds.

—A. Atlas Leve, Syracuse, N. Y., has opened his new stamp shop at 333 South Warren Street. He says he has more lbow room than in a post-office box.

—Clarendon Bangs, of Brunswick, Ga., as a large number of *American Philatelists,* about twenty-five pounds, that he will give to any stamp society that cares o pay for transportation.

—We are pleased to say that our riend W. F. Fratcher of the Michigan tamp & Coin Co., has left the hospital which he entered for an operation, and rapidly recovering. He expects to e able to attend to his stamp business ithin a few weeks.

—From Mr. Theodore Siddall, Shanghai, China, we have received a copy of he new $2 stamp, of China, with both e center and border newly engraved.

—In announcing a new philatelic onthly from Athens, the editor of *Philelia,* Dr. St. J. Macrymichalos, says at one of the objects of his paper will e to replace "the erroneous term 'Philtely' with the correct one, which is hilotely." We suppose that the philolost will be interested in this descriptive it we think that "philately" is so firmly trenched through years of usage that will be almost impossible to supplant

—A reader asks a question based on e presence of a double line "T" on s one penny black of St. Vincent and is inquiry is typical of those that were ked so frequently years ago but which w are seldom received. The circulaon of books, such as our Stamp Collectors' Guide, has done much to inform llectors on some of the old-time stamp zzles and falling back on one work, e read: "There are also inscriptions atermarked in the margins of the sheet d in the wide space across the centre; the sheets with the 'CC' watermark, ese inscriptions are 'Crown Colonies' large, open capital letters, twice along ch side, and once across the centre; e sheets watermarked 'CA' have rown Agents for the Colonies' on each se and 'Crown Agents' across the cen-." Irregularities in the registering of ese watermarks account for the exence of stamps showing lines and ters.

—One of our subscribers is of the inion that the use of postage meter d "permit" devices has had a tendency reduce the use of stamped envelopes ich would no doubt have been mailed the printed forms had not been ought before the public. All that we n say is that we remember having d some time ago an article saying t the sales of stamped paper for the t half of the year 1922 had been unalled and that the increase over the me period for the year preceding was er 18%. The effect that our reader aks of may come later but at present its not noticed.

—In announcing the change of his dress from Buffalo to 21 Moeller eet, Binghamton, New York, Mr. A. Pike, who for so many years has en an enthusiast on the subject of philatic literature and that of postal markins, says that his *Collectors Digest* has been published this year, but that t year it will appear in enlarged m. We read that Mr. Pike has at et one copy of every paper that he ld get hold of and he intends to keep m and "to provide for their care after I am gone." Publishers owe a debt to posterity that they may discharge in some degree by placing Mr. Pike on their mailing lists because of his index service, alone.

—Teachers who may wish to test the value of the use of postage stamps as study-aids in the classroom, will be given, free of charge, a sample card prepared for this purpose, by addressing C. Lat. Wilhelm, Chairman, Philatelic Section, Maryland Academy of Sciences, 105 West Franklin St., Baltimore, Md.

—Two pricelists are at hand from the Hiawatha Stamp Shop, Syracuse, N. Y. They will doubtless be sent to any interested party.

—Frank A. Goldsmith has shown us a new advertising cancellation from Klamath Falls, Ore., reading:—"Crater Lake National Park, Klamath County, Oregon."

—We have received from Fred Krueger, Fargo, N. D., a list of German provisionals. We are not able to publish the information very readily, as it would require column rules. The chronicle of these issues will doubtless be made in the WEEKLY in due season. We thank Mr. Krueger for his courtesy. He states that the rate on a registered letter just now is twenty-seven and one-half million marks.

—Mr. Franklin S. Smith, who specializes in the precancelled stamps of the 1898 Proprietary issue sends the following note in regard to the provisional stamps issued by a number of firms in St. Louis, Mo., who could not obtain the regular issue in time to use. "I have recently added to my collection a copy of a St. Louis provisional which I have not seen listed before. It is printed in black on white paper, the denomination being ¼c, and worded the same as those issued by The Antikamnia Co.; Lambert Pharmacal Co.; Meyer Brothers Drug Co.; Jno. T. Milliken & Co.; Phenique Chemical Co.; and Van Dyke Bitters Co. It was issued by T. M. Sayman, and was cancelled with a hand-stamp, 'T. M. S.—JUL 12 1898' in two lines. A similar cancellation is found with later dates on the regular ¼c brown."

—"Permit me to bring to your attention the word 'Grills.' In your new edition of the 'Philatelic Dictionary,' should you intend getting out one, could this not be expanded upon? For instance: Scott in their specialized catalogue of U. S. stamps indicate various grills, as split grills, end roller grills, quadruple split grills, etc. Of course for the old stamp collector and one who has gone into it very carefully, these terms might be perfectly clear, but to an amateur like myself and probably many others, a lot of these terms are quite vague."—A. A. WASSERSCHEID.

—The Collectors Club of Southern California will hold its Fifth Annual Banquet at Ye Bull Pen Inn, one of the most novel restaurants in California, on December 3. A cordial invitation is extended to all collectors to attend this banquet. Reservations may be obtained from the chairman of the banquet committee, W. C. Henry, 542 So. Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal.

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EDITORIAL.

That the Third Assistant Postmaster-General is alive to the interests of collectors and is desirous of increasing the usefulness of the Philatelic Agency at Washington is manifest to many of us and as an example of the department's disposition to serve philatelists, we append the following order issued to postmasters under date of November 8, 1923, with the heading, "Discontinued Issues of Postage Stamps." While we are doubtful whether any really desirable old issues will be turned in, yet one can never tell where the lightning may strike. It was different when Postmaster-General Wanamaker in 1890, sent out his circular asking postmasters to send in their old stamps for the Postal Museum that was to be started:

"In order that any discontinued varieties of postage stamps that may still be in post-office stock may be made available to stamp collectors, postmasters having supplies of 1-cent, 2-cent, and 5-cent Pilgrim Tercentenary stamps; 6-cent, 16-cent, and 24-cent airplane stamps; 1-cent, 2-cent, and 3-cent imperforate stamps of the 1912 issue, also any additional varieties of postage stamps that remain in stock that are no longer issued by the department, are requested to submit an itemized list of the quantities held to the department.

The department will authorize the transfer of such items as are reported that are desired for placing on sale in the Philatelic Agency. Postmasters who report items to the department will hold such stock a reasonable length of time pending transfer, after which the items may again be placed on sale unless instructions to the contrary are received.

W. IRVING GLOVER,
Third Assistant Postmaster-General."

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In the course of a conversation at the Collectors Club, New York, the other afternoon, a visitor said that he did not give the details of the design of a stamp intensive study because it was his wish to protect his eyes against the strain attending the searching scrutiny of stamps. Thereupon, Mr. Charles J. Phillips said that in his opinion, a reasonable degree of work of this kind acted as good exercise for the eyes and far from being detrimental was on the contrary, beneficial. The training strengthened the sight and Mr. Phillips said that he knew of instances where stamp study improved the eyes much in the way that judicious exercise of other muscles gave them greater power. Mr. Phillips' contention is a comforting one and while it may not be in conformity with ordinary opinion, it is worth consideration. We are not equipped with the necessary learning to discuss the subject from the oculist's view-point but we hope that we shall hear more on this interesting topic. We do know that a good many philatelists are prone to blame stamp work as a contributing cause of eye trouble when if the truth were known, the changes that are remarked have no connection whatever with continuous stamp inspection and would come under any other conditions.

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From Mr. Theodore Siddall, Shanghai, we have received an interesting letter on minor varieties inspired by the notes in the WEEKLY of September 25th, on the locally printed Shanghai surcharges. In his letter, Mr. Siddall says that he is "pretty near fed up on minor varieties, especially when they are not varieties at all." That Mr. Siddall is no advocate of the minor variety is well known and in printing his words elsewhere, we are aware that a good many readers will applaud the hauling over the coals that the small differences in stamps receive. The minor variety has never been left alone to enjoy its few brief seasons of triumph and just as it settles down to enjoy its laurels, someone snatches them away. While a more or less cultivated minority has long been acclaiming the merits of the minor variety yet they do not pretend that collectors generally should give it serious attention. With the increasing wealth of stamp material at hand, the average collector should give his thoughts to different stamps and not stamp differences, leaving to the student the investigation that brings forth the minor varieties. Then, the collector may learn all about them in his stamp paper or find them placed in the catalogue. Say what one will, the minor variety is not popular, except as a specialist's proposition and only when it means something, rather than when it signifies an accidental variation, it has few friends. For one thing the minor variety adherents are apt to be a canny crowd and not inclined as a rule to back up their interest by paying fancy prices for the off varieties; and other enthusiasts have an unpleasant awakening when they try to market their minor varieties. Dotty collectors, who, by-the-way, got their name from the V. R. I. surcharges on the Orange River Colony of 1900, spend more conversation than coin on their minor varieties.

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All philatelists get a little thrill when they see the word Postage in print but here we have a "Postage" that is the name of monthly magazine devoted to the interests of mail users. Naturally *Postage* is interested in all that concerns the direct-mail field and in the October issue we find the prediction made that in the next twelve-month, precancelled stamps will be available in rolls. It is said that the post-office department has been working on a plan to issue precancelled stamps in rolls for months, as the demand for this form of convenience is unmistakable. It is pointed out that any practice must allow for the printing of the name of the city between the parallel lines across the face of each stamp. We read that the department is "working to provide for the over-printing of rolled stamps at the office where issued." Another plan "is to arrange for precancellation at the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, at Washington, where the stamps are manufactured and where, incident to printing, a quota of stamps of the popular denominations are mechanically coiled or rolled for use in machines." We notice that direct-mail patrons are represented as favoring the use of precancelled stamps over "permit" and other stampless methods by reason of the impression made on the recipient by the stamp, the psychology of the case being that the stamp makes a definite appeal to the beholder while the envelope without a stamp seems flat and unauthoritative.

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A reader has the following to say: "I was much interested in the statistics compiled by Mr. Clarence J. West in the issue of October 29th, and I think his work has been to a good purpose. I started to keep an account of the money I spent on my U. S. but long ago I lost track of it. It might interest you to hear of my plan in collecting early U. S., where condition has such a bearing on market price. I completed my sets by buying at relatively low prices specimens that were not in the pink of conditions by any means, and scarcely rated fair. Then, I bought better specimens here and there, replacing in time all the original stamps. These in turn gave way to better copies and this process has been repeated a good many times and I suppose that some of my 1869 set have been renewed a dozen times. While this method of collecting may be considered erratic, it appeals to me; and it has been surprising to me to see how with the thought of stamp perfection in mind you will attain it, if you are patient. I have little difficulty in disposing of the stamps that are supplanted through sale and exchange with my society fellows and in this particular I have an advantage over the collector who is alone." This is progressive philately that may be pursued profitably in view of the continued advance in the prices of U. S., especially when one is in a position to market his stamps, as our correspondent is. It is our belief that with better marketing conditions for the isolated collector, he would find it a satisfaction to follow the lines indicated.

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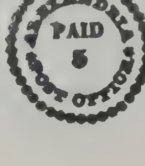
V. R. James, care of the G. P. O., Adelaide, So. Australia, sends out a warning concerning Paul Wiesz, who until recently was a stamp dealer in Melbourne. He has in his possession unlawfully a valuable collection of N. W. P. Island stamps and will doubtless soon be heard from in the United States even if he has not already arrived.



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Here is an interesting letter from E. F. Weed, Rowayton, Conn., regarding Dr. Evans' Alaskan cancellations on Early U. S.:

"Your items in Mekeel's interest me very much and I have a number of items to give you at some future date. The first paragraph in Sept. 24 copy I may throw some light on.

"My first wife's first husband was one of the Indian Commissioners and in 1867 was sent out west to Alaska and all his home letters were sent via San Francisco (from Alaska) and always written in ink name of the place in Alaska. Now I do not remember selling any covers but I may have included them in lots at sales in N. Y.

"I still have some of the covers from Alaska, but none are postmarked. Would like to know the source of Mr. Evans' covers."

Hubert Lyman Clark, 9 Ashton Place, Cambridge 38, Mass., writes:

"I am much interested in your recent calculation (in Mekeel's) of the value of a vertical pair of 3c greens with a red cancellation. I am not interested in U. S. stamps, nor in vertical pairs, but I am constantly having to estimate the value of used blocks, and I believe the same principles should govern in estimating the value of pairs and blocks, recognizing, of course, the greater scarcity of, and lesser demand for, blocks. Your bit of calculating is the best thing I have ever seen in print on the subject of valuing multiple pieces."

Chester A. Moore of Albany, N. Y., who recently paid the editor of this department the honor of a visit, writes:

"I guess you must have imparted to me a bit of the germ of specialization for the two cent brown Jackson—at least your enthusiasm has made me an easy victim for this attractive stamp.

My friend, I am not writing to make you feel bad at the loss of the good things that may never come your way, but rather personally to again thank you for that wonderful afternoon so filled with stamp lore, opening a vista of possibilities that I, as a general collector, little appreciated. It has opened a door that I barely looked at and I begin the research with a delight and instruction that has been yours and many other specialists.

I am a specialist from now to evermore, it puts the general collector out for the count. I thank you and offer this as a part apology for not keeping my word and sending the two cent brown Jacksons. Last week I looked up the two cent brown Jacksons and obtained about 500, the first of a lot of 2,000.

For the fun of the thing at first I looked over the field, to see if I could detect anything unusual. This is what I found: No. 146, several pairs in shades, one with National Imprint.

Cancellations—Stars, targets in black and blue; Maltese cross, solid cross, white cross, and various designs. The most interesting of these were, a flying bat, perfect pine tree, cavalry boot, a cat and pigeon.

Of No. 157, which were by far the most numerous, I found as follows: Pairs in shades, stitch watermark, double paper, ribbed paper, one stamp of the ribbed paper is very yellowish or perhaps a deep ochre describes it best.

Cancellations—Stars, targets, in black, blue, ultramarine and green. Maltese crosses, black and blue, solid cross, and white crosses, various designs, most striking of which is what I term it, 'Braying Jackass.'

After this discovery I found a flying duck, a butterfly and a bell in blue.

Really I have had great fun doping out possible curious cancellations and if the remaining 1,500 stand up in proportion, things will be going up with me in the collecting of the two cent brown Jackson.

As soon as Dr. Bruns has published that book on cancellations I want one. What I have previously missed must be written down as profit and loss. My friend, I am deeply grateful for that pleasant and instructive afternoon. It will long be remembered as the beginning of a pleasant departure from the beaten paths of the general collector."

J. W. Andrews, who is now at Urbana, Ill., writes:

"I ran into a little luck a few days ago. I got a selection of stamps to look over and managed to get a superb PAID on the two cent green and an O. K. and two or three of my life, a 'Held for Postage' sitting beautifully on the stamp. And on top of that on another stamp a red orange target cancellation that made the three other reds I now have pale into insignificance and blush for shame for their color. And I also managed to find a ten in circle and another small plain ten, besides an indigo target on the green not to mention three stitch watermarks and innumerable letters, Maltese Crosses, colored stars, etc., etc.

I have been very much interested in your latest articles in your column. My, how I envy a man like Dr. Bruns with a bunch of cancellations such as described. And to think that I am somewhat proud of my collection!

I have been examining more of my favorites 2c brown and green and 'Day by day in every way' I am verifying the fact that the shading underneath the shield is absolutely dependent upon the condition of the plate. And on top of this, the identical situation holds on the two cent green, but due to the general inability of the green ink to really stand up and hold its own, the variety does not show up so strongly."

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*332 1908-9, 2c (Block 4, .16) .03
*343 1908-9, 1c pair vert. or horiz. .12
343 1908-9, 1c pair vert. or horiz. .10
343 1908-9, 1c block four .20
343 1908-9, 1c auto vend. perf. pair .10
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345 1908-9, 3c pair horiz. .35
346 1908-9, 4c pair horiz. .40
347 1908-9, 5c pair horiz. .50
354 1908-9, 4c pair .60
355 1908-9, 5c perf. 12 vert. .30
*367 1909, 2c Lincoln .04
368 1909, 2c imperf. pair .20
*370 1909, 2c Seward .04
371 1909, 2c Seward imperf. .08
*372 1909, 2c Hudson-Fulton .04
373 1909, 2c imperf. pair .20
*374 1910, 1c (Block 4, .12) .03
*377 1910, 4c brown .09
*383 1910, 1c (Block 4, .12) pair .06
*383 1910, 1c coil strip 4 .12
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384 1910, 2c vert. or horiz. pair .15
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*391 1910, 2c perf. 8½ (Used, .12) .12
392 1910, 1c perf. 8½ .08
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

United States.—Mr. E. P. Stover calls my attention to a variety which he has found on the $5.00 red and blue series of 1923, wherein the "R" in "AMERICA" is without its tail, making it appear as a "P." I have not seen the variety and hope to check the sheet very shortly and endeavor to locate its whereabouts. If the variety shows up clearly, such a stamp will be quite interesting.

The Philatelic Stamp Agent has just distributed a further circular calling attention to the stamps on hand which are now available at face value plus return postage and registration. The list includes all of the current series, including the 1c and 2c imperf, all of the previous series together with the 1c and 2c imperf., all six aeroplane stamps, the Pilgrim, the Victory together with 75c Parcel Post which they recently found in one of the outlying post-offices. Quite a few other items are enumerated, including coils, envelopes and the like.

The Agency confirms the information which we gave in our recent Chronicle about the Shanghai stamps being discontinued on December 1st, and further requests that the general public in ordering the Harding imperforate stamps should buy them in blocks of twenty-four or multiples of twenty-four unless entire sheets are taken. They call attention to the fact that at this time they cannot furnish plate blocks, arrow blocks, center line blocks and the like, but that those desiring these should order complete sheets. They have their hands full in taking care of regular orders, and one can appreciate the unusual amount of waste stock that will accummulate if they fill orders for plate positions only and have the balance of the loose stamps on hand.

The Postmaster-General is taking a personal interest in this branch of his Department and as a result under date of Nov. 12th, issued an order requesting all Postmasters to submit itemized lists of the quantities of all stamps that they might have on hand of varieties that are not at present being issued by the Department. He requests that such stamps be temporarily withdrawn from sale at these offices, for it is possible that they are varieties required by the Philatelic Stamp Agent for general distribution. Up until the time when the parcel post law went into effect many of the post-offices had on hand stocks of issues dated somewhat back, but when this service was started most of this older stock was used up. It is to be hoped that through the efforts of the Postmaster-General that old varieties of some of the previous issues will be found.

Mr. A. H. Robertson sends for inspection a registered cover showing a postal marking of unusual interest. Instead of using the regular type of registration mark, such as used by most offices, the Postmaster of Phoenix, Va., has had a special mark made for himself reading in three lines—"Office No. 85024—Registry No." After the last word, he fills in the registration number by means of a pen.

Mr. Frank L. Applegate sends for inspection two very interesting series of State Revenue stamps issued for the purpose of collecting a cigarette tax. One series is issued by the State of South Dakota and consists of 5 varieties perforated 11½ on unwatermarked paper of denominations as follows:—

½c orange, 1c green, 1⅕c carmine, 1½c dark violet, and 2c red lilac.

The stamps are printed in sheets of 100—perforated on one side and straight edge on the other three sides. All stamps are supposed to have the word "Canceled" printed upon them before being sent to dealers, but it seems that some of them slip out without this overprint. The tax on cigarettes are one mill each. The stamps are surface printed and show in the center a coyote howling at the moon, with a prairie scene as a background. Across the entire top of the stamp we find "State of South Dakota," immediately underneath within a semi-circle "Cigarette Tax" with figures of value in the lower corners.

The State of Utah has issued a series for the same purpose consisting of the about five values in addition to a 2⅖c stamp. These stamps are somewhat smaller, have exactly the same reading with the word "Utah" substituted for South Dakota and as a central design we have a very attractive portrait of an Indian facing the right. These stamps are perforated 12 and in addition each stamp is perforated through the center "Utah." The denominations are in the following colors so far as information at present is available, ½c color unknown; 1c orange; 1⅕c color unknown; 1½c green; 2c blue violet and 2⅖c brown. It will be recalled that we described a similar series for Iowa some time back.

Antigua.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 1d purple and 2½d orange on script watermarked paper.

Belgium.—The attention of the postal authorities has been drawn to the similarity between the 15c and 25c of the current series, and it has been decided to print the latter value in deeper colour in future.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

Ceylon.—Mr. R. Roberts has shown us the 1R brown on new yellow paper with the script watermark.

Corfu.—The Economist Stamp Co. submits the following values of Italian stamps with the overprint "Corfu" in black at the base: 5c green, 10c red, 15c grey, 20c brown orange, 30c brown orange, 50c violet and 60c blue. Also the 1 lira brown and green.

Costa Rica.—The Metropolitan Stamp Co. forward for chronicle two new values of the new series. They are 2c yellow and 5c ultramarine. The former pictures a native woman with a basket in her hand while the 5c value shows a large building with the words "Correos y Telegrafos" beneath.

Esthonia.—The Economist Stamp Co have shown us the Air post stamp o 1920, with several different surcharges Single copies have been overprinted wit "1923" in red and also "15 Marka 1923" in two lines in red: Pairs of this stamp have the overprint "10 Marka 1923" ir black and "20 Marka 1923" and "4 Marka 1923" in red.

Germany.—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co. a 10,000 mark stamp of olive green color with a likeness of a cathedral in the centre. At the base are the words "Deutsches Reich."

Greece.,—Our Athens correspondent Mr. P. J. Drossos, states that the Government Gazette, No. 192, dated September 14th, contains a call for a tender by the Greek Government for the preparing of a new issue, which is to replace the current lithographed set. Some of the clauses mentioned in the Gazette are: Stamps are to be engraved, and printed on paper of special good quality; the stamps are to be properly perforated (not like those in use now). Size and colours of the stamps are to be fixed later. The values are: 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50, 80 lepta, and 1, 2, 3, 5, 10,

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new value has been introduced for current lithographed series, zig-zag ration as before:—80l. brown-violet. *ilatelic Magazine.*

UNGARY.—The Economist Stamp Co. rt the 500kr purple in the usual tedral type.

ALTA.—We have received from Mr. oberts the 1½d orange brown in the ent type on script watermarked ir.

THERLANDS.—The Economist Stamp submit the following additional values in Queen Wilhelmina commemorative set: 2c green, 20c blue and 50c grey.

NEW ZEALAND.—Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co. and another correspondent who neglected to mention his name have submitted the new stamp that has recently been issued to celebrate the restoration of the Penny Post. The value is 1d and the shade is red. In the centre is the map of the country, at the top the name with the value in each upper corner. At the base is "One Penny" while to the left is "Universal" and at the right "Postage." Between "1923."

PORTGUAL.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the following new colors: 40c blue, 75c pale rose and Es. 1.50 slate violet.

RUSSIA.—Particulars of another curious imperforate issue of four values, which appears to have been on sale for one day in Moscow, have been received:
1r brown-orange (Workman).
2r green (Sower).
5r blue (Agricultural Machine).
7r red (Commerce and Agriculture).
—*Philatelic Magazine.*

SAN MARINO.—The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the 50c olive grey stamp that has been issued in commemoration of the San Marino International Exhibition.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—We have the 3c green with script watermark from Mr. R. Roberts and the Economist Stamp Co.

TURKEY.—Some time ago we gave particulars of the new Peace Commemoratives, and we learn from Champion's *Monthly Bulletin* the values and numbers to be printed.

1½p green,	500,000
3p violet,	1,000,000
4½p red,	300,000
8p brown,	1,000,000
7½p blue,	700,000
50p orange,	41,000
100p lilac,	26,000
200p brown,	25,000

The uniform design shows a view of Sakharia and the portrait of Mustapha Kemel, with the inscription commemorative of the lately ratified peace.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

NEW ZEALAND PENNY POSTAGE.

(The following article appeared in the Auckland, N. J., "Star." It was sent to Mr. Smith, the editor of our foreign new issues department, but we think it of sufficient importance to reprint in displayed form. Mr. Markham, to whom reference is made, is secretary of the Post and Telegraph Department of New Zealand.—W. O. W.)

It was pointed out by Mr. Markman that no mention has been made as yet of the fact that the penny postage which has been reintroduced in practically all the countries in the Postal Union is really the cheapest postage the world has ever experienced. This is due to the fact that the purchasing power of the pound sterling, and therefore of the humble penny, is very much less today than it was before the war. Practically every commodity that is purchased today costs more than the same article cost previously. In the Post Office salaries are higher, material is more expensive, and the whole administration costs more. Yet the public are to have the same value for their penny stamp as they got before the war. Similarly the even humbler half-penny stamp will carry a newspaper or an account almost to the ends of the earth—certainly to any country within the Postal Union (except Australia), just as the pre-war half-penny stamp did.

The Victory stamps which appeared in New Zealand for a couple of years are now out of issue. In regard to the new penny stamp showing the map of New Zealand, Mr. Markman states that it was produced rather hurriedly, and that a more accurate map will be prepared for another issue. It is understood that difficulty has been experienced in New Zealand in getting a sufficiently hard metal plate from which to print the stamps. It appears there is no firm in the Dominion capable of producing a satisfactory plate, with the result that the Department will require to send to London for one. When one is procured it will contain a diminutive but mathematically correct map of our islands. Meanwhile the new issue will be used, and when it is exhausted the postal authorities will revert to the old universal stamp of 1901, as it is understood there is a large stock of these stamps of one penny denomination still in hand.

Philatelists strongly criticise the new stamp, not only for several glaring inaccuracies, but also for the lack of characteristics in design in the borders, which some say ought to have contained reproductions of Maori carvings. Whether the authorities will pay attention to this important detail in the later issues remains to be seen.

THE NEW GERMAN PROVISIONALS.

By J. L. RIEDEL.

Consequently upon the enormous fall of the mark in August, postal rates were raised by 500s at the end of that month and as no higher values than the 10,000m pictorial stamp, showing the Cologne Cathedral, were available, surcharged provisionals had to be created. The following is a complete check list of all the values issued. All have the wire netting wmk., except the 8,000m on 30pf, which is wmk. lozenge.

New value.	On old value.	Shade.	Type.
5000M	40pf	orange	large num.
8000M	30pf	green	large num.
15000M	40M	green	Harvesters
20000M	200M	carmine	small num.
20000M	12M	red	Harvesters
20000M	25M	brown	Harvesters
20000M	40M	green	Harvesters
25000M	25M	brown	Harvesters
30000M	10M	blue	Harvesters
30000M	200M	lt. blue	small num.
75000M	300M	green	small num.
75000M	400M	green	small num.
75000M	1000M	green	small num.
100000M	400M	green	small num.
100000M	100M	lilac	small num.
125000M	1000M	pink	small num.
250000M	200M	carmine	small num.
250000M	300M	green	small num.
250000M	400M	brown	small num.
250000M	500M	rose	small num.
250000M	500M	brick red	small num.
400000M	15pf	brown	large num.
400000M	25pf	brown	large num.
400000M	30pf	brown	large num.
400000M	40pf	brown	large num.
800000M	5pf	green	large num.
800000M	10pf	green	large num.
800000M	100M	lilac	small num.
800000M	200M	carmine	small num.
800000M	300M	green	small num.
800000M	400M	green	small num.
800000M	400M	brown	small num.
800000M	1000M	green	small num.
2000000M	200M	carmine	small num.
2000000M	300M	dk. green	small num.
2000000M	500M	carmine	small num.
2000000M	5000M	carmine	large num.

Notwithstanding the great varieties of overprints and the haste with which the work had to be done, only one error has been found so far: On the sheets 8,000m on 30pf the 56th stamp has the 8 inverted.

After November 1st, all the values below 1 million mark are obsolete and some of the provisionals will become very scarce, as only a limited number has been issued.

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OLD BRITISH POSTAL AGENCIES.

By S. B. C. Ross.

(Clipping from "Hong Kong Press.")

In 1842 Hongkong was ceded to Great Britain by the Treaty of Nanking and at the same time Canton, Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai and Ningpo were declared open to trade.

Soon after the cession a Post Office was established at Hongkong under the jurisdiction of the London Post Office. The Colonial Government had no interest either in the management or finance of the Hongkong Posts.

During the first year of the Colony's existence there were no less than three Postmasters. In 1843 Mr. F. Spring, our 4th Postmaster, was appointed and held the office for 17 years.

There were at this time no postal facilities of any description for foreigners in China. When the five ports mentioned above were opened to trade and Consular Officers had been appointed Postal Agencies grew up in the Consulates.

The records are very imperfect during this early period and it is difficult to find out exactly how the Consular Agencies were established. I imagine that like Topsy they simply "growed," the Consular Assistant when he had nothing better to do, consented to send off certain letters for friends. The postal business during this period was in any event very small.

At any rate, however the Postal Agencies may have come into being, before 1860 the following places were recognised as Agencies of the Hongkong Posts, which were then under London control. This is:—Canton, Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Ningpo, Yokohama, and Nagasaki.

There were also unrecognised Agencies—that is Agencies to which no payments were made—at Hyogo (better known to us as Kobe), at Bangkok and at Macao.

The year 1860 is an important date. In this year the Hongkong Post Office was handed over by the Imperial Authorities to the Colonial Government. It is a curious fact that this change was in opposition to the wishes of the local Government. It is difficult to imagine that today the local Government would wish any of its utility branches to be controlled by persons in London.

When the Post Office was handed over to the Colonial Authorities no one seems to have considered the question of making provision for the Agencies.

In 1861 the Colonial Secretary, writing to Mr. Meadows, the Consul at Shanghai, says: "Upon the transfer of the Hongkong Post Office to the Colony in opposition to the wishes of the local Government the question as to the Agencies at the Ports was referred to the Home Government with an intimation that at all events the management and expense of these could not be forced upon the Colony." (Letter of 1st October, 1861.)

A curious sort of conflict took place in 1861. Agencies had so far been housed in Consulates and managed by Consular Officials. Of all these Agencies there can be little doubt that Shanghai had the most business and was by far the most important. In July, 1861, the Consul at Shanghai, Mr. Meadows, ordered his Assistant to desist from all postal labours. This decision was not communicated to Hongkong in time for any one to make arrangements for the reception of mail at Shanghai. Mails were sent up in the usual way and no one in Shanghai could open the "boxes" in which they were contained. After a haggle of two days the senior British Naval Officer and the Consul met together and authorised the Peninsular and Oriental Agent to open the box. A protest was sent to Hongkong by the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce and the answer was that Hongkong did not wish to have anything to do with these matters and that the Governor was of opinion that Shanghai people did not really mind if they had a post-officer or not.

After a considerable amount of correspondence in which it was pointed out that Shanghai people did want a post-office, for if they had none, those who had no Agents in Hongkong could neither receive nor send any letters, the Hongkong Government appointed a Corporal in the 44th Regiment to go to Shanghai as Postal Agent. In this way the Shanghai Agency was severed from the Consulate. In all other of the old Agencies a Consular Officer has always remained in charge.

In 1862 postage stamps were introduced into Hongkong and these stamps were used at the Agencies.

In 1858 Chefoo, Hankow, Hoihow and Swatow were opened to trade and Tientsin was declared open to trade in 1860.

A Postal Agency was established at Swatow. I have been unable to discover the exact date but it was recognised as an Agency before 1866. Agencies were not at once established in the other ports mentioned above which had been opened to trade.

After 1860 the conditions at the Agencies must have been very unsatisfactory. It was decided that the London Post Office would pay all salaries and the Hongkong Post Office all incidental and other expenses and that the Hongkong Postmaster would be in charge. It is always difficult for a man to be in charge if he does not pay the men who are under his charge and if it is doubtful to what extent he may reward, reprimand or punish.

A sort of interregnum took place and in 1866 the London Post Office proposed to hand over complete control of the Agencies to Hongkong. In the same year Mr. E. P. Rae was sent out by the London Post Office as a special surveyor and a joint inspection of all recognised Agencies was made by Mr. Rae and by Mr. Mitchell, the Colonial Postmaster-General.

These two officials drew up a report, which, *inter alia*, contained the following recommendations:—

"That no other agencies should be opened in China or Japan, because the only advantage afforded to the British Community would be the small one of being able to buy postage stamps. Whilst on the other hand the expenses of the Agency would doubtless exceed the receipts, as, no compulsion to send letters by mail being possible, the bulk of letters would be sent by preference, for various reasons, through the steamer offices.

"That, as the receipts from the agencies showed a constant diminution a fixed annual sum of £1,370 should be paid by the General Post Office to the Hongkong Office, and not a share of the postage."

The report was approved and the co trol of the agencies passed to th Colonial Government on the 1st Januar 1868.

The total annual contribution made b the Imperial Government was £1,37 which was allocated as follows:—

Salary of Agent at	Canton,	£ 6
"	Swatow,	4
"	Amoy,	10
"	Foochow,	10
"	Ningpo,	6
"	Nagasaki,	6
"	Yokohama,	50
"	Shanghai,	25
Postmaster-General, Hongkong, for supervision,		10
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It would therefore seem from this re port which was approved by both th Colonial Government and the Imperia Posts that the question of the Posta Agencies in China had been settled fo all time.

But this was far from being the case In 1872 Hankow, which had been opene to trade in 1858 by the Treaty of Tientsin was created a postal agency. No one i particular appears to have been consulte when this took place though it was a obvious variance with the Rae-Mitchel report. On the 1st January, 1880, th Agencies at Nagasaki and Yokoham were withdrawn, owing to the fact tha Japan had joined the Universal Posta Union in 1877. The Imperial grant t the agencies was thereupon reduced b the sum of £560 and after 1880 the Imperial Posts paid the sum of £810 a yea in support of the Agencies in China this amount was never varied until London took back full control in 1911.

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9a,	o. g., good	3.00	1.75
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5,	unused, no gum	1.50	.70
0,	unused, no gum	.25	.15
1,	o. g., fine	.85	.50
2,	unused, no gum	.25	.15
3,	unused, no gum	.60	.30
	used	.45	.20
5,	unused, no gum	.40	.20
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314,	used block 4	.80	.60
319,	o. g., fine	.06	.05
320,	unused pair	.40	.25
323 to 327,	o. g.	1.89	1.00
325 to 327,	o. g.	1.75	.90
341,	o. g., fine	1.75	.90
342,	o. g., fine	4.00	2.00
343-4-5-6,	o. g.	.63	.40
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520-21-22,	in o. g. line blocks 4	4.40	2.25

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Agr., Exec., Int., P. O., State, 1c, surcharged "Specimen"; and Int. 2c and P. O. 10c, same, at 60 cents per stamp.

Interior, 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 24, 30, 90c, used, good	$2.50
24c, used, good	.50
30c, used, good	.50
Navy, 6c o. g., good	.75
90c o. g., fine	9.00
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6c rose, no gum	5.00
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30c, used	.25
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30c rose, unused	.50
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1889, 19 stamps	3.00
1891, 28 stamps	1.50
Periodicals, 5c blue on white and 10c green	3.50
1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10c, various prints, 11 stamps, 10 unused	2.50
9c, unused, one straight edge	2.50
a very fine used copy, deep black	3.00
24c rose, unused, straight edge	.80
60c and $36 rose, both used and both damaged	1.50
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$9.00 orange, o. g., fine	5.00

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	another, not quite so good	15.00	5.00
5,	unused, no gum, but fine	11.00	4.75
	used, good	11.00	4.50
7,	unused and fine	2.00	1.00
8,	unused and fine	2.50	1.25
9,	o. g., one corner perf. gone, otherwise very fine	7.50	1.75

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No.		Cat.	My Price
2,	used, very fine	35.00	25.00
	another, good	35.00	20.00
	several others, according to condition, from		5.00 to 20.00
4,	used, fine	3.50	2.50
	others from		75c to 2.00
5,	used, very fine	35.00	25.00
	another, good	35.00	20.00
	several others from		5.00 to 20.00
7,	unused, no gum	100.00	40.00
8,	unused, looks fair, but d'g'd.	25.00	5.00
	used, poor	12.50	2.50
9,	unused, no gum	125.00	60.00
	used, good	40.00	20.00
	another, cut into 2 sides	40.00	12.50
11,	used, nearly all perfs. cut off	25.00	5.00
12,	used, good	12.50	6.50
	another, but damaged	12.50	2.50

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21	.50	.50
22	2.50	1.00
22a	..	4.00
23 or a	2.50	.65
24	..	.25
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26 or a	2.00	.60
26b	..	3.00
27	1.00	.60
27b, poor, scarce	..	5.00
31a	5.00	1.50
32	.25	.01
32a	2.50	.30
33	.45	.02
34	.75	.10
34a	3.00	.25
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36	2.00	.65
37	5.00	2.00
38	1.00	.10
39	1.00	.65
39a	2.00	.80
40	.06	.06
40b, unused, thin spot	..	3.00
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42a	2.00	.25
43	.25	.05
44	.70	.20
45	1.50	60
45a or b	1.50	60
46	.60	.25
47	.85	.20
48	1.50	.15
48a	2.00	.25
48b	1.50	.15
48c	1.50	.15
50	.50	.50
51	.08	.06
52	.10	.05
53	.10	.01
54	.35	.15
55	1.00	1.00
56	.35	.35
57	.60	.45
58	.75	.65
59	.75	.60
60	1.00	.40
61	..	1.25
62	..	1.00
63	..	2.50
64	..	3.00
65	..	3.00
66	.03	.03
67	.04	.01
68	.06	.01
69	.06	.01
70	.12	.05
71	.35	.35
72	.25	.12
73	.65	.65
74	.02	.01
75	.03	.01
76	.06	.01
77	.06	.01
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89	.03	.01
90	.04	.01
90a	.05	..
91	.10	.01
92	.20	.03
93	.18	.04
94	.65	.15
95	2.00	.45
96	.03	.03
97	.04	.03
98	.04	.01
99	.15	.10
100	.15	.10
101	.30	.25
102	.30	.20
103	.40	.35
104 to 110, all	1.50	.15
251	.20	.04
251a	.40	.10
252	.50	.20
253	20	.04
253a	.50	.05
254	2.25	3.75
260	.20	.08

NEW BRUNSWICK

No.		Cat.	My Price
1,	used, no margins, but good	17.50	7.00
5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (2), 12,	unused, fine, except 9, which is damaged; and 5 (2) and 6 used	7.92	3.50

NOVA SCOTIA

No.		Cat.	My Price
2,	used, no margins, but good	7.00	3.00
3,	on cover, good margins 3 sides, cut into other	8.00	5.00
5,	used, one corner repaired and cut in a bit one side, a fair copy of a rarity	50 00	15.00
8a,	unused, fine	1.50	.75
	block of 4, o. g.	6.00	4.00
9,	unused, fine	1.00	.50
	block of 4, o. g., but off center	4.00	2.50
10,	unused, no gum	4.00	1.75
11,	o. g., fine	1.00	.50
	o. g. block 4, fine	4.00	3.00
12,	o. g., but off center	2.50	1.00
13a,	o. g., fine	3.00	1.50

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No.		My prices
1,	unused and fine	$3.50
	another, cut into one corner	2.00
1,	used, close	3.00
1a,	unused, small cut	3.00
3,	unused, fine	2.50
	Used, fine	5.00
8,	fine color, but cut into top and thin spot	7.50
13,	no margins, but a rare one, used	17.50
20,	o. g.	.40
21,	used, good, scarce	7.50
24,	unused, $1.30; used	1.00
24a,	unused, $2.00; used	2.00
26,	used	1.75
27,	unused, .65; used	.65
28,	used	1.00
29,	unused, .50; used	.70
30,	used	1.50
30a,	used	2.00
31,	very fine used	3.00
	another, unused, damaged	2.00
32,	used	1.00
34,	unused, .20; used	.20
35,	unused, 3.00; used	2.00
36,	used	2.00
37,	used	.50
38,	used	.40
39,	unused, .20; used	.20
40,	unused, .60; used	.60
41,	unused, .90; used	.40
43,	unused, 1.00; used	.30
44,	unused, .10; used	.10
45,	unused, .10; used	.15
46,	unused, .10; used	.10
47,	unused, 1.00; used	.35
48,	unused, 1.25; used	.50
49,	unused	.75

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

No.		Cat.	My Price
1,	unused, fine	10.00	4.00
	another, fair	10.00	3.00
	used, good	7.00	3.00
1c,	unused, odd	..	2.50
2,	used, looks fine, but has small scissors cut	18.00	6.00
3,	used, one corner perf. torn out	13.50	2.75
4,	unused, good	1.50	.60
	used, good	2.00	.80
4a,	unused, good	3.00	1.20
5,	unused, fine	.30	.12
6,	unused, fine	.30	.12
	used, good	2.50	1.00
7,	unused, looks very fine, but small thin spot	9.00	2.50
7a,	unused, fine	2.50	1.00
8,	unused, fine	1.25	.60
	used, good	2.00	.85
9,	unused, fine	.40	.20
9a,	used, damaged	2.50	.60
10,	unused, fine	2.00	.80
11,	unused, fine	.35	.20
	used, fine	3.00	1.50
12,	unused, fine	.40	.20
	used, small cut in margin	5.00	1.75
	another, good	5.00	1.75
13,	unused, fine	2.00	1.00
	another, with dash "Prince-Edward"	..	4.00
14,	unused, fine	.50	20
	used, some perfs. trimmed	4.00	1.00
15,	used, good	3.50	1.50
16,	unused, fine	.30	.20

ANDREW SLEDD, Decatur, Ga.

In 1882, again it would appear contrary the Rae-Mitchell report, an Agency as opened at Tientsin. This port had en opened to trade in 1860 and owing representations made by the Consul Postal Agency was opened in his Con- late. A subsidy of $12 a month was anted by the Colonial Government wards the upkeep and expenses of this gency. It would be interesting to know w this peculiar sum, granted by a ritish Colony to a British Consul as a bvention for a Colonial Postal Agency, as actually allocated. Today it would course hardly pay the wages of one olie but in the spacious days of 1882 it may have been sufficient to pay the whole postal staff. The records, however, are dumb, and I have been unable to discover who actually received this sum of money. Representations were made to the London Post Office for a contribution towards the cost of the Agency. A reply was received, and it appears to me that no other reply was possible, that the reasons against opening more agencies laid down in the Rae-Mitchell report seemed to be just as valid if not more so in 1882 than they had been when the report was written.

The Tientsin Agency, however, did not work well. The port was closed during the winter owing to ice and the courier route from Chinkiang to Tientsin was unsatisfactory.

The Tientsin Agency was closed in 1890 and the Colonial Government was relieved of paying its subvention of $12.00 a month.

On the 1st March, 1884, the Post Office at Macao assumed its proper position as a Portuguese Post Office under the Postal Union and the previous irregular arrangement by which it was worked as a kind of honorary agency of the Hongkong Post Office (but an agency under no control) was discontinued.

In 1885 Siam entered the Postal Union and a properly organised Post Office was opened at Bangkok under the direction of H. R. H. Somdet Phra Chow Nong Ya Tho Chow Fa Bhanurangse Swangwongse Krom Hluang Bhanuphanduwongse Woradej, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. A kind of unrecognised Agency of the Hongkong Post Office had been maintained in the Consulate-General at Bangkok where Hongkong stamps were sold and where a letter could be registered. This Agency ceased to exist.

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of the Posts at the Agencies and was strongly in favour of handing them back to China to be administered by the Customs Posts.

In his annual report on the working of the Post Office for the year 1886, Mr. Lister says "The state of several of our Postal Agencies, specially those of Amoy and Foochow, was taken into serious consideration. It was felt that the existing condition of affairs could not be allowed to go on, and that unsatisfactory as it might be for Hongkong to be saddled with the whole expenses of improving these Agencies, improved they must be or abolished. These remarks must not be taken as implying any reflection on the officers in charge of the agencies in question, whose only fault is their inability to do impossibilities or be in two places at once." During the year 1886 there was considerable correspondence between Mr. Lister and Mr. Kopsch, the Chinese Postal Secretary. At this time our recognised Agencies were:—

Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Ningpo, Hankow and Tientsin.

There was also a sort of unrecognised Agency at Hoihow.

It was proposed by Mr. Kopsch that in place of these eight agencies, post-offices should be opened by the Customs at 23 ports.

Mr. Lister, in reporting this proposal to the Government, states that "Hongkong maintains under very great disadvantages eight Post Offices in China. They are worked except Shanghai by Consular officers, whose Consular duties naturally have to take precedence. Able and diligent as most of these gentlemen are, their frequent removals and the pressure of their other duties inevitably stand in the way of the attainment of any very high degree of efficiency. By the time a Postal Agent has learned his duties he is due for transfer to another port. Mr. Lister and Mr. Kopsch, however, both went on leave, and as nobody else understood the matter or took any interest in the fate of the postal agencies the whole question was dropped.

In the course of the year 1890 the honorary agency at Hoihow was converted into a salaried agency, whilst the agency at Tientsin was continued.

The reason given for the withdrawal of the Tientsin Agency is that the amount of postal matter was inconsiderable. But it seems curious that Tientsin should have been withdrawn and Hoihow opened as a recognised agency in the same year. For Hoihow has always been the smallest of the agencies with the exception of Ningpo, and at least three times the amount of mail matter was handled at Tientsin as compared with Hoihow.

On the 1st September, 1899, a postal agency was opened at Weihaiwei. This agency has of course never been a British Agency in China; it is and always has been a British Post Office in British leased territory. It has, however, as far as accounting and discipline is concerned always been run by the Hongkong Postmaster, exactly as though it were an agency in China.

In 1903 an agency was opened at Chefoo, and unlike our other agencies, Chefoo was not run by a Consular Officer but by Messrs. Curtis Brothers, well known merchants in that port.

In 1906, the Tientsin Agency which had been withdrawn in 1890 was reopened and placed under the charge of the Kailan Mining Corporation. It is a curious fact, that although France, Japan, Germany and Russia, all had agencies in Peking, we never had a British Postal Agency in the Capital of the country.

In 1902 the four cent Empire rate which had been adopted by Hongkong in 1898, was extended to the Agencies. There can, I think, be no doubt that this was a very great mistake, and was the direct cause of the transfer of the Agencies to the control of the London Post Office in 1911. Up to the year 1902 the agencies had paid their way. Shortly after the four cent rate had been extended to the agencies the Siberian Route was used for the transport of agency letters to Europe. All four cent letters were carried by this route at a loss. This loss had to be made good by Hongkong and it could not be argued with any show of reason that Hongkong should pay money in order that people at Shanghai and other places in China, many of whom were not even British subjects, should be able to send letters at a cheap rate to England and other parts of the Empire.

Not only were the Agencies carried on at a loss, but 20 per cent. of all the revenue collected had to be paid over as military contribution. It appears a little grotesque that the postal revenue of places like Hankow and Ningpo where there was no military protection of any sort whatever, should have to pay military contribution, but such was the ruling. Sir Frederick Lugard took up the question vigorously and after a long struggle all the agencies were handed over to the London Post Office on January 1st, 1911.

London being many thousand miles away, it was quite impossible for anyone in that office to attend to the countless little questions of discipline and office routine. The Hongkong Postmaster was therefore placed in charge as manager for London. After fifty years the same objectionable system of dual control was re-established, which had been found unworkable in 1860. The chief feature of the new system was of course the immense delay in the settlement of all questions which the Postmaster could not settle here out of hand.

From the year 1892 until 1917 the stamps used in the Agencies were Hongkong stamps without any distinguishing mark. In 1917 Hongkong Stamps overprinted "China" were introduced.

In accordance with stipulations entered into at Washington, all British Agencies in China were closed on November 30, 1922. The withdrawal of the agencies was much regretted by the British Communities in China. This feeling of regret will it is hoped be some small recompense to the Agents for the work they performed in cramped surroundings with inadequate staffs but in such a manner that complaints were almost unknown.

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Then we had the 10sh Malta, wmk. Mult. CA, hailed as the rarity, only 1,200 being issued. The figure here was correct, and a sudden demand enabled the holders to force up the price until it has been changing hands lately at about £10, but this figure is bringing out some of the invisible supplies, so that it will be interesting to see if the price holds. It should be noted that although the Malta 2sh CA Self-Government was issued in only double the quantity, it is obtainable at about one-twelfth the price, so that there are possibilities here, and one of the big dealers has been predicting it as a £5 stamp.

The next claimant for premier honours was the 5sh British Bechuanaland, De La Rue print, of which, on reliable authority, only 320 exist, and prices recently asked run up to £5. In this case Gibbons quotation is no guide, just as the figure for the rare 10sh Malta at 12s6d, current to the end of 1922, was no guide for that stamp.

Finally we have the 50 rupee of East Africa and Uganda on Script paper hailed as *the* rarity, only about 100 stated to be issued. In this case, however, another factor occurs which did not trouble us in the previous cases. These new printings were sold in London as well as in the Colony, and in some cases hardly had the new set appeared than the old were withdrawn. The total number existing must be greater than this, as a copy recently sold in a London auction for just about face value. It must be remembered there is only a very small demand for these extremely high values, such as £5 and over, which are only used in the ordinary course for fiscal purposes, and so may be omitted, as some cataloguers do. Collectors now prefer to invest in the lower values, which almost invariably show a very much bigger percentage increase value after they have become obsolete. Some of the lower values of this same series on the new paper and old type, will probably rise to many times face, such as the 12, 15 and 50c, as their life was very short, whilst all the old type on emerald paper are worth picking up on the basis of current catalogue prices.

Another country, where printings on the new paper of an issue about to disappear created some excitement, was the Hong Kong series overprinted for China Agencies. The 4c in particular had a very short life, and it is stated copies have been selling locally for a dollar or more, so that recent prices quoted by London dealers appear very cheap.

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as regards Colonial Air emissions, however. The best known of these, of course, are those of Newfoundland, and all these have been appreciating recently, especially on covers.

Very little information has come through yet about the recent Sarawak provisionals. These appear to have been cornered by local speculators who are asking stiff prices. The motto that the early bird catches the worm is not always true, in Philately sometimes he only gets bitten, so that it is often best to consult someone in the know before paying a high price for a new provisional.

It is very difficult for the collector to tell the future financial prospects of such items, and as to whether they are likely to increase. It may be instructive to note that the first prices asked for the following sets have all proved too high:—

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If authoritative figures as to quantities issued can be obtained, these form a useful criterion for judging whether the prices asked are reasonable.

The new Iraq stamps, with their striking designs, should do much to popularise this country still further. The postal business has increased considerably during the last three years, and used copies of the new set will soon be much cheaper than mint. With regard to the old issue, no sudden increase is to be expected as large quantities of mint sets were bought up. The used should steadily improve, however, after a few months, from the low prices at present ruling, especially the rupee values, whilst the old Service set is also worth watching.

There has been some talk of the stamps of India being printed in that country, but this does not appear at the moment a likely contingency. Meanwhile the current set are getting steadily cheaper. Some large parcels of the high values, 1 to 25 rupees, have recently been coming on the market and further reductions in price are to be expected in both the ordinary and Service series. Many of these stamps, of course, have been used telegraphically, but appear to fetch nearly as much as postally-used copies owing to the cancellations being similar. The two highest values of the Edward set, 15 and 25 rupees, both ordinary and Service stamps, are now on the up-grade again after a period of little demand and are well worth acquiring at recent quotations.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

AN OPEN LETTER.

Milwaukee, Wis.,
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Mr. Scott,
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You would answer my letter as a friend, wouldn't you, Mr. Scott? Or maybe I'd better take this up direct with Mr. Babson who sets all the stock-market prices for Wall Street, I hear. Maybe he'd help me, too.

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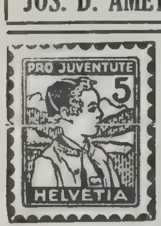

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NEW JERSEY'S 13c PRECANCELS.

By G. Ward Disbrow, M. D.

Whether because of its color, or its peculiar numerical value, suggesting unpleasant happenings to the superstitious mind, the thirteen cent precancel has become a prime favorite among many collectors.

If one wishes to specialize in a stamp which is not common and one which will not be found in every waste basket, I can cordially recommend this item, and I can speak from considerable experience as to the difficulties which may beset the path of any one desiring to make even a fair showing. Incidently I might add that as your collection increases the difficulty of finding new specimens increases and likewise the cost to yourself.

In Bushnell's Perforated 11 section of the Precancel Catalog are listed about one hundred ninety varieties of the apple green, including normals and sub-types. In the perf. 12 section we find possibly one hundred in 1902 and 1908 issue, making a total of about two hundred ninety listed varieties. In my collection I have possibly a hundred unlisted varieties and I have seen or heard of possibly fifty more. This makes as far as I know about four hundred fifty varieties of the thirteen cent precancel and there are very probably many more.

At any rate, compared with general collecting it would seem a comparatively easy task to obtain a copy of each, But—"Try and get them!" You will get a hundred or so without much difficulty but then your trouble begins. However, a nice lot of thirteens certainly does make a nice showing and there is not the slightest doubt that as an investment they beat everything in the precancel line, Aeros and Pilgrims not excluded.

Take for instance Orange, N. J. In 1902, or thereabouts, was issued a thirteen cent precancel. I know of four copies, one in my collection, one in East Orange, one in Newark, and one "somewheres in America." My copy travelled north to New England, then west and finally came back to roost with me. Incidently I paid more than a dollar for it and more than several dollars could not buy it today.

Summit, N. J., is another thirteen that will bear watching. About Christmas of 1921, some packages were sent to the Pacific Coast bearing thirteen cent stamps. Someone was persuaded to precancel them with the result that the cancelling stamp was locked up and by the time it came out of its enforced retirement all the thirteens in the office were gone and there have been none since. Bushnell catalogs this item at a quarter either in the up or the down position. Will someone kindly send me one or more at that price or quadruple it? I do not possess even a single copy and I live in Summit!

Arlington, N. J., is another scarce item. Come up and down but I have seen only the down type. Only a few issued and only once so that they should be worth at least seventy-five cents to a dollar, and if one compares their scarcity with some of the recent western emanations they should be worth even more than that.

Then take Hackensack and Jersey City. Both are fairly large cities especially the latter, and do a large mail business. Why have I never seen a thirteen from either place when Bushnell lists a Hackensack normal, type U11 and Jersey City normal and inverted in U16 and U1? Again I offer full catalog or more for any or all of them. Perhaps they are common in the west or north but they are certainly far from common around here.

How many Montclair, Type III, double normal have you seen, and what value would you place on such an item? The five cent Perf. 10 double catalogs $2.00. I have one copy of the thirteen and know of possibly two others. I would really like to know how many are in the hands of collectors.

Newark, the largest city of the state, and a great manufacturing center, would be expected to have a thirteen inasmuch as they have precancelled all the other denominations. A friend was informed however, by a high official of the Post Office, that no Newark thirteen was ever made and that none would be.

East Orange has issued two types. Type I, U13, which should catalog about a dollar, and Type III, U-3, which is a recent affair and comes both normal and inverted. Should be worth about forty-five cents for a normal and fifty for an invert.

Orange, N. J., has issued beside the 1902 item before mentioned an apple green 1917 in U-4. I would catalog this at fifty cents as they are not common by any means.

Morristown comes both normal and inverted in a type similar to U-22 but the bars at top and bottom are replaced by half spirals. This is another scarce item and should catalog around fifty cents either way.

New Brunswick comes in Type I only as far as I am aware and I have only seen the normal. Should catalog about twenty-five cents as quite a number were issued.

Rahway, N. J., came out in U-13 and I have only seen it inverted. Would consider it worth fifty cents in this position and would willingly contribute another fifty for a normal. Should be more common as Merck and Co. has its main plant at Rahway and does a considerable mail business.

Passaic came out recently in a type similar to U-22. They are presumably not so scarce but should bring about twenty-five cents. Have only seen it normal so far.

Little Silver, N. J., comes both normal and inverted in U-17 and is a very attractive stamp. I would catalog it at thirty cents for the normal and thirty-five for the invert.

Elizabeth has come out recently in the current seriffed type similar to U-18. Presumably they come both normal and inverted, as judging from the other values the plates were badly scrambled when the precancelling was done. Have only seen a normal and would catalog it at twenty-five cents. Most copies come punched initials.

Madison, N. J., is out in a type similar to U-22 though having bars at the top and bottom instead of lines. Have heard of a normal but have not seen it so far. It probably will not be very common.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

The Child Saving League of Jamaica was organized on November 16, 1916, its object being to seek child welfare and to take all steps necessary for securing the attainment of this end. There are four centers of the work in Kingston, besides the creche (in the old Court House building on West Parade), where mothers can receive advice about the care of their children. Children are there cared for and fed by a trained nurse, from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m., at a fee of 2d per day. The League is supported by voluntary contributions. In 1918 and 1919 the Mayor and Council of Kingston granted £50 towards the support of the League's work, and a further £100 in 1920. The Government provides two nurses for the work, permits the purchase of drugs from the medical stores, and grants the use of the rooms for the creche. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Leslie Probyn, K. C. M. G., is Patron; Lady Probyn, Patroness; His Worship the Mayor of Kingston, President, and Mrs. E. F. Latreille, Secretary.

A committee appointed by the Governor to consider and make recommendations for the solution of the child welfare problem, reported in May, 1922, that the problem called urgently for a solution, and that it should "receive the immediate and careful attention of the Government and Legislature."

For some years past the postal authorities of Switzerland have in each December issued a special series of Pro Juventute ("literally, for the children") stamps, which are used to prepay postage on both inland and international matter—each stamp being sold at 5 centimes over face value, and the extra charge devoted to the funds of the various Children's Welfare Societies in that country. These Pro Juventute stamps are issued in each year on 1st December, and remain on sale until the 30th of April of the following year.

Inspired by an article in the London *Morning Post,* relating to and describing the designs of the 1921 series of Pro Juventute stamps (which consisted of three values, 10c, 20c and 40c) H. E., the Governor of Jamaica, wrote to the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Winston S. Churchill), in February, 1922, asking if he would approve of such an issue being made by the Jamaican government in aid of the Child Welfare work in that island, not so much that the financial assistance would be large, but having regard to the educative value with respect to the importance of the reform.

Although the Postmasters General of Great Britain have alway deprecated the issue of special varieties of postage stamps not demanded by the requirements of the postal service, there is no specific objection to the issue of special stamps for Child Welfare, commemorative, or other purposes. In April, 1922, Mr. Churchill replied that having regard to the object in view, he did not wish to withhold his approval if the Governor thought it desirable to proceed with the proposal.

Immediately, action was taken by the island authorities, and Mr. Frank Cundall, F. S. A., Secretary and Librarian of the Institute of Jamaica, Kingston (responsible for the designs of the majority of the current Jamaican pictorials) was asked to prepare designs for these special stamps, which were to be in three denominations, ½d, 1½d (inland and Empire letter rate), and 2½d (foreign letter rate). They were to be sold during the months of November, December and January of each year, at a premium of ½d over face, and the overage handed over to the Child Saving League.

In July, 1922, the Jamaica Philatelic Society, of which Lady Probyn is Honorary President, was requested through its Secretary (Mr. H. Cooke) to collaborate with Mr. Cundall in selecting the designs.

The essays which Mr. Cundall completed in July, called for stamps in two colors, the centers (representing types of native children) being in sepia. The frame design was identical for all three values—"JAMAICA" at the top, with the value in the upper corners, and "Child Welfare" at the foot; at either side a staff with entwined serpents, symbolical of health—resembling the Caduceus of Hermes, but lacking the wings at the top. These essays were sent to the Crown Agents in August.

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As it was found impossible to have the dies and plates made, and the stamps printed in readiness for issue on November 1, 1922, it was suggested that three values of the current pictorial series be overprinted "For Child Welfare—½d—1922", but this was not viewed with favor by the authorities, and in October the Crown Agents were cabled to suspend work, and the issue was deferred for a year.

The first printed word of the intention to issue these stamps appeared in the *Philatelic Magazine* of September 9, 1922, and of the scheme, *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Circular,* October number, had the following to say:—

"We are very surprised to learn from the *Philatelic Magazine* that the Jamaica Philatelic Society is collaborating in the choice of designs, etc. We had occasion to compliment this go-ahead society in a recent issue on the good work which it has accomplished during the past year, but such action as is now hinted at is the opposite of what we should expect of a society which had the best interests of our hobby at heart.

We have every sympathy for schemes for child welfare, but not philatelically camouflaged in this fashion, and, if our contemporary's information is correct, we think it is a pity that Jamaican collectors are allowing their local patriotism to outweigh their duty to philately as a worldwide pursuit. If we had our way we would ban every charity stamp from the catalogue, and we think our Jamaican friends would agree with us concerning every charity stamp but their own. It's the way of the world."

This brought forth a letter from the Secretary of the Jamaica Philatelic Society, defending the Society's position in the matter, and the gist of his remarks was printed in the December issue of the *Monthly Circular*.

"We are glad to learn from Mr. H. Cooke that we were misinformed when we stated that the Jamaica Philatelic Society was regarding the new Child Welfare issue favorably. On the contrary, the Society was not consulted as regards the original scheme, and both the President (Mr. Geoffrey C. Gunter), and our informant (the Hon. Secretary) share our dislike of unnecessary issues. The extent of the Society's participation had been to submit suggestions for designs after the issue had been definitely decided on, and this was done to avoid crudity of design being added to the other objections with which such an issue will be met in philatelic circles.

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The Crown Agents in their advice of new issues and printings for the quarter ending June 30th, 1923, notified that special stamps were being prepared in support of the Child Welfare scheme; in three values, ½d green and black, 1½d orange and black, and 2½d blue and black, from steel engraved plates, the vignettes, in black, picturing types of native children. Further, that the stamps "will not be obtainable direct from the Crown Agents' office."

The stamps were received in Kingston about the middle of July, and on the 26th of that month the Secretary of the Child Saving League was officially informed that "it has been decided to issue a special series of Postage Stamps of the lower denominations, to be sold locally during the months of November, December and January of each year, for the benefit of the Child Welfare Scheme, and that it has also been decided that the net profits derived from the sale of these stamps shall be handed over to the Child Saving League. And further that "you will be informed when the stamps will be put on sale."

On August 2, 1923, the inland letter rate (raised from 1d to 1½d on April 1, 1916) was reduced to 1d, and post cards (from 1d) to ½d. Instructions accordingly were given to the Crown Agents to prepare 1d Child Welfare stamps to replace those of the 1½d value.

In December, 1915, Red Cross labels, sold at ½d each, were issued in Jamaica, typeset and produced locally, and while without postal value, they were requisitioned from the G. P. O., Kingston, sold by the postal clerks (who received a small commission) in all post-offices, and accounting rendered the same as for postage stamps.

The design, contained within a plain rule border, consisted of a Geneva Cross, in the lower part of the label, and the representation of an aeroplane at the top, above some clouds, all printed in red. It is also known in brown. In January, 1916, "JAMAICA" was added in black across the center (through error some few sheets were overprinted in red, and in March surcharged "Half-penny" in black at the bottom. These labels were sold in booklets of 12 (2 small sheets of 6 labels, 6d) and 24 (1s), and sheets of 100.

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"Colonial Secretary's Office,
JAMAICA, 14th November, 1918.

directed by the Governor to ac- lge the receipt of your letter 6th, ulto., in which you suggest a issue of Jamaica stamps for the of increasing the funds now ised in behalf of the Red Cross, inform you in reply that after into and consideration of the His Excellency regrets that he does not see his way to adopt your proposals.

"2.—I am to add that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has pointed out that without special authority under the Geneva Convention Act 1911, the Red Cross emblem cannot be employed for imprinting stamps, and has brought to the attention of Colonial Governments that the concession under which certain cases where this imprinting had already occurred, were subsequently authorised, should not be regarded as a precedent should proposals similar to that now made be put forward.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Sgd. ROBT. JOHNSTONE,
Acting Colonial Secretary."

No better success attended the proposal put forth in the reply to this letter, that the remaining stock of the 2s Queen Victoria, be reduced by surcharge to 1½d, and additionally overprinted "WAR CHARITY."

"November 27th, 1918.

HON. ROBT. JOHNSTONE, I.S.O., C.M.G.,
Acting Colonial Secretary,
Jamaica.

Sir,—

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., replying to my suggestion with reference to a special issue of Jamaica stamps for the purpose of increasing the funds on behalf of the Red Cross.

I regret to note that His Excellency for the reason given cannot see his way to adopt the proposal I made in this connection, but as the different War Charities for which special appeals are now being made to His Excellency are very much in need of funds, I must take this as my excuse for making a further suggestion in connection with the raising of funds by a special issue of postage stamps.

I therefore beg to suggest that, as a large supply of the 2s King George postage stamp is now in the vaults of the Colony, that they be issued at once and the existing balance of the 2s Queen Victoria stamp be overprinted, as per sample enclosed, and sold at 3d each, and made available for the 1½d postage rate, the extra 1½d to be divided among the various War Charities.

If the stock of 2s Queen's head stamps is insufficient for the raising of a substantal sum under this proposal, it may be possible for the Post Office Department to similarly overprint a fixed quantity of the 4d, 6d and 1s stamps, according to the stocks now on hand.

I have the honour to be, Sir, etc., etc."

"Colonial Secretary's Office,
JAMAICA, 6th December, 1918.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 27th ulto., suggesting that the two shillings King George postage stamp now in the Island be issued at once, and the balance of the two shillings Queen Victoria stamp be overprinted with the words WAR CHARITY, and sold at 3d each, and made available for the 1½d postage rate, the extra 1½d to be divided among the various War Charities.

"2.—In reply I am to inform you that His Excellency is not prepared to consider your suggestion and that it is not proposed to raise funds for the several War Charities by means of a special issue of Postage Stamps.

"I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Sgd. H. L. LATREILLE,
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By Cristopher West.

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Apr. 17, 1873.
First issued, June, 1873.
Last issued, Apr. 2, 1883.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
56,218,758 issued on silk paper.
216,084,241 issued on pink and watermarked paper.

This stamp was made by altering the 1c denomination of the Park City Match Co., by changing the firm name and address in the upper part of the stamp to read "Jas. L. Clark,—Oshkosh, Wis." and adding the words "Star" at the left and "Matches" at the right in small capital letters in the ends of the oval containing the eagle.

The enormous output of this factory represented a tax of about two and a half million dollars in ten years, or an average of nearly a quarter of a million dollars a year and the number of stamps issued was exceeded only by the Barber Match Company; by the Swift-Courtney-Beecher factories and by the Star of Portland.

But little is known of the early history of this factory. From and after 1876, if not before that date, it was located at the northeast corner of Pearl and Osceola Streets in Oshkosh, which is now a city of about 35,000 people, on the west shore of Lake Winnebago. For many years Oshkosh was a large lumber center. About 1881 the factory was acquired by the Diamond Match Company and was operated by that concern as late as 1889. The Wisconsin State Gazetteer for 1882 lists the Diamond Match Co. at the address formerly occupied by the Clark factory and the manager is given as Mr. George W. Gates, who is one of the three sons of William Gates, of Frankfort, New York. In the same *Gazetteer* Jas. L. Clark & Son (Herbert M. Clark) are listed as carriage manufacturers at 155 to 167 High Street. The reference also states that the firm had factories at Chicago, Minneapolis, Milwaukee and at 22 Lincoln Square, Worcester, Mass., the main office being at Oshkosh.

The *Gazetteers* for 1886 and 1888-89 list Jas. L. Clark as a wagon-maker, or carriage manufacturer, at 521 High Street, Oshkosh.

The total of over 272,000,000 stamps used by the Clark factory would have required twenty-five plates, provided each plate lasted until 50,000 impressions had been taken. But as there is no record of the number of plates, and 50,000 impressions seems a rather high estimate for each plate, the number of plates probably exceeded twenty-five.

The first plates were made by Jos. R. Carpenter in Philadelphia and the early printings on silk paper were made in that city. Later it is probable there were additional plates made by the National Bank Note Company and possibly by the American Bank Note Company in New York and by the Bureau in Washington. Some of the copies on silk paper and all of those on pink paper are National prints, but it is very seldom that the National, American or Bureau prints on watermarked paper can be distinguished from each other. Despite the enormous quantity issued very few specimens have been found which bear imprints. The writer has noted the first National Bank Note imprint on watermarked paper and a few copies showing the Bureau pane line, and what appears to be the second Bureau imprint. These latter, of course, are also on watermarked paper and the green is a dark blackish shade, quite unlike most of the Philadelphia and New York printings. However, a similar shade does exist on silk paper, but the specimens on silk paper are usually a medium green, or else a decided yellowish green. When there are such large quantities of a stamp printed over a period of ten years, it is natural to expect considerable variation in shade.

The stamp is not known to have been used in multiple and pairs and larger multiples are very scarce. The w marked variety is one of the commo match stamps and yet one might s years trying to find a block.

The rouletted variety was made a Bureau and is a rare stamp. Faked lettes are too frequently seen, but genuine can nearly always be tol careful study.

The variety on silk paper was q at 2c to 5c until 1922, when it was r to 10c, because so few of the ava copies were really fine. The pink gradually increased from 20c in 18 50c in 1898 and has been unchanged 40c since 1900. Many of the copies in collections are in very good cond The watermarked paper was quot 2c up to 1901 when it was changed and so remained until 1906. In year there was an error in makin the catalog and a "7" was placed in of the 5 making the price on this common stamp 75c. This was not rected until 1922, when the price reduced to 10c. In the present m a dime is ample to pay for a good The rouletted stamp has always scarce. Sterling quoted it at $5. 1888, while the Scott quotations 1894 to 1896, $8.00; 1898 to 1907, $1 1909 to 1922, $17.50. The latter q tion is quite nominal because a which is not wholly satisfactory v probably fetch far less, while ar ceptionally attractive specimen bring even more.

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—N. S. Hufnell, Wilmington, Del., ends us a clipping from a local paper iving the particulars of a meeting of the elaware Stamp Club. A part of the xtensive collection of W. H. Emmert of hiladelphia was exhibited. Percy McG. lann was present and gave a brief adress.

—We have received from Harry G. eam a copy of the house organ pubshed by the Firestone Tire and Rubber o., Akron, Ohio. In it is a fine feature howing a picture of James Crouch, one f the founders of the Rubber City tamp Club, and an employee of the mpany. The picture of Mr. Crouch is companied by an illustration of several ages from his stamp collection.

—Frank A. Goldsmith has shown us a ew advertising cancellation from Triniad, Colo. It reads:—"San Isabel Naonal Forest Colorado."

—W. G. Windhurst sends us a photo ostcard from Marion, O., picturing the owd that lined up on Sept. 1 for the pening sale of the Harding 2c stamp. the crowd is noted our collector iend W. H. Schaffner, A. P. S. memr and a close friend to President arding.

—We have received a letter from rnest H. Buchan, Lakeville State Sanirium, Middleboro, Mass., in which he rites:—"I have been for five years in is sanitarium fighting tuberculosis with veral long spells spent in bed. The ne which often hangs heavily on my nds has been passed in company with y small general stamp collection, which started years ago, and which grows all o slowly. I have thought that if you ould be so kind as to publish this note ere might be some among your readers o would have a few duplicates which they would donate to my collection. If so, they would be much appreciated." It is almost needless to say that we have made an appropriate reply to Mr. Buchan's request, and no doubt many of our readers will be glad to lend a helping hand.

—The meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, held November 20th, was marked by an auction sale to which each member was entitled to send five lots of saleable stamps.

—A branch of the Weko organization has been opened at Kitchener, Ont., Can. It was formed Nov. 6 and will be called "First Canadian Local of the Weko." The club will meet Saturdays at 47 King St. Charles Panhofer is president and Leslie Davis, secretary.

—The Hiawatha Stamp Shop, Syracuse, N. Y., would like information as to the whereabouts of one C. H. Kassell, giving address 1732 Lamont Av., Baltimore, Md.

—E. T. Nelson, 5956 S. Sangamon St., Chicago, Ill., has favored us with a copy of his October 20 pricelist. Many low priced stamps are listed.

—The annual dinner of the Collectors Club, New York City, will be held on the evening of December 8th, at the Great Northern Hotel, 118 West 57th Street, New York City. It is planned by Emil M. Sperling, chairman of the Dinner Committee to make the dinner one of the most enjoyable ever held by the club and when it is remembered that this is the 27th annual dinner, the ambition becomes no mean one. Tickets are five dollars each and members may bring guests.

—In sending in a clipping telling of the acquisition by the British museum of the "champion flea collection" as a bequest from the late Nathaniel Rothschild, Mr. C. F. Adams asks if it is not better to hunt stamps than fleas.

—A visit recently to Henry N. Mudge, ex-president of the American Philatelic Society, disclosed the fact that Mr. Mudge is still confined to his home as a result of the serious accident sustained by him when he was struck by an automobile about six months ago. Mr. Mudge is able to make some progress about his room and is hopeful that the use of his fractured leg will soon return, Philatelic friends are welcome to call on Mr. Mudge at his residence, 7620 Lowe Avenue, Chicago.

—Mr. C. J. Rose says that he is entitled to the prize of a fur-lined bath-tub by reporting that a registered letter from Germany received by him had stamps amounting to 3,992,000,000 marks on it. We have heard of postal cards with 3,000,000,000 marks in postage; and we are waiting for the trillions.

—Our shut-in friend, Mr. Geo. Kump of Xenia, Ohio, sends us a batch of interesting clippings, one of which says that "the boom in stamp collecting continues and today the number of people who collect the little revenue raisers is believed to exceed that of all other collectors together." That is all right with us.

—According to the Associated Press, Capt. Roald Amundsen, Christiania, Norway, is hopeful of raising funds to defray the expense of his airplane expedition to the north pole next July by the issue of a special set of Norwegian stamps. With the co-operation of the postal authorities he thinks that a good part of the funds could be raised in this way, with hardship on no one. We suppose that the good-natured stamp collectors will not object to the plan even though they will have to pay some of the freight.

—While we took a chemical course, we fight shy of making recommendations as to the use of watermark detectors, preferring to let others speak. Consequently, the following letter from Mr. H. G. Rogers of St. John, New Brunswick, is passed on to the chemical profs. "On page 328 in the issue of June 23rd, there was an article on Carbon Tetrachloride. Do you know if this is the same as the liquid put up in little four ounce bottles and known as Carbona? I note that the material referred to in the article sells for 40c a pint and am inclined to think that Carbona and Carbon Tetrachloride are the same thing. I regret to say that the ink has run in some of my red Bermuda stamps. One of my friends suggested gasoline but it was far too greasy. I tried benzine but it, too, was greasy, as probably it was mixed with gasoline before I got it; and the odor compelled others to leave the room. There is little or no odor to Carbona but it is very volatile and evaporates quickly. I would appreciate it if you would furnish me with some information as to what is best to use as it is impossible without using some liquid in the black detector plates to determine in many cases the watermarks that appear, principally on British and Colonial stamps."

—The new Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* has been coming to us for several months and we are much pleased with it. To those of us who revered the old *Monthly Journal*, its revival is especially welcome and we are sure that as time goes on it will well take the place of the departed leader.

—Mr. E. C. Bailey, Decorah, Iowa, sends the following from the WEEKLY as a prelude to his story:

"An old-time collector says that when he was a boy before the Civil War, one of the stock jokes that circulated through the press was that which told of a farmer (out in Iowa) who asked a postmaster if he could not sell the stamps at a reduction if he bought three or four. The postmaster said that he could not because the government now punched holes around the stamps for the convenience of the people and that the cost of stamps had gone up in consequence. The explanation satisfied the bargainer. While there may have been many jokes having a stamp suggestion that went the rounds in the early days, we think that the palm in this connection must be given to that classic, written by the cautious sender of the letter, under the stamp: 'Paid if the damned thing sticks'."

Quoting Mr. Bailey: "Here is a real story that happened at Freeport, Iowa, C. B. Christian was an early-day storekeeper and 'Nasby' at Freeport, and when the postal card first came out he secured a stock. Shortly thereafter one of the patrons of the store came in to buy a card and asked how much it would be. 'Well,' said Mr. Christian, 'I s'pose I have got to have a little profit on it so it will be five cents.' About that time the prospective purchaser woke up. The incident resulted in a conversation with the postmaster at Decorah, the county seat, and Mr. Christian was informed that he could not make a profit on Uncle Sam's goods."

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The J. P. S. continues to grow apace. I see Mrs. H. P. Terry gives the number of new recruits, this season, as 333 up to the issue of the October *Stamp Lover.* And the meetings are as popular as ever and as crowded. The meeting this Saturday (November 3rd) is to have the opportunity of seeing how a well-known business magnate, with little leisure to spare, uses that little to good advantage in the quiet pursuit of "King's heads." Mr. W. E. Catesby, J. P., is the exhibitor for this occasion Later in the month the Rev. Basil Reed is due to lecture to the J. P. S. with lantern slides on "Politics and Philately." This will be an open meeting, and if you have a friend whom you would like to impress with the interest there is in stamps, bring him—or her—along to the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Friday, November 16th, at 8 p. m.

Malaya Borneo Exhibition.—Mr. Herbert C. Sells, Postmaster-General of the Straits Settlements, in his annual report for 1922, states that: "During the period of the Malaya-Borneo Exhibition, a supply of Straits Settlements postage stamps (1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 25c, 45c, 1 dol, 2 dols and 5 dols) were overprinted 'Malaya Borneo Exhibition,' and placed on sale for postal purposes at all post-offices in the Colony. The sum realised by the sale of these stamps was 45,899.22 dollars, of which the Post Office received three-fifths and the Exhibition Funds two-fifths."

History in Postage Stamps.—Among the interesting novelties which should be arriving during the present month are the Fascisti stamps from Italy and the new "Penny Universal Postage" stamp of New Zealand. Thus history, political and social, is writ upon the pages of our albums. There comes an issue from Turkey, too, showing General Harrington shaking hands with Kemal Pasha to mark our Peace with Turkey.

President Masaryk.—A philatelic celebrity has come to town in Dr. Thomas G. Masaryk, and his visit has almost coincided with the anniversary of the Czechoslovak State of which he is the first President. He returns to London the head of a great country, whose independence he strove for from our hospitable metropolis, where Professor Masaryk was a King's College lecturer during the war. His portrait figures on a few of the stamps of Czechoslovakia, and it is interesting to recall that he is something of a stamp collector, his private collection being displayed at the recent philatelic exhibition at Brunn, to which the Professor gave his high patronage.

Passing of a Great Collection.—It was with very great regret that I learned a few weeks ago of the impending break-up of one of the most thoroughly specialized collections known. Baron Erik Leijonhufvud confided the news to me some little time back, but now it may be communicated to my readers, for very soon the catalogue—it is his celebrated Swedish collection that is concerned—will be in our hands. I can sympathise with the Baron when he says it is very painful to sell a collection which has been a labour of love during a great part of one's life-time.

Wheels of Trade.—The pathetic side is, however, not the only one. It would be an ill wind that did no one good, and although, if auctioned, the Swedish rarities in the Leijonhufvud collection may get widely scattered, so that no one shall bring such a wonderful lot together again, the dispersal of such collections keeps the wheels of trade in motion and gives opportunities to many other collectors to delve deeper into specialism.

Chance for Sweden's National Collection.—Let it not be thought, however, that the Baron is tired of stamps. He will continue in the less exacting pleasures of the general collector, and will spread his interests over the whole of Europe and the British Colonies. Meanwhile, I hope the Swedish Government may be stirred up to secure the pick of the Swedish collection to round off the very fine collection that has been got together in the Postal Museum at Stockholm. The authorities in Sweden are by no means negligent of this collection, and were Baron Leijonhufvud's competitors in the short sharp struggle at the Ferrary sale for the unique Swedish error 3 skilling-banco *orange* instead of green, which was knocked down to my friend for £705.

Auction Hazards.—Baron Leijonhufvud went himself to Paris to bid for that in June last year. Although unable to go personally to the sixth sale in April this year, he gave unlimited bids for certain items, but failed to secure them, as his agent misinterpreted the extent to which he was prepared to go for them. Thus he missed the extremely rare pair of the 20 óre vermilion, the "Tretio" error se tenant with the normal, which went for £411; only three such pairs are known. Another thing he missed in the same sale was the vertical pair of the 6 skilling-banco from the corner of a sheet—the only corner piece known—which was knocked down to a Swedish buyer for £96.

Eighth Ferrary Sale.—By the way, the Ferrary collection will pass another stage of its disintegration early this month. This will be the eighth sale, and covers three days—November 7th, 8th and 9th. The seven sales up to date have totalled 13,880,619 francs (including tax) to the French Government, or about £256,458 in English currency. The coming sale, although as extensive as the preceding ones, is not likely to produce such big figures. There is but little of the "big stuff," nothing quite in the same street with the British Guianas, Mauritius, Hawaiian and American rarities that have swelled the previous totals. But there are nevertheless some items of great interest. A fancy price is sure to be scored for the 9 kreuzer Baden, black on *green,* an error of which but three authentic copies are known.

Then there is the Westoby copy of the 2 reales blue error of Spain; a pair 6 reales + 2 reales blue *se tenant* was the big sensation of the fifth sale, fetching £2,400. Although not so strong in the heavy goods, there are nearly two hundred lots of Victoria, including some wonderful pieces which will bring some brisk competition from eminent collectors in England and America.

Billie Burke Stamps.—If Mr. Florenz Ziegfeld's offer is accepted by the Washington Postmaster-General (writes one of the newspaper gossipers), admirers of Miss Billie Burke who are not philatelists will be keen to get hold of the new United States 2 cent stamp. Mr. Ziegfeld, having heard from the United States Government has under consideration the question of advertising on stamps, telegraphed an offer to pay the cost of a thousand million 2 cent stamps provided his wife's photograph formed the main portion of the design. If Mr. Ziegfeld could persuade some of the new-born countries to accept such an offer, it would result in stamp collections becoming galleries of beauties

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Manuscripts—or pen and ink canc. I consider a very instructive branch, although many look down upon pen cancellations as not having any value. To the contrary there are many valuable cancellations, showing the P. M. name, name of the P. O., etc. As reference for historical data and research they are most valuable. For instance, I once found about 30 covers from West Providence, R. I., all pen marked by the P. M. during a period of four years and not the slightest change in markings during all this time, the cancellation being the well-known $ mark. On the 3c, 1861, all the years from 1861-69 can be found pen cancelled as strokes from 1-9, the first and last being very hard to obtain. There are also crosses and other curious markings.

Paid.—Used on stampless covers and all issues of stamps as late as 1890. In many different types and numerals, 3, 5, 6, 10 being the most common. It also comes in circles of different dimensions. Paid, in circles between six horizontal lines, Boston, Mass. Paid in postmark, paid, in one line only, in circles, in squares, in round block, surrounded with small holes, rare. Paid in colorless block rare. Dedham, Mass., etc.

Paid All.—This was used at stations receiving foreign mail as, San Francisco, Boston, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, etc.

U. S. Paid 6—This cancellation in red straight line. Mailed from Masonville, N. Y. Paid 6 to Stewartown, in black. Oakville on the reverse side in red.

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Stamps.—On 3c 1857.

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No doubt many of our readers have received the latest circular sent out by the Philatelic Agency at Washington, but it will do no harm to copy the following paragraphs from it: "Note.—Due to the large number of requests for 2c Harding black imperforate stamps, the Department has receded from its former position not to issue the Harding stamps in imperforate form. In view of the fact that the number of these stamps offered for sale will be limited, the Philatelic Agency can not undertake to furnish collectors with all plate numbers, arrow blocks, or guide lines desired. However, to patrons who desire a full sheet of 400 stamps to enable them to obtain the blocks desired, full sheets will be furnished. In order to facilitate the work of the Agency, no orders for less than a block of 24 stamps or multiples thereof can be accepted for this variety." It is announced that as the Shanghai Agency has been abolished, the U. S. stamps surcharged Shanghai will not be furnished after December 1, 1923, when any remaining stock will be destroyed by the department.

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A reader says that he sent in the following question as one suitable for the Inquiring Reporter to ask passers-by at a street-corner for the benefit of the Chicago *Tribune*. "Do you know that the government issues a two-dollar and a five-dollar postage stamp?" A prize is offered for each question accepted but our philatelic friend got nothing; and we agree with him that only a dunderhead would pass up a meaty query such as this one.

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We have found an interesting statement in the press of 1868, saying that the use of postage stamps was to be discontinued and that stamped envelopes "of all sizes and rates of postage" were to be used in their place. It was said that the "old-fashioned postage stamp, once considered so great a convenience" had been voted a nuisance and that the department had determined to discourage its use. The stamps were often lost and sometimes were not placed on the letters. Evidently the plan for the radical departure mentioned did not mature and while it may have been discussed seriously, it was not adopted. However, it is known that for manifest reasons the post-office department always encouraged the use of stamped envelopes and that at different times it advised the public to use them in preference to postage stamps.

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Another excellent number of the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, published quarterly by the Collectors Club, New York City, has reached us, and it is with a glow of satisfaction that we find that the splendid tone of the previous numbers published during the past two years by H. L. Lindquist has been maintained in it. Indeed, the diversity of interest carried by the contents of the present number makes it one of singular value, but it is not the intention to dwell upon Charles J. Phillips' exhaustive study of the first type of Chile or certain other articles. We do want, however, to direct attention to Prof. Chittenden's biography of John Walter Scott, which occupies sixteen pages of the number. Moreover, this contribution is the first of a series of five articles telling of the long and honorable career of the dean of American philatelists, that in effect will record the history of philately in America. We feel that a debt of gratitude is owed to John Brace Chittenden for acting upon the suggestion that has been so often made that a real biography of Mr. Scott should be prepared. Mr. Chittenden begins with the birth of J. W. Scott in 1845 and follows him through his early and domestic life and consequently the very beginnings of philately are described, Scott having sailed for America in July, 1863. The description of the early days of stamp collecting is of unusual interest for its readable qualities; and of its historical value there is no doubt. Suffice it to say here that Prof. Chittenden is a competent biographer who brings ability and experience to his task. The instalment is illustrated by fac-similes of old Scott publications, including the first page of number one of the *American Journal of Philately*, established in 1868. The editor of the *Collectors Club Philatelist* speaks of retiring from his position and if Mr. Lindquist insists upon being relieved of editorial honors, he may know that he has achieved an enviable place in American philatelic letters; and if he should be induced to change his mind, so much the better for all of us.

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It may not be generally remembered that J. W. Scott issued a weekly edition of the *American Journal of Philately* beginning September 3, 1870, and in the issue the "brilliant parent" of the newcomer was described: "The Journal was originally published by the New York Philatelic Society, the first number being issued by that body, on the first of March, 1868. It then consisted of eight pages of reading matter, printed on fine-toned paper. The second number, issued 1st April, was printed on ordinary paper as well as the better quality, the better being only for the use of the society. There were four pages of advertisements added to help pay the expenses, which in time were increased to eight, but this, however, was not continued. At the end of the year the *Journal* was sold to the present publishers, who increased the reading matter to twelve pages and had it printed on the most expensive paper made, the type was also renewed, making it a first-class paper in every respect." The 1870 volume of the monthly *American Journal of Philately*, or Volume III, is a desirable one, as in the latter part of that year the magazine made a specialty of printing cuts of new issues in their original colors. There is an insert in the bound volume showing the 1870 set, one cent to ninety cents, inclusive, crossed with "speceimen" in very small letters and in the various numbers, other examples of U. S. adhesives and envelope stamps as well as foreign are to be found in the colors of issue. The 1870 volume particularly is in demand by collectors of literature.

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A reader says: "I am glad that you give attention to practical problems concerning collecting and that you have pointed out the importance of getting a better market." Then he proceeds to say that he curbs his inclination to spend a large amount of money because he fears that when he sells his loss will be severe. At the same time he says that he has no intention of ever selling his stamps. Our correspondent has gone to an extreme and even if he did collect with the thought of selling, the more money that he spent for stamps, intelligently, the better the market prospects. The collection worth real money can readily be sold at auction, if in no other way, and it is only the lot of stamps that has no great value that is not to be marketed advantageously. Yet the stamp collector is favored in comparison with others. Recently we sold a lot of books some of which cost a pretty penny; and the dealer said that the price we insisted upon, fifty dollars, was a stiff one, though he finally gave it. Other "objects of collection" suffer a decided decline when it comes to selling them; and we should much rather take our chance with stamps than with almost anything else of the kind. Naturally, we want conditions to improve in order that even the ordinary lot of stamps will have something of a fixed value but that is not saying that the position of the small collector, so far as the value of his stamps is judged, is better than it would be if he collected something else.

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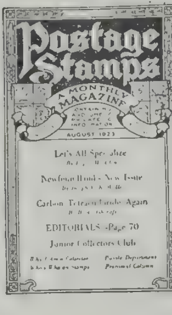

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Not a week has passed during the last ree months but that we have received e or more new members into our nor club. The interest taken in the EEKLY and the loyalty shown by our bscribers have been most remarkable. is week we have two names to add our list of members and we shall be ry glad to receive further additions. the near future we shall publish a mplete roster of those who have taken mbership in the five-year renewal club.

In this connection we feel that due ntion should be made of the splendid -operation extended by W. Schwede, Seattle, Wash., who is responsible for teen subscriptions to the WEEKLY, the pers being sent him each week and tribution made to the parties interested.

Henry Monsel of Canby, Minn., mak- his remittance, informs us that he ds it impossible to be without the EEKLY.

Dr. LeRoy of New York City writes chatty letter in joining the club. We e the liberty of quoting:—

'I would be keen to enroll even though price of admission was $10, instead $5. You have two subscribers of the ne name as my own upon your mail- list. My father, who has been a der of the WEEKLY almost since its eption, is at eighty an ardent collector. began collecting around 1860, and interest has never flagged. Indeed, has many of the specimens that he quired at that time. Basing my exptations on my father's performance five years' subscription to MEKEEL'S, ich has served us so well, is but a all tribute of my appreciation."

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THE PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT

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Something very startling has happened in the precancel hobby. A careful survey of existing supplies of the Airplane, Victory and Pilgrim precancels, shows conclusively that there is a decided paucity of these items. Except for a few of the commoner varieties, duplicate holdings of any single varieties do not run on an average of over 5 copies. It is a true statement for me to make to say that there are a number of Victory and Airplane and Pilgrim precancels which are very, very scarce.

Mr. Howard S. Wheeler of Boston has amassed the choicest collection of these items in existence. He has nearly 1000 of the Victory, over 600 Airplanes, and nearly 1200 of the Pilgrim stamps. Each is a distinct variety. He is not attempting to collect pairs or blocks of the pieces, as yet. An interesting purchase of Mr. Wheeler's was the Nogales, Ariz., set. This set is, as far as is known, unique. Mr. Wheeler's purchase price of $25 has recently been termed by specialists on market values of precancels, as a very attractive investment.

Mr. W. Irving Glover, 3rd Assistant Postmaster General, who inspected Mr. Wheeler's collection during the convention at Washington, D. C., was much impressed with the beauty of his superb collection. He was especially impressed with the Nogales set and their scarcity, and considered $25 rather a low price for the only known set in existence. The prices of these three special series of stamps are bound to advance in rapid ratio during the next few years. It is not too late for collectors to build important sections in their collections of these stamps. Although it is questioned whether Mr. Wheeler's collection can ever be duplicated, it is very possible to make respectable showing of these stamps, if activities are commenced at once. A few years hence this opportunity will be a thing of the past.

Precancels have been termed a branch of U. S. collecting. It is a concise and accurate way of describing the hobby. Precancels after all are U. S. postage stamps; they are collected as U. S. postage except that they have an added attraction in the uniform way that cancellation of city and state is printed on the stamp.

The precancel issues are rather numerous. Activity, therefore, is often limited to a collector's own State, or group of States in the near vicinity, Some very important collections of States are being built up; some examples are: Michigan, which is being specialized by Brigadier General C. A. Coolidge; Colorado, by Dr. H. A. Davis; New York, by D. D. Berolzheimer; Nebraska. by J. L. Parker and John C. Kringel; Minnesota, by J. A. Nordquist; Arkansas, by Gratis Comstock; Ohio, by Paul Matthias and Indiana, by B. Gordon Bushnell.

Another interesting development is the collecting of pairs and blocks of precancels. It was not so many years ago that collectors of ordinary U. S. postage stamps were wont to sever their pairs and blocks into singles, and dispose of their extra copies as duplicates. Precancel collectors have profited by this destructive habit and are carefully saving today all pairs, strips and blocks of precancels as they acquire them.

Pairs, strips and blocks have a special value in certain precancellations, since very often two distinct types, a normal copy and an oddity, or spacing varieties, will exist in the same sheet of stamps. Chicago, Ill., and Philadelphia, Pa., are examples of spacing variety, Waterloo, Iowa and Dallas, Texas, are examples of cities having two distinct types on a sheet. Also Federalsburg, Md., should be mentioned; Utica, N. Y., has an interesting half-moon oddity; Gaston, Ind., has an error "Caston" which occurs once in every 25; Baltimore, a spelling BALTIMOER; Chicago, an error on the Sears-Roebuck roller, CHIACGO. There are quite a few others which space does not permit me to mention. However I can make no safer prophecy than to say, that as the hobby develops, more and more attention will be given to pairs and blocks. Pairs and strips of coil precancels are already commanding a premium.

Precancelled plate numbers that can now be picked up for a song will in a few years bring good prices. Several collectors are even getting down to watermarks. It remains to be seen whether or not there will be much activity along this line. Early bar precancelled issues have been thoughtfully studied for several years by Mr. Roy C. Frank, Sales Mgr. of Rotnem Stamp Co.'s Precancel Department, and he states that he has them well in hand. These will be correctly listed and priced in the next catalogue.

A printed album for precancels is out of the question at present, but a good blank album will suit one satisfactorily if a little thought is given to arrangement.

The precancel hobby is booming as never before and the effects will be permanent, on account of the room for specialization, the opportunity for investment and the source for pleasure. It is educating and interesting. Begin a collection of your city, state or country today. Any reader who desires information is invited to write and I shall take pleasure in sending free of charge all available material dealing with the hobby.

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UNITED STATES.—On Thursday, November 15th, the 2c black Harding Memorial Stamp in an imperforate condition, in sheets of four hundred was placed on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency in Washington. Printings from four plates were to be had, namely 15019, 15025, 15027 and 15028. The Washington papers carried press notices regarding the stamp which they designated as a "Solid" variety.

Mr. Paul E. Bryant sends me a block of the 2c Harding stamp perf. 11, folded previous to being printed from sheet 14994.

Mr. F. R. Demmerly kindly sends a cover from Indianapolis posted with a 2c Harding, imperforate, mailed from his city on November 16th, the first day possible. These imperfs., by the way, are from the flat bed presses and the variety from the rotary press will not be issued in this condition. The Department will not issue a Harding coil so there will be no compound perforations. It is thought that the Bureau will shortly complete their orders totalling 1,600,000,000 of this stamp, and that when these are ready no more will be printed.

Mr. R. H. Mower sends for inspection a very fine horizontal pair of the 4c Omaha showing a distinct vertical stitch watermark.

The Post Office has received a considerable number of complaints regarding the sheets from the rotary press, the complaint being mainly on account of the perforations, resulting in the stamps not separating readily. The Bureau has been experimenting, endeavoring to overcome this stiffness by slight changes in the paper and gum and it is thought that they will soon be in a position to perforate these stamps 11 instead of 10 as heretofore. When the hydraulic presses were used it was necessary to have the larger perforation to prevent the stamps tearing apart at the Bureau. Now that these are no longer used, it is thought that it will be possible to perforate these stamps the same gauge as the regular flat plate varieties. At the present time the only sheets being turned out by the rotary press are the 1c denomination, which is being precancelled at the same time. So far, 1c stamps have been precancelled for fifty-five cities and about ten more cities will follow. When a sufficient supply of the 1c is on hand. it is quite possible other denominations will follow.

Philadelphia has at last presented to the public a definite program to fittingly celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 1926. At that time without extravagant cost or a burden, the city will present through its exhibition the progress of the nation for review, spread the inspiration of the Declaration, assemble the peoples of the world in friendly intercourse, strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and peace, and re-dedicate all to higher aspirations. It will endeavor to ring the Liberty Bell again in every human heart.

I understand that the proper committee is having a bill prepared to present to the next Congress for approval, covering the issuing of a series of postage stamps to advertise the Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition. At present it is thought that there will be three denominations, namely, a 1c green, 2c red and 5c blue with a bare possibility of a 10c orange. The designs which seem to appeal are, foremost the Liberty Bell; second, Independence Hall, and third, if it is possible to show it upon a stamp, the famous picture showing the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It will be recalled that this picture is illustrated on the 24c denomination of the series of 1869, but at that time the demands of the nation only ran to thousands, whereas the demand today runs into the millions. As a result they could do finer press work and much more could be shown on a stamp than is possible today.

Philippines.—On November 15th there was issued in Washington the 16c olive, showing portrait of Admiral Dewey, perforated 11 on unwatermarked paper. These stamps are printed in sheets of 200 and distributed in Post Office panes of 100. The stamps take the place of the former variety showing a portrait of Admiral Sampson. The Bureau of Insular Affairs arranged with the Philatelic Stamp Agent for the disposal of 10,000 of this variety. No other denominations are obtainable, nor will more be sold when these are distributed, unless of course further arrangements are made between the two interested parties.

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A new denomination of Postage Due has been printed and dispatched to Belize, viz., 1 cent black (wmk. Script *CA*) and the 2 and 4 cents of the same series have also been again printed with Script wmk.

A new printing of the ordinary 5 cents adhesive, in blue as before, but in the "Nyasaland" type, Script wmk., is in hand.—*Stamp Collecting.*

CHINA.—We are indebted to Mr. R. Roberts for a copy of the 20c claret from the re-engraved plate. This plate is from the newly engraved die which differs considerably from the previous issue, the most noticeable thing being the clump of trees at the left, two branches of which stand up much higher than in the original die.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 10c black and ultramarine of the current type on script watermarked paper.

GERMANY.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the following new items: 800,000 mark on 200mk carmine, 1,000,000mk blue, and 5,000,000mk rose, both of the new design. All are watermarked chicken wire.

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CARAGUA.—Mr. Charles H. Calman our attention to a copy of the 2c of 1914 series that has the overprint e un centavo de cordoba" in three but in much lighter type than the arge noted in the current catalog.

ROCCO AGENCIES.—Mr. R. Roberts es that the 5d stamp of Great in has appeared with the surcharge occo Agencies" in two lines at the and "50 centimes" in two lines at ottom all in black ink.

RRA LEONE.—New printings are ed of the current 3d blue, 5d purple age-green, and 6d purple and "bril- rosa," Plate 10, Script wmk.

e 1s black on emerald, 2s purple and on blue, £2 purple and blue, and £5 and orange, have been printed from 1 for the first time on Script *CA*, and the £1 purple and black on red gain been printed with the old Mult. mk. The emerald paper of the 1s is new in the case of this Colony.—*mp Collecting.*

AITS SETTLEMENTS.—The following printings are officially notified (all Script wmk.) :—

lack, Plate 1.

4c "blue-purple" (instead of red, as to), Plate 2.

6c laret, Plate 1.

10 purple on yellow, Plates 7 and 9.

last-named is a reversion to the al colour of the 10 cents value, should make the market price of me denomination in blue appreciate hat in commercial circles.

Stamp booklets containing eight 5 cents s 7 and 9) and ten 6 cents (Plate mps are now on sale.—*Stamp Col-*

British Colonials at a Slaughter

Egypt, No. 2, catalogue value ..$4.00	$1.50
***Egypt**, No. 8, 45c; 15, 2.75; 14, 90c; 13	.50
Great Britain, No. 56, $1.75; 2, 80c; 83	.35
HongKong; No.4, 60c; 14, 25c; 45, 55c; 11	.15
Jamaica, No. 1, 30c; 2, 80c; *3, 1.50; 11	.40
***Malta**, No.3b, good copy, cat.val. 10.00	2.50
Natal, No. 30, 65c; 31, str. edge 5.00	1.10
***Newfoundland**, No. 17, perfection copy	5.00
N. S. Wales, No. 45, v. fine copy 5.00	2.25
N.S.Wales, No.38, 90c; 33, 25c; **India**, 6	.45
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No. 29, $1.10; 28, 50c; 21, superb..	2.00
St. Vincent, No. 13, very fine copy...	1.25
No. 6, good copy, rare, cat. 15.00	5.00
No. 14, fine copy, cat. value 7.50	3.00
So. Australia, No. 41, good copy 5.00	1.85
Trinidad, No.24, thin, otherwise fine 15.00	3.75
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Queensland, No. 8, $1.20; 42a, 65c; 13	1.25
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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.
Office of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General.
Washington, D. C. September 15, 1898.

Sellschopp & Co., 108 Stockton St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sirs,—Yours of the 9th inst., submitting an "Army Frank" label, has been received. In reply, I have to say that this label is not official, nor has it received the sanction of this Department. It is not good for securing the free transmission of official matter.

The law requires that the free penalty envelopes, to be provided by the several Departments of the Government, and not after devices selected by individual officers, shall bear the name of the Department on whose business the envelopes are used, the office or bureau from which they emanate, together with the words "Official Business," and a statement of the penalty for their mis-use.

The label submitted by you, which was designed by Major Brewster C. Kenyon, does not conform to these requirements, and even if it did, the use of it would be objectionable, as army officers should use only such penalty envelopes or labels as the War Department authorizes or provides.—Respectfully yours,

JOHN A. MERRITT,
Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

The Weekly Philatelic Era, Dec. 26, 1903, states that an attempt was made to sell the "remainders" as "stamps" that had been sanctioned by the War and Post Office Department, though not an official issue.—*Stamp Lover.*

SQUEAKS FROM A STAMP HINGE.

By "M. T." DOME.

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An all-year sport is old "Al" Bumm.
From Spring to Fall he blithely tramps
The links. When winter evenings come,
He spends 'em with his rare old stamps.

IS THAT SO?

Do you remember Doctor Bills?
Complained all day of aches and ills?
Last week Bills started to save stamps.
Now Bills forgets his chills and cramps.

SHAKE!

I'd like you to meet Mr. Ricker,
Phil Ricker—a regular guy.
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Than Phil with a sticker,
Nor quicker to pick a fine "buy".

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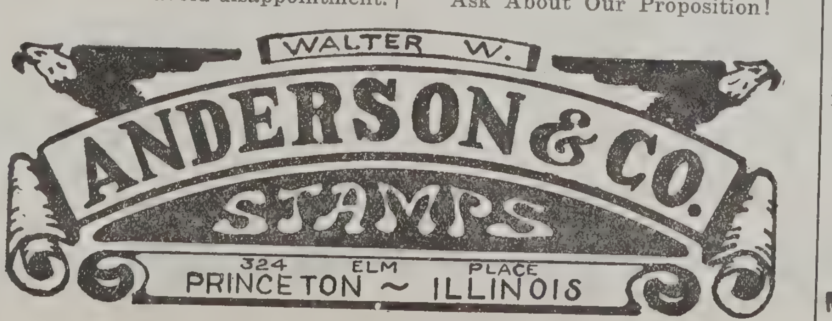

Mint British Colonials

Another Fine List

All Unused O. G.

GAMBIA

1902,	1d,	No. 29	.30
	2d,	No. 30	.50
	4d,	No. 33	.90
	6d,	No. 34	.60
	2sh,	No. 37	3.50
	2sh 6d,	No. 38	2.40
	3sh,	No. 39	2.65
1904,	1d,	No. 41	.30
	2½d,	No. 43	.45
	3d,	No. 44	1.10
1909,	2d,	No. 58	.60
	3d,	No. 59	.45
	4d,	No. 60	.55
	5d,	No. 61	.90
	6d,	No. 62	1.10
	7½d,	No. 63	.90
	10d,	No. 64	1.10
1912,	½d,	No. 70	.03
	1d,	No. 71	.04
	1½d,	No. 72	.06
	2d,	No. 73	.08
	2½d,	No. 74	.10
	3d,	No. 75	.12
	4d,	No. 76	.15
	5d,	No. 77	.20
	6d,	No. 78	.25
	7½d,	No. 79	.30
	10d,	No. 80	.35
	1sh,	No. 81	.40
	1sh,	No. 81a	.35
1921,	½d,	No. 86	.03
	1d,	No. 87	.04
	1½d,	No. 88	.35
	2d,	No. 89	.08
	2½d,	No. 90	.15
	5d,	No. 91	.45
	6d,	No. 92	.30
	7½d,	No. 93	.35
	10d,	No. 94	.40
	4sh,	No. 100	2.95
	5sh,	No. 101	2.00
1922,	½d to 1sh, Nos. 102 to 110 and 117 to 119 cplt.		1.35

GIBRALTAR

1903,	½d,	No. 37	.20
	2½d,	No. 40	.45
1904,	1d,	No. 49	.15
	2d,	No. 50	.30
	2½d,	No. 51	.90
	6d,	No. 52	.60
	6d,	No. 52a	5.95
1907,	1d,	No. 59	.15
	2½d,	No. 61	.40
1912,	½d,	No. 66	.02
	1d,	No. 67	.05
	2d,	No. 68	.20
	2½d,	No. 69	.15
	6d,	No. 70	20
	1sh,	No. 71	.30
	2sh,	No. 72	.60
	4sh,	No. 73	1.20
	8sh,	No. 74	2.40
	20sh,	No. 75	6.00
1921,	1d,	No. 77	.03
	2d,	No. 78	.05
	2½d,	No. 79	.60
	1½d,	No. 80	.05
	3d,	No. 81	.08
	6d,	No. 83	.16
1903,	1p,	No. 224	.90

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS

1911,	½d,	No. 1	1.85
	2½d,	No. 4	.90
	5d,	No. 5	.90
	2d,	No. 10	.24
	2½d,	No. 11	.24
1912,	½d,	No. 14	.03
	2d,	No. 16	.12
	4d,	No. 19	.12
	1sh,	No. 22	.35
1918,	1d,	No. 101	.05

GOLD COAST

1903,	½d,	No. 38	.07
	1d,	No. 39	.07
	2½d,	No. 41	.90
	3d,	No. 42	.75
	1sh,	No. 44	.60
1904,	1d,	No. 50	.24
	2d,	No. 51	.24
1907,	½d,	No. 56	.04
	1d,	No. 57	.15
	2d,	No. 58	.18
	2½d,	No. 59	.30
	6d,	No. 61	45
	2sh,	No. 63	.90
1908,	1d,	No. 66	.06
1913,	6d,	No. 74	.20
	1sh,	No. 75	.30
1921,	½d,	No. 83	.02
	1d,	No. 84	.03
	1½d,	No. 85	.05
	3d,	No. 88	.08
	6d,	No. 89	.16

GREAT BRITAIN

Offices in China

1916,	1c,	No. 1	.02
	2c,	No. 2	.03
	4c,	No. 3	.06
	6c,	No. 4	.10
	8c,	No. 5	.15
	10c,	No. 6	.15

All Unused O. G.

Off. in China Cont'd

1916,	12c,	No. 7	.40
	20c,	No. 8	.30
	30c,	No. 10	.45
1922,	1c,	No. 18	.05
	2c,	No. 19	.06
	4c,	No. 20	.65
	6c,	No. 21	.15
	8c,	No. 22	.35
	10c,	No. 23	.35
	20c,	No. 24	.45
	25c,	No. 25	.50
	$1.00,	No. 26	1.75
	$2.00,	No. 27	3.50

Offices in Morocco

1907,	15c,	No. 3	.18
	40c,	No. 6a	.18
	50c,	No. 7	.30
	6d,	No. 17	.30
1914,	5c,	No. 26	.03
	10c,	No. 27	.04
	15c,	No. 28	.18
	20c,	No. 29	.15
	25c,	No. 30	.15
1917,	1sh,	No. 49	.50
1921,	4d,	No. 68	.12
	6d,	No. 69	.16

Offices in Turkey

1902,	4pi,	No. 10	.35
1905,	2d,	No. 54	.18
1909,	30pa,	No. 62	.24
	1pia30pa,	No. 64	1.25
	5pia,	No. 67	.50
1910,	1¾ pia,	No. 69	.18
1921,	30pa,	No. 99	.02
	1½pi,	No. 100	.03
	3¾pi,	No. 101	.08
	4½pi,	No. 102	.09
	7½pi,	No. 103	.15
	15pi,	No. 104	.25
	18¾pi,	No. 105	.30

GRENADA

1906,	½d,	No. 68	.06
	1d,	No. 69	.09
	2d,	No. 70	.30
	2½d,	No. 71	1.50
	1sh,	No. 74	.60
1913,	½d,	No. 79	.03
	1d,	No. 80	.04
	2d,	No. 81	.09
	2½d,	No. 82	.09
	3d,	No. 83	.15
	6d,	No. 84	.20
	1sh,	No. 85	.30
	2sh,	No. 86	1.09
	5sh,	No. 87	1.95
	10sh,	No. 88	4.00
1914,	3d,	No. 89	.25
1921,	½d,	No. 91	.02
	1d,	No. 92	.09
	2d,	No. 93	.06
	2½d,	No. 94	.50
	6d,	No. 95	.16
	1d,	No. 97	.03
	1½d,	No. 98	.05
	2½d,	No. 99	.07
	3d,	No. 100	.08
	5d,	No. 101	.14
	9d,	No. 102	.24
	2sh,	No. 103	.60
	3sh,	No. 104	.90
	1sh scr. wmk.		.30
	5sh scr. wmk.		1.50
	10sh scr. wmk.		3.00
1906,	1d,	No. 308	1.00
	2d,	No. 309	1.00
	3d,	No. 310	1.00
1921,	1d,	No. 311	.03
	2d,	No. 312	.06
	3d,	No. 313	.09
	1½d,	No. 314	.05

HONG KONG

1903,	1c,	No. 60	.04
	12c,	No. 66	.30
	20c,	No. 67	.35
	30c,	No. 68	.60
	50c,	No. 69	1.50
1904,	5c,	No. 77	.09
	8c,	No. 79	.18
	20c,	No. 82	.45
	30c,	No. 83	.45
	50c,	No. 84	.60
	$1.00,	No. 85	1.80
1907,	1c,	No. 90	.04
	4c,	No. 92	.07
	10c,	No. 93	.15
	50c,	No. 96	.60
1912,	1c,	No. 99	.03
	2c,	No. 100	.04
	4c,	No. 101	.05
	6c,	No. 103	.09
	8c,	No. 104	.18
	10c,	No. 105	.15
	20c,	No. 107	.20
	30c,	No. 109	.35
1914,	12c,	No. 116	.24
1921,	1c,	No. 120	.02
	2c,	No. 121	.02
	4c,	No. 122	.04
	8c,	No. 124	.60
	10c,	No. 125	.10
	20c,	No. 127	.16
	25c,	No. 128	.20
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THREE NEW JAMAICA STAMPS.

We have just received from Herman Focke, a set of three Jamaica stamps, consisting of ½, 1 and 2½d values. The ½d and 1d values have pictures of a girl and boy respectively, while the 2½d value shows a boy and girl. The stamps are bi-colored in green and black, red and black, and blue and black, respectively. At the top of the stamp is the inscription "Jamaica" with value, while at the bottom is a tablet with the words "Child Welfare." We thank Mr. Focke for his courtesy and take the liberty of quoting from his letter:—

"As you will observe at the foot of the stamps, the issue is one for the children's welfare, in other words a charity set, each stamp being sold at the post-office at ½d over face value, and as the subjects on all three values are coloured kiddies, I presume that the funds thus derived will be used for the poor children of the Colony."

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

The "Gibbons" Decision.

Our article on "The Function of the Catalogue Editor" (*S.G.M.C.*, December, 1922), brought forth a mass of correspondence from collectors, and evoked considerable comment in the philatelic press. From these it is evident that there is considerable divergence of opinion as to the effect to be gained by the initiation of a catalogue boycott of "unnecessary" postage stamps.

While most of us are agreed that the unrestricted output of stamps, for which no postal necessity can be alleged, is likely to be detrimental to our hobby, there is evidently serious doubt in the minds of many as to whether any policy of boycott, however carefully it might be carried out by catalogue editors, would be of assistance towards the end in view, unless collectors were first unanimous that "unnecessary" issues should be suppressed.

The anti-boycott party very rightly maintain that the collector has a perfect right to collect what he chooses, and that the present well-understood basis of stamp catalogues is that any stamp issued for postal purposes by a recognised authority should be included. They argue that any change from this basis, in the direction of giving catalogue editors the right to include or exclude certain stamps or issues at their discretion, would give rise to much confusion and uncertainty in the minds of catalogue users, who, buying a catalogue with the object of gaining information concerning stamps which they know to have been legitimately (though perhaps unnecessarily) issued, might find that such stamps were omitted altogether.

Those who are in favour of a catalogue boycott welcome it on the ground that something ought to be done to make the issue of unnecessary stamps unprofitable to the governments concerned, and that a boycott would be a step in the right direction.

It is true that "he who pays the piper calls the tune" and it may be assumed that many collectors would resent the institution of a system of boycott, unless it could be established on such a logical basis as could be clearly defined and secure universal acceptance. If such a basis could be found, it would only mean that the field open to the stamp collector had once again been reduced in area, as it has been from time to time in the past by the gradual dropping of postal stationery, telegraph stamps, etc., from most catalogues. Unfortunately no such well-defined basis can be established in respect of the great majority of the issues known to be unnecessary for postal purposes, so that universal agreement on the part of collectors is impossible.

A boycott by one catalogue alone would only have the effect of turning the collector to other works which he would consider as more complete, while any agreement between the publishers of the leading catalogues is not likely to be effected.

We have, therefore, decided that, with the inclusion of ex-enemy war issues in the next edition of the Gibbons catalogue, the basis on which stamps are listed shall be that in force before the war, viz., the acceptance of any stamps issued by recognised authority and available for postal purposes. This will, of course, imply the admission of the "MALAYA-BORNEO" Commemoratives, which were boycotted in the current Part I Catalogue.

At the same time we are convinced that the issue of large numbers of unnecessary stamps year by year is not in the best interests of collectors, and we shall do all that lies in our power to combat them, both by warning collectors against them in the columns of this journal and by taking our part in such representations as may be made from time to time to the authorities concerned.
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JUST A MATTER OF ETHICS.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 8, 1923.

To the Editor:—

I am writing you to tell you how several dealers tried to get a $500 collectio from me for only $40 and I want t show them up. Some weeks ago I hear of a woman in our city whose husban had just died and left her almost dest tute. Knowing she had a collection went to see it.

I found an old 1880 album with abo one thousand stamps, 1861-9 U. S. complete, 90c Justice, etc., and some goo Nova Scotias. I told her most deale sold 1,000 stamps all different for thr or four dollars, but as I was a collect I would give her $7 for the lot. Sh said her father who made the collectio had always declared that it was wort a good deal and $7 seemed very littl However, I knew she needed the mone so I held off and she finally sold it to m

When I got home I found I had ove $700 catalog value, a good bargain, wasn it? The next day I tried to sell the colle tion to a dealer for $400, but he told m so many of the stamps were damaged th he could use only thirty of them an for these he would give me one-ha catalog. He bought $170 list and ga me $85. Upon checking up his figures saw he had paid me $10 too much, b that, of course, was his lookout. Eve then he probably cheated me, as I notic that dealers pay full list for stamps the want.

Last Friday I showed the rest of th book to several dealers but the best offe I could get was $40, the excuse bein given that many of the stamps wer damaged and the perforations clippe Of course I told this dealer just what thought of him, trying to bunco me o of $500 catalog value on a $40 offer. have decided to keep this collection unt I can get an honest price. I know a bo near me who wants it and his father i rich, and so long as neither one of the knows much about stamps I guess can get them to buy it for Christmas.

I hope you will publish this letter an let the public know just how grasping th dealers are. Of course this doesn't appl to all dealers, but just those I happene to come in contact with.

Honest Collector.

Christmas

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THE GOD OF GOOD LUCK.

By W. Gardner.

Duttia is one of those Native Indian States about which, until postage stamps began to be issued, there was little known. It is in Central India, north of Jhansi, and has an area of nearly 1,000 square miles. The present Maharaja is Sir Bahwani Singh who succeeded in 1907. Only about two per cent. of the population, which numbers about 190,000, can write, so the quantity of stamps used must be small. The stamps are printed at a private press and they are not available for postage until they have received the impression of the Maharajah's seal. The seal, which is circular in shape, and is impressed in blue and sometimes in brown, has in the centre a rough representation of the God Ganesa. The seal control is used as a prevention against forgery. Despite the crude appearance of these stamps they form a very interesting series, for they all show in the centre a representation of the God Ganesa, the God of Good Luck. Besides the Hindu inscription at the base of the stamp we find DUTTIA STATE POSTAGE or DATIA STATE POSTAGE on the other three sides.

The means of separating the stamps is also interesting for we find imperforate stamps, stamps rouletted in colour and some (1911) perforated 13½.

The earliest date of which the first postage stamps appear to have been issued was 1893, although it was not till some four years later that philatelists became acquainted with their nature.

A great deal of useful information about these stamps was written by the late Major Evans for the *Monthly Journal.*

Ganesa, Ganapati or Ganesh, is the Hindu god found upon all the stamps of Duttia. He is the son of Siva and Parvati and is considered the god of prudence and good luck. He is invoked at the beginning of all enterprises. No public festivals are held in his honour, but his image stands in almost every house. He is always represented as a corpulent, four-armed man with the head of an elephant, this curious headpiece being accounted for in various ways. Parvati, his mother, going to the bath left her son, Ganesa, to guard the door, which duty he did so conscientiously that he endeavoured to prevent even the God Siva, his father, from coming in. Siva was so angry that he cut off Ganesa's head, on which the bereaved mother rushed out of the bath and insisted that Siva should replace the severed head immediately. Siva picked up an elephant's head which happened to be lying handy and placed it on the shoulders of Ganesa, to whose body it became permanently attached. This head had a fine pair of tusks, but (according to another legend) one was lost in the following way:—Ganesa, acting as Siva's doorkeeper, was told to keep visitors away during his master's siesta. Parasu-Rama, that is Rama with the axe, paid an inopportune call and was denied admittance by the faithful Ganesa. The affair ended in a scuffle during which Ganesa got hold of Parasu with his trunk. Rama released himself by hurling his axe which cut off one of Ganesa's tusks. Ganesa is usually represented with one tusk only. The objects in his four hands are a shell, a discus, a club or goad and a lotus. His tusk is on the right side. His head denotes sagacity and cunning and without his permission no undertaking or marriage is even thought of for fear of obstacles he might place in the way.—*Postage Stamp.*

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There was neither the crowded attendance nor the general air of excitement in the salesroom on this occasion and the absence of American buyers tended to make competition for the big things weak. American bids were there, but having been absent from their home affairs for the London Exhibition, some of those who would have been at the sale personally could not spare the time and left their bids in charge of the auctioneer or other agents. In contests between the philatelic giants the agent can rarely have complete freedom of action in unlimited bidding. If Nabob and Crœsus each gave an agent instructions to buy the same lot, without limit, we should see some sensational bidding if each agent held his ground—and the auctioneer would have to introduce the guillotine.

This sale started with a dozen lots of Alsatians, in which there is a very strong element of specialisation on the Continent, and some of the varieties little appreciated here fetched substantial amounts. The 20c blue with the figures "20" close up to the word "Postes" (mint) fetched £91, a similar one used on letter £40, and another 20c variety POSTE S £52. A misplaced background 2c went in a mixed lot of eleven; and a 4c grey, burelage inverted with displaced figure, brought £48.

Argentine early issues sold high, but the rare inverts of 1899-1900 1 peso and 5 pesos went moderately at £23 and £42 respectively.

The Germans were not particularly interesting, but a set of eleven modern atrocities, all but unknown to collectors here, being provisionals issued at Tientsin (S. G. C10-18, etc.), fetched the surprising figure of £171, at which figure they were knocked down to M. Gilbert, acting no doubt for some correspondent.

South Australia provided some fine lots, the principal single items being the 4d blue without surcharge unused and used. The stamp used is of a very high degree of rarity, and unused it might compare for numbers with the 1d "Post Office." But the unused was bought very cheaply for Mr. Hind at £314, no one feeling it worth while to compete with him, and M. Burrus was equally lucky to get the used one for £67.

The unused stamp was acquired by Ferrary about 1900, and was the left-hand stamp of a pair purchased by Mr. W. Seebo at the time of the currency of the 3d on 4d deep ultramarine, at a little store (kept by H. Muick), which was also the local post-office at Greenock, South Australia. Mr. Seebo sold the pair to Messrs. Gibbons in 1900; they let Ferrary have one, taking a used one (now in Mr. E. S. Collins' collection) in part payment. The unused pair is illustrated (enlarged) in the *Australian Stamp Journal,* XII, p. 167.

Fifty-seven ships and heads of Buenos Aires sold well, the unique *tête-bêche* pair of the 1 peso blue ship, lightly postmarked, was bought for Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein for £522. The existence of a *tête-bêche* variety in the 1 peso plate was discovered by the late Senor Marco del Pont, who had a copy of the 1 peso with sufficient margin on one side to show that the neighbouring stamp had been inverted; but this is the first and only actual pair known. M. Burrus paid £163 for a fine unused copy of the 5 pesos ship in bright orange.

Among the Chili stamps were three watermark errors of the 10c, concerning which there was considerable diversity of opinion. One with the watermark "20" instead of "10" fetched £65, and another (lot 161) was no doubt a fake and was withdrawn. The 10c watermarked "5" instead of "10," which fetched £32, was a somewhat doubtful variety.

I confess to a fancy for inverted centres (in stamps), and although there were many other fine Chileans in the

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A superb collection of Egypt, 1866 issue, comprising 177 stamps, brought £163, and the balance, 1867 onwards, 626 stamps, £112.

An unused strip of seven of that elusive stamp, the 10c blue Confederate States with frame line (S.G. 31) went to Mr. Caspary at £236. United States inverted centres brought:—1869, 15c, unused, £301; 1869, 24c, used, £53; 1869, 30c, unused, £505; 1901, 1c, unused, £13 13s; 1901, 2c, unused, £87; 1901, 4c, unused, £20; and the 4c blue Columbus error, £19. A Brattleboro on letter was bought for Mr. Hind at £275. There were a few more "Postmasters" and a hitherto unrecorded stamp (in pair on letter) of Unionville, South Carolina. This was a crude thing of the Civil War period handstamped with a heavy "5" and again handstamped with PAID in an oblong rule with rounded ends. The letter was addressed to "Col. William M. Gist, care of Col. Greggs, Centreville, Virginia," and M. Gilbert showed me another letter addressed in the same handwriting to the same party and address, from his reference collection, bearing a government Confederate stamp, as some support of its authenticity. The Unionville pair went to Mr. Caspary for £261.

A *tête-bêche* pair of Athens used on letter brought £66.

The United States collection at this sale yielded 247,100 frs. or with tax 290,342 frs. or £4,032, which, with the previous lots (Sales 3 and 4) brings the U. S. total up to 1,564,311 frs. or £30,700.

Four more Hawaiian "Missionaries," each defective, were the 2c Type II, £1,778; 5c Type I, £310; 13c Type I, £244; and 13c H.I. and U.S., Type II, £220. Our register of the Missionaries from this collection now numbers 21, as follows:—

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The Hanover section contained some interesting bisects, one item, a strip of three and a half of the 3pf rose on letter fetching £69. A collection of 411 Heligoland, with reprints (225) brought £84, and a small collection of used (29) fetched £12 12s.

A sheet of Matabeleland "Reuter's Telegraph Service" (18 stamps) sold for 65s. There were a few Dutch items, notably the 15c chestnut, Die I, perf. 10x10½ unused, which brought £46.

Philippines, of which there was such a wonderful lot in the fourth sale, again figured in the seventh to the extent of 30 lots, ranging from single items to collections of 81, 110, 166 and 221. A superb used block of the 10c rose of 1854 with the speckled circle postmark brought £126, an unused block of four 5c red, Type I, from the corner of sheet, £184.

A set of six Prussian telegraph stamps of 1864, unused (Yvert 4600f) fetched 4200 frs. (£68).

St. Christopher was represented by an array of surcharge errors, inverted and double, and one curious item of which I find no other record, an error "PENEY" corrected in the large type of the ONE PENNY on 2½d of 1888. Nothing seems to have been known of a PENEY error in this setting, but this one had been corrected with writing ink. It sold for £42. An unused copy of the rare small type surcharge on the 2½d (S.G. No. 33) brought £75 from M. Champion. Only a single sheet of 20 is believed to have been surcharged with this small type.

A collection of 97 San Marino surcharges brought £18, and a small lot of 23 St. Thomas and La Guaira £31.

A 2 schilling rose Schleswig-Holstein used on letter brought £58.

13 Swazieland, including the 10s, and the "Swazielan" error in the ½d, 2d and 5s, the latter in pair with normal, brought £13.

A hitherto unknown *tête-b'êche* pair of the 1 para yellow, 1872, Serbia, brought £81 (unused), and a collection of 1089 (1869 to end) of the same country brought £106.

Even German Locals, represented by a collection of 2129, brought close on £27, and went to swell M. Burrus' growing collection.

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This stamp will be put into circulation on 1st November, 1923, and will be sold for 3d, the extra ½d being for the promotion of Child Welfare in Jamaica.

The five shilling adhesive stamp with the script watermark will be available to the public on the 8th November, 1923.

The stamp is described in notice published in *Gazette* of 14th April, 1921, page 299.

Signed, C. C. Manton,
Deputy Stamp Commissioner."

In *The Gleaner* of November 1st appeared the following notice issued by the Post Office Department, relating to the stamps:

"Notice.
Child Welfare.

A special issue of Postage and Revenue stamps bearing the words 'Child Welfare' of the following denominations: ½d, 1d, 2½d, will be sold for 1d, 1½d, 3d each, respectively, at the General Post Office and certain District Post Offices during November, December, 1923, and January, 1924.

The extra half-penny charged over and above the face value of each stamp will be for the benefit of 'Child Welfare' —the value for postal purpose is what is printed on each stamp.

Signed, R. H. Fletcher,
Acting Postmaster for Jamaica.
30th October, 1923."

The stamps were engraved and printed from line engraved plates, by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., in two colors, the centers being in black, and the borders in color—green, red and blue, for the ½d, 1d and 2½d respectively.

The sheets are of 120 subjects, 12 horizontal by 10 vertical, 25½x29½ mm., single line perforated 12, and watermarked multiple Crown and script CA. upright. There are no marginal lines or plate numbering, but in the lower margin under the 6th and 7th stamps, a long narrow label, enclosed by a line of color, bears the imprint "Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ld., New Malden, Surrey," in small colorless letters, upper and lower case.

The frame design is common to all three values, except for the change in denomination, which is expressed in numerals in the upper corners, in color, on a horizontally lined ground. "Jamaica" on a straight label between, is in colored sans serif caps, outlined in colorless, on a horizontally lined ground. In the lower corners, "Postage" and "Revenue", at the left and right, respectively, appear in color on plain colorless labels, between which in two lines of caps, colorless on a ground of horizontal lines, is "Child—Welfare". In panels at the sides is a wand or staff, with two serpents entwined (the Eastern symbol of hygiene), resembling the Caduceus of Hermes (messenger of the Greek gods) with the wings at the top omitted.

The vignettes are different for each value, that on the ½d being a representation of a little native girl, seated; on the 1d a native boy, seated, and on the 2½d, a native boy and girl, standing.

The use of these stamps is not limited to the island or Empire, as the prohibition against the use in international mails of postage stamps of temporary validity, formerly appearing in the Postal Union Convention, no longer exists. Copies of these Child Welfare stamps, overprinted "Specimen," were sent to Berne, and distributed among the countries of the Postal Union.

The entire printing of these stamps, except those overprinted "Specimen," was placed in the hands of the Postmaster for Jamaica, and went on sale to the public at Kingston, at 8 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, November 1st. The following quantites were available:

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With such small quantites available, it is not surprising that the ½d exhausted before noon on the day of issue. None of these stamps were retained by the Crown Agents in London to care for the wants of the English dealers, but orders were booked in London, sent out to Kingston, and the stamps supplied from there.

For a charity issue intended to remain on sale for 3 months, the quantities should have been at least ten times as great, especially in view of the very small face value. Of the first Trinidad & Tobago Red Cross stamp (10.21.1915), 100,000 were printed, and disposed of in 2 or 3 hours; and the 250,000 made in the following year (10.19.16), exhausted within a very few days of issue. The Swiss Pro Juventute stamps are issued in the millions. Probably further printings of the Jamaican Child Welfare stamps will be made, now that the authorities have had occasion to determine the demand. It would be a matter of much regret if there were none of these Child Welfare stamps available for use during December, at a time when they would be used in greater numbers than ordinarily, due to the heavy Christmas mails.

Whether the designs will be changed yearly, as with the Pro Juventute stamps of Switzerland remains to be seen, but some change seems necessary, else in subsequent years there will be little or no

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These Child Welfare stamps are the first of Jamaica's postage stamps to be printed by other than Thos. De La Rue & Co., Ltd., who have supplied the requirements of the Colony ever since distinctive postage stamps were introduced there on November 23, 1860. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd. (for some ten years or more controlled by the American Bank Note Co. of New York) have not printed postage stamps for any of the British Crown Colonies in recent years. From 1878 to 1904 they did supply the stamps of the Falkland Islands, and more recently have printed the high value stamps (2s 6d, 5s and 10s) of Great Britain, in the King George, Britannia and Sea Horses type.

The perforation (12, single line) used by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., is new to Jamaica's stamp issues, as these have been uniformly perforated 12, with but two exceptions,—the 2s and 5s Queen Victoria stamps, issued in August, 1875, and perforated 12½.

De La Rue's practice with stamps of this "receipt" size is to limit the sheets to 60 stamps (generally 12 horizontal by 5 vertical),—witness the Legislative Tercentenary stamps of Bermuda (House of Assembly design); Queen's Staircase type stamps of Bahamas, and the pence values of Barbados Victories. But Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., have supplied these Charity Welfare stamps in sheets of 120, undivided.

Stamps of the small, or conventional size, printed from line engraved plates, such as Cayman Islands second King George series (a la New Zealand), Turks & Caicos Islands Crown type series, and the small Arms type series of Barbados. —De La Rue supply in sheets of 120, undivided. The lower values of St. Vincent, King George series, line engraved, are also furnished in sheets of this size.

The current ½d and 1d Jamaican pictorials, typographically printed, are in sheets of 120, 2 panes of 80 each, as are also the King George and Arms type stamps of Trinidad & Tobago.

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BOOK REVIEW.

We have received from S. A. Pappadopoulo a booklet "The Stamps of Russia in Asia." It is written in both French and English. The author was travelling in Siberia during the revolution and had the opportunity of securing most of these issues, which will in time according to his opinion prove very valuable. Mr. Pappadopoulo has made exhaustive inquiries about the issues and holds documents from postal authorities giving actual numbers issued. He is now located in Shanghai, Box 843, having moved there from Vladivostok, Siberia. The price of the book is 50c.

We have received a very neat little booklet written and published by Simpson Yeomans, 101 Morningside Drive, Kansas City, Mo. It is entitled "The Booklet Issues of the United States." It gives a detailed description of the United States stamps that have been issued in booklet form from 1900 to 1923. Mr. Yeomans has made a special study of this sideline in U. S. stamps and his work is painstaking and thorough. The book is freely illustrated and the price is 75c. We quote the following from the introductory chapter:—

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To date there have appeared in Booklet form eight issues of one cent stamps, ten issues of two cent stamps, and two issues of three cent stamps. The early issues include nine distinct collectible Plate Varieties and the later ones twelve Plate Varieties, so that the total number of distinct collectible varieties is 237, comprising differences in design, watermark and guide lines. In recent years the collecting of Booklet Leaves showing Plate Numbers has become as popular as collecting the plate varieties, and, as practically all the Plate Numbers are available with the exception of the earlier issues, their collecting is quite interesting. Plate Number Leaves of the first three issues are rare and command a good price, so their collecting is confined to the more patient and more advanced Specialists. Plate Number Leaves of the issues from 1908 to date are more easily obtained and more reasonable in price; therefore, the majority of Specialists confine themselves to these later varieties. Approximately 424 different plates have been used since 1908, from practically all of which Plate Number Leaves are obtainable.

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—Glancing though the table of countries to which parcel post packages will be accepted for delivery together with postal rates, we find few instances where the postage rate is well up in the dollars. The maximum seems to be attained by Katanga Province in Belgian Congo, to which the transit charge on a package weighing up to one pound is $1.32, when sent *via* Capetown.

—Some of the Permits are so crudely lettered that they appear to be caricatures on the well-drawn designs. In fact a reader sent one of the Chicago Permits in to the postmaster of that city thinking that by doing so he was heeding the injunction of the postal authorities that the public keep its eyes open for postal fraud in order to report it. He was thanked for his interest but the Permit was all right.

—The *Evening Review,* published at East Liverpool, Ohio, contained in its issue of Saturday, Nov. 17, a readable stamp story with Bradie Buchanan a local stamp collector as the subject. Mr. Buchanan is in the Y. & O. ticket office at East Liverpool and has been a stamp collector for some twenty years.

—The Anderson Stamp Co. has a new address. The firm is now located at 4519 N. Albany Av., Chicago, Ill.

—O. J. Richardson, manager of the Eclipse Stamp Co., Eden, N. Y., writes us that he will spend the winter in the south and due notice of his address will later appear in the Weekly. Mail addressed temporarily to Eden, N. Y., will be forwarded. Will the subscriber in Chicago who sent the Eclipse Co. $2.30 for stamps under date of Nov. 8 send his name and street address to the firm?

—We have received from Dresden, Germany a post card upon which were stamps to the value of 2,400,000,000 marks. There was one 1 billion mark stamp, two 500 million marks and two 200 million marks to make up the required rate. The card was one of greetings from Alfred Toron of Owego, N. Y., who is now staying for a while in Dresden. He writes that stamp collectors in Germany are leading hectic lives with the many issues of postage stamps coming along week by week.

—How do those editors inoculate themselves with "truth serum?" Here is what one of the old boys says who gets something like a President's salary for rattling around in the editorial chair: "Twenty-five years ago a young engraver under federal sentence for making his own revenue stamps, having nothing to work with but the white of an egg, a piece of copper and a single tool, produced in his cell a plate of such perfection that the bare eyes could not detect a difference between the Treasury note original and the counterfeit."

—We quote a newspaper headline: "Searchers for Postal Uniques, Once Under Spell of Philately, Spare Nothing to Gain Curios." "Postal Uniques" is a new one and we tage some of the text of the New York *Sun's* article: "If there is any hobby that transforms an ordinarily sane person into something else it is philately, says a veteran post-office clerk. He asserts that the study of postage stamps and the collection of them possesses a viselike grip from which even well-balanced, intelligent folk cannot escape once they have fallen victims of the mania.

A naturalist, whose goal is a matchless collection of butterflies, may lose a little of his ardor if, perchance, he should slip from the top of a precipice or run head first into a stone wall, in an effort to capture an elusive butterfly of gaudy hue. Not so with the philatelist, if the analysis of an old postal employee is to be relied upon.

"We used to have a stamp 'hound' visit our station every day," he related reminiscently, "and sometimes he'd be on the job before the shift came on in the morning for work.

"When the parcel post stamps came out with the pictures of airplanes on them, we got a series once with all the airplanes upside down. There wasn't a clerk in the place who couldn't have earned some easy money from the stamp collector for a few of those. Then came another series of two cent stamps printed in green instead of red. There was no such thing as turning him down. He was all prepared to go to Washington and have some laws passed to allow him to get some of those stamps.

"There wasn't any irregularity too small for him. Sometimes he'd give a tip to a clerk for getting a stamp that had something the matter with it that you'd have to see with a microscope.

"They'd rather find a freak postage stamp worth one cent than see Babe Ruth hit a home run. And once you get them started, they'll talk postage stamps until you become dizzy.

"I remember the last we saw of one stamp crank. One of our clerks, who was a pretty good artist, sold the stamp collector a two cent stamp for $5. The picture of George Washington's head included a pair of eye glasses on George's nose. The collector thought he had a find, but when he got home and looked at it under a magnifying glass, he found that it had been drawn in with red ink and a pen."

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—The Schenectady Stamp Club, a cal branch of "Kosmopolit," has just en instituted with C. F. Busch as presi- nt and Eric Buchwald as financial cretary.

—We regret that we are compelled to cord the death of Everett Van Voorhis Nelsonville, N. Y. The sad news mes to us from P. M. Wolsieffer who minds us that he was a strong col- tor of Match and Medicine stamps.

—The Sacramento Stamp Society meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of ch month. Any collector residing in cramento county may write W. Wyllie, 12 Kay St., Sacramento, California.

—The Manual Arts High School of s Angeles, California, has a Stamp ub that has flourished for three years der the wing of its faculty adviser, r. L. D. LaTourrette. The Club now s 60 boys and girls each of which is real stamp bug. Herbert Porter, the pular president, is serving his second m and runs the club meeting under per parliamentary law. The first and rd meetings are devoted to business d the second and fourth weekly meets trading stamps. Students who be- ng to the Club are recognized by a at gold pin, patterned after the Cape angular stamps which has an M on one e; an A on the other and Stamp Club ross the bottom, the center having a sed design of the stamp.

—We notice that one or more of the English collectors are giving talks on philately before the radio; and in this country we hear of the broadcasting of radio philately from different sections. Minneapolis was the city first in the field as a philatelic radio center and the Burt McCann Company of that place was instrumental in bringing collecting to the fore in this way.

—A new subscriber, Mr. J. E. Talcott of Cleveland, writes: "What arrangement is made between various countries so that when mail matter passes from one country to another, the one to whom the mail is sent receives a portion of the postage which was paid at the point of origin, and how is the amount determined?" We suggest that our correspondent write to the International Bureau of the Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland, for details of any arrangements of the kind. When the Postal Union was organized, it was provided that each administration should keep the whole of the sums collected, with the consequence that the necessity of keeping accounts with the different countries became unnecessary.

—Mr. C. J. Phillips writes that he will be in Chicago for a short time where many of his friends will be pleased to have the opportunity to meet him again.

—A talk on stamps was given recently by the editor before the stamp club of the Crane Technical High School, Chicago.

—From Mr. August F. Brandstedt, Oakland, California, we have received a list of fifteen New Zealand stamps with advertising cancellations. Sunlight Soap, Poneke Beef Extract, Beecham's Pills, Irish Moss and Cadbury Bros. are represented as well as other names of firms and articles. Our correspondent has a very fair lot of these stamps, which first made their appearance in 1893.

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EDITORIAL.

We are within hailing distance of the year 1924 and when we realize this, the date of the exhibition at Philadelphia in 1926 does not seem remote. Soon it will be necessary to start the preliminary work in order that preparations be not hampered by lack of time. The success of the recent London exhibition has inspired collectors here to plan for a festival that will mark the highest of philatelic achievements. As the work on the exhibition plans progresses, philatelic, and to some extent public interest will increase and when the time comes for the opening of the exhibition we want the whole reading world to know of this stamp display.

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In answer to the criticism that is heard somewhat frequently in recent years that the stamp dealers are forcing up prices on certain desirable stamps too rapidly, we say that the dealers are practically guiltless of any attempt at price control. Dealers of the present day are more inclined than ever before to sell any and all their stamps without setting up a reserve stock of specimens that they think are underpriced or due for a rise. Outside of a "gem" book or some special repository for pet stamps, the modern dealer does not play the market for a rise but contents himself with a frequent turn-over. The dealer is forced to replace the stamps that advance rapidly in price by buying at correspondingly higher prices. For instance, a collector shows us eighty odd specimens of Number One of Denmark and he is followed by another collector who seems to have accumulated all the copies of the first stamp of the Dutch Indies; and when it comes to the stamps of our own country the "excesses" committed by some of the collectors are almost beyond belief. Of course, it is the collector's own business to buy as many or as few of a stamp as he wishes for purposes of study or for whim but it is beside the mark to say that the dealer has a hand in boosting prices in specific instances. Pool operations among the dealers are unknown, we think, and any concerted attempt on their part to inflate prices would fail if for nothing more than the disposition of dealers not to act in unison. Price advances are an inevitable consequence of the absorption of stamps with a personality by collectors who find a pleasure in getting together as many of the stamps as possible. The dealers make their money by selling as many stamps as they can, as often as they can.

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A correspondent expresses surprise that means are not taken to capitalize the great interest that is now being shown in stamp collecting by the outside reading public and he says that if stamp folks do not stir themselves in behalf of their pursuit, no others will. While we can understand the impulse that leads our critic to "rouse philatelists from their lethargy" we fail to discover any constructive suggestions in his letter. If he could only tell in what way an actual philatelic contact could be made with those who read of stamps and collectors in the non-philatelic publications, we would hail him as a benefactor. As matters now stand, we are of the opinion that telling work is being done to attract recruits in a dozen or more different ways; and if an idea were to be broached whereby better results could be accomplished in a wholesale way, many willing shoulders would be placed against the wheel. Under the present circumstances we know that there are a good many collectors who are doing much to proclaim the merits of collecting. They are instrumental in having articles printed in the press; they encourage the showing of stamps in any public way; they are willing to speak about collecting before organizations of different kind; they enter into schemes whereby the younger generation may be led into philately and in other ways they are active in trying to permeate the whole public body with philately. While work of this kind is on broad lines yet if it is persevered in, the results must come, but if any critic has an inspired thought to hasten the end by a practical plan, by all means let us have it.

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A question that has come to us furnishes the text for a short dissertation on the subject. A gentleman asks our opinion on the advisability of setting up his daughter in the stamp business. Until she was able to strike out for herself she would be under his guidance. He adds that it is strange that there are no women stamp dealers. As the question comes from a large city that has an active stamp club, we are of the opinion that the field is particularly inviting for a woman dealer and it is our honest belief that a sensible girl who has a sound knowledge of stamps at least in their obvious phases may attain a considerable success as a dealer. There should be no half-way measures in undertaking the stamp business as a vocation and it should be entered upon whole-heartedly and not as a means to fill in time. We know that there are several successful women stamp dealers and there is no reason why other women should not make a good showing. Abroad there are not a few feminine dealers, particularly in the centers of Europe, while Capetown in Africa and Sydney, Australia, have capable women dealers. It is evident that a number of women have the stamp "swing" as some of the dealers depend to a great extent upon their competent women clerks, who may be said to have the business at their finger tips. There certainly is no antipathy to women in the commercial field of philately and we believe that competitors in their cities will give them a fair field and it goes without saying that buyers at a distance do not discriminate against dealers of the other sex.

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Ever since United States locals were dismissed from the body of the standard catalogue, they have seemed to be diminishing factors in a collecting sense. This consequence is a natural one but there was little general interest manifested in these issues for some time before they were dismissed from the catalogue; and so, it may be said that the cataloguers followed the lines of least resistance. It is not argued that our locals are not among the most fascinating of issues but it must be admitted that collecting favor has drifted away from them. In the early days of collecting they were among the chosen stamps but as years went on they were crowded close to the edges. The reasons for the decline in collecting strength of the U. S. locals are various and include the difficulty in discriminating .between reprints and originals. The many couterfeits and fac-similes that were thrown on the market had a tendency to discourage wide-spread collecting. Latterly, the rejection by serious collectors of those specimens that were not on the original covers weakened the appeal of the single stamps. At different times it was thought that there would be a revival of interest in the locals whose historical interest vies with their philatelic side,

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Fred A. Kuhn, Box 69, Williamsville, N. Y., sends some interesting 2c red brown of the 1883 mintage. These stamps show shift and lot varieties.

In view of the controversary that has been going on over the legitimacy of the plate variety of this stamp showing shading under shield, it is interesting to note that Mr. Kuhn says he has only found such varieties on stamps showing the shading.

No. 1—Shift in lower right hand white oval space under bust. (This shift shows in a series of 14 dots and dashes in which space surrounding oval containing bust of Washington at right. They begin at point over E of cents and continue upward to a point opposite the knot in Washington's QUED.—ED).

No. 2—Dot outside of stamp, left side about opposite 5th pearl.

No. 3—Dot at bottom of 5th pearl same side.

No. 4—Dot just outside of 5th pearl in white space—same side.

No. 5—Dot same place shifted slightly toward right.

No. 6—Dot same place but a trifle higher up.

No. 7—Dot same place but in center of white oval space.

No. 8—Dot partly on medallion, same place.

No. 9—Dot just touching medallion, same place.

Note—Fine dot appears only on stamps with heavy shading, at bottom under the shield. Dot always appears in neighborhood of the 5th pearl, left side and invariably on a straight line either in or to the right or left of 5th pearl. Found none elsewhere.

When the editor receives a letter from England and realizes that even over there the collectors are enjoying the department he cannot help but feel that the work is worth while.

W. E. Whitnall, Woodside, Heswall Hills, Birkenhead, England, writes:—

"MEKEEL'S for Sept. 24th arrived last night. I turn first to your column, which I find very interesting.

The 1c of 1873 with arrow and perforations all round is certainly unusual and must be rare if genuine. Of the 1870-88 issues I have over 700 stamps with arrow. All have cut edge. I have never seen a stamp of these issues with arrow and perforations all round.

The 1869 3c with horizontal arrow and perforations all round is quite usual. The perpendicular arrows on this stamp always have a cut edge. The reason is that this 3c (like the 1, 2, 6, 10 and 12c of same issue) was printed from plates of 300 subjects, set 20 by 15. There were six arrows pointing towards the centre of the plate. These were set in the margins as follows:—

One perpendicular arrow in top margin and another in bottom margin between the 10th and 11th vertical rows.

Two horizontal arrows in left margin and another two in right margin between the 5th and 6th and 10th and 11th horizontal rows.

The printed sheet of 300 subjects was cut vertically—through the top and bottom arrows—making two panes or 'Post Office Sheets' of 150 stamps, 10x15.

Excepting along these cut edges, on the right of the left hand, and on the left of the right hand post-office sheets, all other sides of all the stamps were perforated, so horizontal arrows always have perforation all round."

Mr. Whitnall touches on the subject of arrows on the '69 and later issues. In view of the large number of arrow copies which he has collected, it would seem proof that the arrow on a stamp of the 1873 issue perforated all around is indeed a variety, if the perforation is genuine.

As I have stated previously the copy I have looks all right and yet it may have been expertly re-perforated. If only some reader would come forward with an undoubted copy cancelled on cover or a pair perforated all around showing arrow in center, then the question would be settled. Or a logical explanation of how such a freak could have happened would help. But, until there is proof to the contrary, I must regard the specimen I have with suspicion, in spite of the fact that it came from an unpriced lot.—ED.

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	80c dull violet, No. 117	.23
1899,	30c rose, No. 131	.09
	50c bright blue	.05
	1 peso blue & black	.05
1901,	12c olive green	.09
	30c vermilion	.03
1903,	4c yellow	.07
	6c black	.04
1908,	20c ultramarine	.03
	24c, 30c, each	.04
	50c black	.05
	1p blue & pink	.13
1910,	*3c green	.05
	*4c blue & green	.08
	10c brown & black	.05
	12c bright blue	.03
	20c brown & black	.08
	30c lilac & black	.06
1911,	4c brown violet, No. 183	.03
	20c ultramarine	.04
	30c claret	.03
	50c black	.05
1912,	20c ultramarine	.03
	1p blue & rose	.11
1916,	10c gray green, No. 221	.04
	50c black, No. 226	.17
1917,	1p blue & red, No. 243	.09
1918,	5c bistre & gray, No. 247	.09
1918,	20c ultramarine, No. 256	.03
	24c red brown, No. 257	.07
	50c black, No. 259	.09
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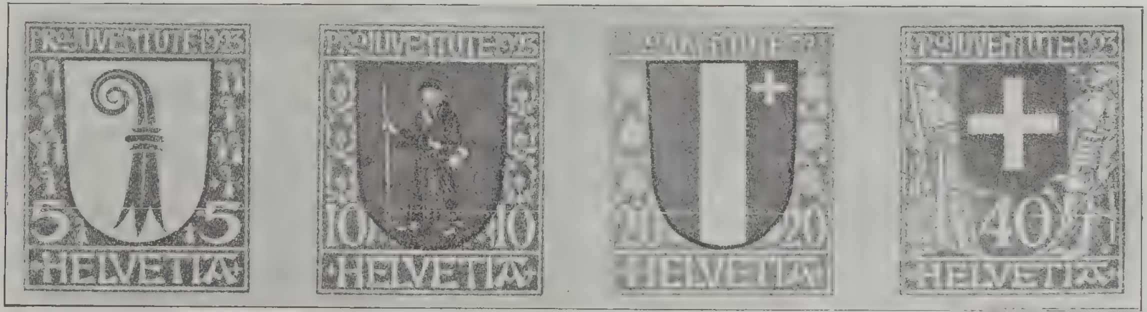

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—Mrs. H. C. Workman sends me a clipping from the *Washington Star* of November 16th, wherein mention is made of the fact that of the Harding imperforate stamp which was placed on sale at the Philatelic Stamp Agency the day before, $5,000 worth were sold. It is stated that these will not only go into collections but that a great many will be framed as a memorial to our late President.

By the time these notes appear the Harding stamp in all its varieties will be a thing of the past insofar as the printing of the stamp is concerned. Printing will stop on Saturday, December 8th, and possibly before providing the Bureau of Engraving & Printing have completed their orders totaling a billion, six hundred thousand. There need be no hurrying to corner the stamp for enough have been distributed to reach everyone. It is hoped that by the 8th all of the Harding stamps will have been distributed but should there be any on hand at the Bureau they will no doubt be sent out for there is little likelihood of any being officially destroyed. Then too, the smaller post-offices are likely to have supplies on hand for some time to come. It is unusual that such an extraordinary quantity of a stamp should be turned out so hurriedly without any minor varieties of major importance being found. So far, outside of a few plate flaws, dots and dashes and an imaginary shift nothing of importance has yet come to light and the Bureau is certainly entitled to our congratulations for their clean cut and efficient work. Get a copy perforated 11 from the flat bed plate, an imperforate stamp turned out by the same process and a perforate 10 from the rotary press and you have about everything of major importance so far known.

The Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing distributed a few days back his report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923. While this always contains much of interest to the philatelist, here of late the report has been greatly condensed with the result that many minor details formerly furnished are now combined into larger units. During the year nearly sixteen billion postage stamps were distributed to postmasters on orders from the Post Office Department. This includes all classes, such as regular postage, special delivery and postage due. It does not necessarily follow that these were all printed during these twelve months and where we see for instance that 620,550 30c postage due were sent out we know as a matter of fact that these were perforated 10 and printed sometime before. We would therefore be in error in accepting this report as a list of current stamps distributed, for it must be remembered that the Bureau classifies by design only and that a perforation or watermark change makes no difference to them in the designation of an issue. As a fact the Bureau still classes its postage due as "series of 1894" although since then the philatelist has recognized six issues.

The smallest number of any stamp issued in this year is 3,750 of the $5 green and black. This variety has never been issued in large quantities and in days to come will prove good property. Of the old $5 green, 14,185 were distributed which means that our use for the $5 stamp has fallen considerably. Of the bi-color $2, 227,840 were sent to postmasters and this possibly included both the orange and the carmine. Their supply of the old $2 blue is without doubt exhausted for none were issued and these had they been on hand would have been sent out ahead of the others. Coils to the number of 4,530,723 were distributed which included 8,027 of the 10c denomination. There still seems to be some demand for the 3c coil for over fifteen thousand of these were issued. Of the 50c due nearly eight hundred thousand copies were sent to postmasters so that this will be rather plentiful and one need not worry about getting his specimen. The quantities of some of the higher denominations of the new series were rather limited but this results from the variety having been distributed through the Philatelic Stamp Agency only, up to June 30th.

Fifty thousand each of the 1c and 2c were overprinted "Shanghai" while two lots of the current stamps totaling 116 were sent the postal administrations of Persia and Estonia.

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number of each denomination as heretofore so that his list is of little value to us in this case. We are further told that the Bureau prepared an exhibit for the Post Office Department which received an award at the International Philatelic Exposition in London.

Mr. Simpson Yeomans sends me a very neat list which he has had printed listing all possible positions of the booklet panes from 1898 to date. We cannot understand why he omits those issued for the American Expeditionary Force which are of the utmost importance. A supplementary list gives plate numbers of all booklets from 1910 to date. No price is mentioned so the list is probably distributed to interested parties free.

CHINA.—We have had forwarded to us by the Metropolitan Stamp Co. four values of very attractive stamps for use in this country together with the following information:

A very handsome set of stamps is that brought out by the Chinese Post Office in commemoration of the signing of the permanent constitution, samples of which have kindly been sent us by the Postal Commissioner.

The stamps are of one, three, four and ten-cent denomination in shades of yellow, green, red and blue respectively, and most attractively engraved. The central design is a reproduction of the Temple of Heaven at Peking, set in a composite frame consisting of a wreath and a pair of Ionic columns. The stamps are larger than the ordinary size and are in all respects a most attractive piece of work.

A limited number of sets were placed on sale at the Peking Road Post Office as from yesterday.

The values are 1 ochre, 3 green, 4 scarlet and 10c blue.

COCHIN STATE.—We are informed by T. A. Philo & Sons that the 2 on 3 pies, blue has been withdrawn from sale and in place a new 2 pies stamp has been issued. Our correspondent also adds that a new 6 pies stamp is on sale, and a new 8 pies on 9 pies together with a 10 pies Service stamp. The last two stamps have a portrait of the new Raja.

COLUMBIA.—From Br.-Gen. Ridgway we learn that the SERVICIO POSTAL AEREO overprint, exists forged on genuine stamps and also on stamps which are themselves forged.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.—Dr. V. Weinert states that on October 28th, the anniversary of the foundation of the Republic, a special commemorative series will be issued, bearing the portrait of President Masaryk, and sold at a premium in aid of some unspecified charity. A series for general postal use is also in contemplation owing to the frequent forgery of the current series with a view to defrauding the revenue. Paper watermarked with the monogram "C.S.P." ("Ceskoslovenska Posta") or "C.S.R." ("Ceskoslovenska Republica") will probably be used.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The *Philatelic Magazine* is informed on credible authority that Falkland stamps have lately been used at South Georgia bisected in the following circumstances.

The Postmaster of South Georgia sent in a requisition for stamps, and it went astray. Consequently, he found his stock of low values running short, and he telegraphed for supplies to be hastened. No steamer was due to sail for South Georgia for some time, however, and when it became apparent that his stock was not likely to last out he again telegraphed, this time asking for permission to bisect stamps for immediate needs. This authority, according to our information, was wired to him. Stamps were accordingly bisected and used for half the face value of the entire stamp.

Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to ascertain what values were so treated, but it is understood they were few in number, and that with the arrival of new supplies their use has ceased.

Mint King's Heads

All unused O. G.

INDIA	
1919, 1½a, No. 99	.08
1921, 1½a, No. 102	.12
1922, ¼a on ½a, No. 103	.02
1902, 3p, No. 247	.06
2a, No. 250	.08
4a, No. 253	.18
6a, No. 254	.24
8a, No. 255	.30
1R, No. 256	.50
1906, ½a, No. 257	.05
1a, No. 258	.06
1909, 2R, No. 259	1.20
5R, No. 261	2.40
10R, No. 262	4.50
15R, No. 263	7.20
25R, No. 264	12.00
IRELAND	
1922, ½d, No. 1	.04
1d, No. 2	.06
2½d, No. 3	.25
3d, No. 4	.18
4d, No. 5	.30
5d, No. 6	.30
9d, No. 7	.65
10d, No. 8	.50
2sh 6d, No. 9	1.50
5sh, No. 10	3.00
2½d, No. 12	.15
4d, No. 13	.20
½d, No. 15	.04
1d, No. 16	.05
1½d, No. 17	.08
2d, No. 18	.10
2½d, No. 19	.12
3d, No. 20	.15
4d, No. 21	.16
5d, No. 22	.20
6d, No. 23	.25
9d, No. 24	.40
10d, No. 25	.40
1sh, No. 26	.50
9d, No. 27	.50
½d, No. 29	.03
1d, No. 30	.04
1½d, No. 31	.08
2d, No. 33	.08
2½d, No. 34	.10
3d, No. 35	.10
4d, No. 36	.15
5d, No. 37	.20
6d, No. 38	.20
9d, No. 39	.30
10d, No. 40	.35
1sh, No. 41	.40
2sh 6d, No. 42	.90
5sh, No. 43	1.75
10sh, No. 44	3.50
1923, ½d, No. 45	.02
1d, No. 46	.03
1½d, No. 47	.05
2d, No. 48	.06
2½d, No. 49	.07
3d, No. 50	.08
4d, No. 51	.11
5d, No. 52	.14
9d, No. 54	.24
10d, No. 55	.26
1sh, No. 56	.30
JAMAICA	
1903, 1d, No. 34	.06
2½d, No. 36	.20
1905, ½d, No. 40	.10
2½d, No. 42	.45
3d, No. 43	.60
1906, ½d, No. 50	.04
1d, No. 51	.05
2½d, No. 52	.12
3d, No. 53	.45
4d, No. 54	3.00
6d, No. 55	.50
2sh, No. 57	1.00
1911, 2d, No. 58	.20
4d, No. 59	.20
6d, No. 60	.45
1912, 1d, No. 61	.04
1½d, No. 62	.08
2d, No. 63	.09
3d, No. 65	.18
4d, No. 66	.18
6d, No. 67	.25
3d, No. 71	.25
4d, No. 72	.30
1919, ½d, No. 75	.03
1d, No. 76	.05
1½d, No. 77	.06
2d, No. 78	.08
2½d, No. 79	.12
3d, No. 80	.15
4d, No. 81	.15
1sh, No. 83	.45
1921, ½d, No. 88	.02
1d, No. 89	.03
1½d, No. 90	.05
2d, No. 91	.06
2½d, No. 92	.07
3d, No. 93	.08
4d, No. 94	.11
6d, No. 95	.16
1sh, No. 96	.30
2sh, No. 97	.60
3sh, No. 98	.90
10sh, No. 100	3.00
6d, No. 101	.25
1919, ½d, No. 310	.03
3d, No. 311	.12
KENYA	
1921, 1c, No. 1	.03
3c, No. 2	.04
6c, No. 3	.06
10c, No. 4	.10
12c, No. 5	.12
15c, No. 6	.15
50c, No. 8	.40
1922, 1c to 1sh, Nos. 18-27 cplt.	1.00

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2sh, No. 28	.60
3sh, No. 29	.90
5sh, No. 30	1.50
LEEWARD IS.	
1902, 1d, No. 21	.06
2d, No. 22	.45
2½d, No. 23	.45
3d, No. 24	.75
6d, No. 25	.45
1905, 1d, No. 30	.30
3d, No. 33	.90
1907, 1d, No. 38	.18
2d, No. 39	.60
2½d, No. 40	.30
3d, No. 41	.30
6d, No. 42	1.00
1sh, No. 43	1.10
1912, ¼d, No. 46	.03
½d, No. 47	.03
1d, No. 48	.04
2d, No. 49	.06
2½d, No. 50	.08
3d, No. 51	.12
6d, No. 52	.18
1sh, No. 53	.35
2sh 6d, No. 54	.75
5sh, No. 55	1.50
1921, 4d, No. 59	.12
2sh, No. 60	2.00
¼d, No. 61	.02
½d, No. 62	.02
1d, No. 63	.06
2d, No. 65	.06
5d, No. 68	.15
1d, No. 75	.03
6d scr.wmk.	.16
1sh scr.wmk.	.30
MALTA	
1901, 1f, No. 19	.03
1903, 3d, No. 25	.15
1904, ½d, No. 29	.07
2½d, No. 32	.36
1914, 3d, No. 54	.15
1914, 4d, No. 63	.20
1921, ¼d, No. 66	.03
½d, No. 67	.04
1d, No. 68	.06
2d, No. 69	.10
2½d, No. 70	.20
6d, No. 73	.35
½d, No. 77	.06
2½d, No. 78	.60
3d, No. 79	.35
6d, No. 80	.40
1sh, No. 81	.60
2sh, No. 82	5.00
2sh 6d, No. 83	1.25
5sh, No. 84	3.00
¼d, No. 86	.08
½d, No. 87	.03
1d, No. 88	.05
2d, No. 89	.08
2½d, No. 90	.10
6d, No. 92	.35
2sh, No. 94	1.10
10sh, No. 96	4.50
1922, ¼d on 2d, No. 97	.02
¼d, No. 98	.02
½d, No. 99	.02
1d, No. 100	.03
2d, No. 101	.06
3d, No. 102	.08
4d, No. 103	.12
6d, No. 104	.16
1sh, No. 105	.30
2sh, No. 106	.60
2sh 6d, No. 107	.75
5sh, No. 108	1.50
10sh, No. 109	3.00
£1, No. 110	6.00
1919, ½d, No. 201	.03
3d, No. 202	.10
MAURITIUS	
1910, 1c, No. 137	.02
2c, No. 138	.02
3c, No. 139	.03
4c, No. 140	.04
5c, No. 141	.09
6c, No. 142	.09
12c, No. 144	.18
1912, 5c, No. 152	05
25c, No. 154	.15
50c, No. 155	.75
2r 50c, No. 157	1.50
1921, 1c, No. 161	.02
2c, No. 162	.02
4c, No. 163	.12
6c, No. 164	.06
12c, No. 165	.35
50c, No. 167	.25
1922, 10c, No. 170	.06
12c, No. 171	.20
20c, No. 172	.12
5c, No. 173	.04
6c, No. 174	.04
12c, No. 175	.07
1922, ¼d, No. 53	.02
1½d, No. 54	.08
2d, No. 55	.06
2½d, No. 56	.20
5d, No. 57	.14
2sh, No. 58	.60
3sh, No. 59	.90
4sh, No. 60	1.20
4d, No. 61	.25
1923, ½d, No. 62	.02
1d, No. 63	.03
1½d, No. 64	.05
2½d, No. 65	.07
3d, No. 66	.08
4d, No. 67	.11
6d, No. 68	.16
1sh, No. 69	.30
2sh 6d, No. 70	.75
5sh, No. 71	1.50
1917, ½d, No. 101	.08
1919, 1½d, No. 103	.05

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U. S. A.	*216	.75	.25
	*226	.60	.20
AUSTRIA	110 to 124	.21	.05
	*200 to 242	.96	.30
AUSTRIA	*269 to 278, no No. 275	.18	.05
	*377 to 409	.77	.20
AUSTRIA	*611 to 630	.76	.25
	*973 to 980	.25	.08
AUSTRIA	*1002 to 1047	.92	.25
	*1241 to 1251	.65	.20
BAVARIA	*62 to 69, no No. 66	.88	.20
	*231 to 233	.18	.05
BELGIUM	*140 to 142	.12	.05
	*143a	.25	.12
BELGIUM	*156 and 158	.32	.15
	*723	.75	.20
CONGO	*55 to 60	.45	.18
	*64 to 70	1.00	.30
CONGO	*71 to 73	3.60	1.75
	*74 to 78	.39	.18
CONGO	*201 to 206	1.18	.40
	*301	.15	.05
DANZIG	*1 to 18, no No. 16	1.19	.30
	*19 to 30	1.77	.40
ESTHONIA	*36 and 37	.65	.20
	*201	.15	.06
FIUME	24 to 26	4.00	.50
	*27 to 43	2.89	.80
FRANCE	*203 to 208	.63	.25
	*415 to 424	1.54	.45
GERMANY	*158 to 171	.28	.05
	*174, blk. of 4	.20	.04
GERMANY	*477 and 478	.12	.04
	*615 to 617	.22	.10
GERMANY	*650 to 660	.95	.35
	*664 to 666	.30	.12
HUNGARY	*127 to 132	.16	.05
	*653 to 655	.34	.05
HUNGARY	*153 to 162, 171 to 176, *551 to 553, 802 to 812	.53	.15
HUNGARY	*485 to 493	.27	.05
	*565 to 567	.18	.05
HUNGARY	*1584-1598, no No. 1592	2.84	.25
	1585, 6, 8, 9, 90, 96	1.34	.10
ICELAND	71 to 82	1.47	.60
	86 to 96	1.70	.60
JAPAN	*158 to 159	.15	.06
	*147 to 150	.55	.22
JUGO	*SHS, 14 diff.	.53	.10
	*519 to 523	.26	.08
LATVIA	*3 to 5	.25	.04
	*43 to 45	.12	.04
LATVIA	*61 to 69	.40	.10
	*87, 88, 91, 92	.30	.07
LIECHTEN-STEIN	*32 to 46	.30	.05
	*201 to 212	.24	.04
LITHUANIA	30 to 39	1.53	.20
	*30 to 39	1.53	.25
LITHUANIA	40 to 49	1.28	.20
	*40 to 49	1.28	.25
LITHUANIA	50 to 60	.54	.10
	*50 to 60	.54	.15
LITHUANIA	*94	.60	.06
	*401 to 407	.50	.12
POLAND	*129 to 135	.23	.08
	*170 to 185	.37	.05
ROUMANIA	216	.15	.04
	*831 to 835	.64	.10
RUSSIA	69 and 70	.55	.12
	*110 to 113	.26	.08
RUSSIA	135 to 138	.40	.15
	*306 and 307	.13	.05
SAAR	*4, 6, 7, 8, 12 to 15	.41	.06
	*31 and 32	.30	.05
SAAR	*41 to 53	.99	.15
	*68 to 78	.97	.35
SIAM	152 to 154	6.00	1.50
	155	6.00	1.50
SWITZERLAND	*126 to 137	1.25	.60
	*150 to 156	.46	.23
	*159	4.00	2.00
	*164 to 169	2.10	.90
	*191	.60	.20
	*192	.60	.12
TOGO	*66, 67, 68, 71	1.57	.40
	*176 to 190	1.64	.60
U. SILESIA	*15 to 31	.68	.18
	*45 to 47	.35	.08
WURTEMBERG	*256 to 262	.26	.06
	*385 to 392	.36	.06

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***U. S. A.** 2699 entire	.10	.04
***ALBANIA** 301 to 305	13.50	3.00
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***BARBADOS** 140 to 147	1.76	.75
***BATUM** 147 to 149	.25	.06
***BULGARIA** 146	.18	.05
***CAMEROONS** 130 to 134, 146	.31	.10
***CARINTHIA** 51 to 55	.62	.10
***CILICIE** 117 to 125, no 118 or 120	1.92	.30
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INDIA (Cochin) 14 to 20	.57	.10
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***ITALY** 191 to 194	.31	.10
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***POLAND** 313 to 318	.19	.04
***POLAND** 41 to 51, 56 to 59, 251 to 255, 403, 4, 6, 7	65.92	10.00
***RHODESIA** 138	.75	.30
***SAAR** 726	.30	.06
***SCHLESWIG** 1 to 11	.37	.08
***SERVIA** 59 to 64	.31	.05
***SIERRA LEONE** 32	1.50	.60
SWEDEN 73	.60	.20
***THRACE** 201, 3, 4, 5 and 223	.72	.10
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FRANCE.—*Kouang-Tcheou-Wan.* — Although foreign post-offices in China are closing down we recently had to list a new set of stamps for use in this territory. Dr. F. P. Renaut explains the apparent anomaly, as he says that Kouang-Tcheou-Wan is virtually French territory, being leased to France by China. —*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

GERMANY.—Mr. Woodbury McLellan advises of the 1,000,000mk stamp in the new design. The color is blue.

We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the following new issues: 250,000 marks on 300mk green, 2,000,000mk on 300mk green and 10,000,000mk red in the new type.

HUNGARY.—Dr. V. Weinert draws our attention to the fact that the stamps of Hungary are beginning to appear on paper watermarked with a variation from the old double-cross device. The Apostolic Cross, given to St. Stephen, the first King of Hungary, by Pope Sylvester about 1000 years ago, still remains the main feature of the watermark, but four such crosses now spring, like spokes from the hub of a wheel, from a figure something like a circle. The double cross is part of the Hungarian Arms and stands upon three hills, indicating the three highest mountains of Hungary, named Tàtra, Fàtra, and Màtra (now in Czecho-Slovakia, which also includes them in her Arms). Thus the four crosses of the new watermark stand on wavy lines symbolising these hills, and these wavy lines form the apparent circle. The first stamp to appear with this watermark was the 200 kor. "Patrona Hungariæ" type.

Owing to the recent increase in postal rates all values to 100 kor. will now be in the Harvesters type, thence to 1,000 kor. in the Parliament type, and above that figure in the "Patrona" type.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

ITALY.—We are indebted to the Economist Stamp Co. and the Nassau Stamp Co. for copies of the Fascisti Commemoratives. The values and shades are 30c brown, 50c violet and 1 lira grey green. We learn from *Stamp Collecting* that these labels are on sale at double face, half for postage and the other half to the Fascisti Benevolent Fund. They are 2 by 1¼ inches in size.

JAPAN.—Mr. Elmer F. Smith sends for chronicle a pair of 1½ sen blue in imperforate condition, which he advises are Emergency stamps. The machines used in the manufacture of postage stamps were destroyed by the earthquake and these are to used only temporarily until new machinery is secured from Germany.

NIGERIA.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the 4d on new yellow paper with script watermark.

HEJAZ. — Three provisional postage dues have been shown us by Messrs. Marsh & Fletcher. These are three values of the 1922 series with an Arabic inscription within a rectangle at foot all struck in black. ½p red, 1p blue and 2p orange.

THE J. E. HANDSHAW ADV.

We have just received a 5,000-line contract from the veteran dealer, J. E. Handshaw, and it means that he will be an active factor in our advertising columns during the next twelve months. His big advertisement in this issue is a striking one and must command attention. His book "Looking Backward" has had a large sale and every collector will do well to procure a copy.

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Some of our subscribers need to know our rule regarding discontinuances. We discontinue all subscriptions in arrears promptly the second issue of each month. This means that your subscription should be renewed prior to expiration. The expiration number can be ascertained by consulting your wrapper. No free copies of the WEEKLY are sent out and this rule is as fixed as the laws of the M. and P. Our older subscribers understand our rule and the newer subscribers should get acquainted with it.

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***Jamaica** 1912-19, 3p	71	.45	.22
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Lagos 1904, 6p	45	3.00	1.25
***Lagos** 1904-05, ½p	50	.35	.18
***Lagos** 1904-05, 1p	51	.25	.13
Lagos 1904-05, 6p	55	.75	.30
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STAMPS WHOLESALE.

Notice the quality of the following:—

	No.	Cat.	Per 10.	Per 100
***Gt. Brit. Levant** 1905, ½p	51	.08	.25	..
***Gt. Brit. Lev.** 1911-12, ½p	71	.25	.80	..
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***Canada** 1908, ½c	96	.06	.20	1.50

	No.	Cat.	Per 10.	Per 100
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***Gibraltar** 1904-8, ½p	48	.20	.60	..
***Gold Coast** 1902; ½p	38	.12	.35	..
***Gold Coast** 1902, 1p	39	.12	.35	..
***Hong Kong** 1903, 1c	60	.08	.20	..
Hong Kong 1903, 10c	65	.30	.75	..
Hong Kong 1904-7, 6c	78	.20	.50	..
Hong Kong 1904-7, 10c	80	.20	.50	..
***Jamaica** 1905-9, ½p	40	.18	.50	..
***Malta** 1904-6, ½p	29	.12	.35	..
Mauritius 1904-08, 4c	130	.06	.15	1.00
***Niue** 1902, 1p	6	.12	.40	..
***North. Nigeria** 1902, ½p	10	.12	.40	..
***Penrhyn Ids.** 1902, ½p	1	.20	.60	..
***Penrhyn Ids.** 1902, ½p	4	.08	.25	..
***Penrhyn Ids.** 1902, 1p	5	.10	.30	..
St. Lucia 1904-5, ½p	50	.12	.30	..
***Str. Settlements** 1907, 3c	125	2.00	4.00	..
***Str. Settlements** 1907, 4c	126	.40	1.00	..
***Str. Settlements** 1907, 4c	127	.45	1.10	..
***Str. Settlements** 1907, 8c	129	.45	1.10	..
***Str. Settlements** 1907, 10c	130	.45	1.10	..
***Transvaal** 1904-9, 2½p	271	.50	1.50	10.00

STAMPS AT AUCTION

Your particular attention is called to the following lots, to be sold to the highest bidders. Stamps are in average to very fine condition, and none need be afraid to bid all they think the stamps are worth. Some bidders send in bids that are valueless. When you only care to bid 1/10 or less on decent stuff, you better not bid. We get such bids, and if there are no other bids on the lots, why we can reject such bids. All bids should be in in 20 days after the WEEKLY is issued.

Lot No.		Cat. value
1	**U. S.** 1869, 1c and 2c, nice copies	$ 2.15
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* 6	**Hong Kong** 1907-11, 50c, mint blk.	4.00
* 7	**India** 1902-9, 8a, mint block	2.60
* 8	**Jamaica** 1905-9. 2½d, mint block	3.00
* 9	1905-9, 3d, mint block	4.00
10	1905-9, 6d	1.50
*11	1906-10, 3d, mint block	3.00
*12	1911, 4d, mint block	1.40
*13	1912, 6d, mint block	2.00
14	1906-10, 2S, fine	1.00
*15	1912-19, 3d, mint block	1.20
*16	1912-19, 4d, mint block	2.00
*17	**Lagos** 1904, 2½d, mint block	4.00
*18	1904-05, ½ & 1d, Nos. 50 & 51, mint block	2.40
*19	**N. Hebrides** 1908-9, 1d, mint blk.	1.60
20	**North. Nigeria** 1902, Nos. 10-16, all mint but 16	5.42

Lot No.		Cat. value
*21	**Seychelles** 1901, 3c, mint block	1.80
*22	**Str. Settlements** 1902, Nos. 93-100, mint	4.10
*23	1904, 25c, mint block	5.00
*24	1907, 1c, mint block	12.00
*25	1907, 1c, mint copy	3.00
*26	1907, 3c, mint block	8.00
*27	1907, 3c, mint copy	2.00
*28	1907, 4c, mint block	1.60
*29	1907, 4c, mint block, No. 127	1.80
*30	1907, 4c, mint block, No. 128	1.20
*31	1907, 8c, mint block, No. 129	1.80
*32	1907, 10c, mint block, No. 130	1.80
*33	1907, 25c, mint block, No. 131	2.40
*34	1907, 50c, mint block, No. 132	3.00
*35	1907, $1.00, mint block, No. 133	6.00
*36	1907, $1.00, mint copy, No. 133	1.50
*37	1907, $1.00, mint copy, No. 133	1.50
*38	1907, complete, mint except 12c	9.90
*39	**Turks & Caicos** 1916-19, 10 vars. War Tax, mint	2.16
*40	1918-19, 3d, mint copy	3.50
*41	**Trin. & Tob.** 1914, 1s, mint block	3.40
*42	1901, 4d, & 1909, 4d, mint	1.25

WHOLESALE.

Lot No.		Cat. value
43	**U. S.** Revenues, 5c Inland Exchange, 170 copies mint	5.10
*44	**Austria Turkey** 1890-1900, 10 vars., 10 sets mint	13.60
*45	10 sets same, mint	13.60
*46	10pia/1gld, 1892, 28 mint copies	10.00
*47	20pia/2gld 1892, 25 mint copies	10.00
*48	1919, 1kr Post. Dues, 385 mint copies	7.70
*49	1921, 2kr Post. Dues, 570 mint copies	11.40
*50	**Canal Zone** 1906, 1c, 50 copies mint	2.50
*51	1906, 1c, 50 copies mint	2.50
52	**Crete** 1900, 10l, 112 copies	5.60
53	**Finland** 1889-90, 1m, 100 copies	6.00
54	1917-18, 40p, 400 copies	8.00
55	1917-18, 1m, 300 copies	9.00
56	1917-18, 1m, 300 copies	9.00
*57	**Greece** Charity 1917, 1l, 100 copies, mint	15.00
*58	Charity 1917, 1l, 100 copies, mint	15.00
59	**Hungary** 1916-18, 2kr, 800 nice copies	40.00
60	1916-18, 1kr, 800 nice copies	24.00
61	1916-18, 75f, 800 nice copies	24.00
62	**Hong Kong** 1907-11, 2c, 200 nice copies	6.00
63	**India** 1905, ¼ on ½a, 100 fine copies, some blocks	3.00
*64	**India Indore** 1904-5, ½a Official, 250 copies, mint	7.50
*65	another lot, same	7.50
66	**Newfoundland** 1911, 1c, 1000 copies	20.00
67	1911, 2c, 1000 copies	20.00
68	1918, 3c, 1000 copies	30.00
*69	**Roumania** 1919, 1l, 250 copies	7.00
70	**Siam** 1910, 3s & 6s, 200 copies asstd.	8.00
71	1914, 10s, 100 copies	6.00
72	1910, 14s, 100 copies assorted	5.00
73	1912, 2s & 3s, 200 assorted	7.00
74	1912, 6s, 100 copies	6.00
75	1914, 2s, 100 copies	8.00
76	1914-15, 5s, 100 copies assorted	5.00
77	1914-15, 15s, 100 copies	8.00
78	1917, 5s, 10s & 15s, 300 assorted	10.00
79	**Turkey** 1916, 5pi Charity, 150	15.00

The following lots of errors in blocks and sheets will interest the specialist. Some are very scarce, and I advise that you send your very best bids.

Lot No.		Cat. value
*80	An entire sheet of 200 **Salvador** Dues of 1896. In this sheet there are 25 complete sets from 1c to 50c considered originals, but possibly may be reprints not priced mint.	
*81	Another sheet of the same.	
*82	Still another.	
*83	**Honduras** 1893, 10c, sheet of 100 with margins and Hamilton Bank Note Co. imprints. All of one row of 10 part perf., mint, rare.	
*84	Another mint sheet, fine, mint, rare.	
*85	The 30c value same issue, and same condition and rare.	
*86	Another sheet same.	
*87	One more sheet same.	

Note, the above 5 sheets are guaranteed originals, and there are very few sheets known.

Lot No.		Cat. value
*88	**Ecuador** 1896, Official, 1s double surcharge, block of 15 O. G., but probably are reprints, Scarce.	
*89	The same, but a block of 10.	
*90	**Nicaragua** 1896, 10c block of 20, scarce originals.	
*91	1896, 10c block of 10, scarce originals.	
92	About 50 vars. M. & M. stamps, more or less damaged, about	6.00
93	2 books with about 200 stamps, about	8.00
94	2 more books, 120 stamps, about	8.00
95	1 more book, 60 stamps, about	6.00
96	2 more books, 150 stamps, about	8.00
97	2 more books, 200 stamps, about	10.00
98	2 more books, 300 stamps, about	10.00
99	2 more books, 175 stamps, about	10.00
100	2 more books, 200 stamps, about	10.00

Note, the above books contain many cheap but desirable stamps, little or no New Europe.

REMEMBER STAMP DEALERS!

I carry a big stock of stamps, many of which are very desirable. I am not headquarters for New Europe stamps, on which I have lost many dollars. Good old stamps, Good 20th Century stamps, Good Br. Colonies, Good Sets, etc.
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A few years ago the Belmont Sta Co. of Philadelphia was a regular a vertising patron of the WEEKLY. T proprietor of the firm was John Wolter, whose interest in stamp colle ing is strong even though he has pass out of the dealer ranks. He sends u renewal for five years. wishing WEEKLY continued success and prosperi

In becoming a member of the Fi Year Renewal Club Arthur C. Willa accompanies his remittance of $5 with little find that he recently made, consi ing of a 5c 1847 on the original cov The stamp is in practically unused con tion and Mr. Willard may well pleased in adding this cover to collection.

We acknowledge the receipt of from F. D. Martin, proprietor of Renovo, Pa., Rexall store, who se membership in our Five-Year club. Martin will be remembered as a former vertiser in the WEEKLY and it is evid that business responsibilities in ot directions have made it impossible him to deal in stamps, though his inter as a collector is as keen as ever.

Tuesday, Nov. 27, was a great day the Honor Club, with no fewer th four proposals for membership, and accompanied with remittance for $5 five-year renewal of subscriptions. number included, H. A. Noble, civil gineer, 4956 Virginia Av., Kansas C Mo., E. A. Shaw of Portland, M Charles Beamish of the Davis Standa Bread Co., Los Angeles, Cal., and Cha E. Herrick, 3809 Ellis Ave., Chicago,

In connection with Mr. Herrick's newal we were made a bit acquain with one of his activities, the Instit of American Meat Packers. He is president of the Institute and at the c vention held at Atlantic City in S tember he delivered an address wh has been reprinted in pamphlet form 32 pages.

Mr. Shaw is treasurer of the firm Loring, Short & Harmon, Maine's la est booksellers and stationers.

We have been greatly interested applications have come in for the F Year Renewal Club to note the divers of interests and occupations found in ranks of philately. For instance, learn that John E. Stearns of Los geles is the honorary president of Tuna Club of that city. He renews five years but expresses the opinion t as he is now seventy-two matters are bit uncertain with him as to his philate interest five years from now. Just n he is "going strong."

Joseph H. Beattie, M. D., of Do Ferry, N. Y., has been interested philately for many years. In taking membership in the Honor Club he su mits some pages of a booklet quoti the prices paid for rare U. S. stam Dr. Beattie thinks that the offer of for a $5 State (and there are other offe just as ridiculous) is nothing short "taking candy from the children."

W. F. Kerr of Princeton, N. J., sa that he has a group of about a doz young boys that he has interested in c lecting and that Princeton will soon ha a philatelic society. He writes that has been reading the WEEKLY during the years of its existence and we a pleased to have him take his place as member of our Honor Club.

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By ARTHUR H. ROBERTSON.

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1c green, imperforate.

1c green, coiled lengthwise, imperforate.

Ordering ten each of above two varieties, I receive,

I. A strip of 10c green, coiled sidewise, imperforate.

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I. Being the imperf. variety of the 8½ perf. horizontally, listed as No. 410.

II. Being the imperf. variety of the 8½ perf., vertically, listed as No. 412.

These stamps are printed from flat plates but are issued by the Bureau coiled imperforate, so why are they not entitled to catalogue number? They are a legitimate issue by the Bureau of—imperforated, flat plate, coil stamps.

The remarks above referring to the 1c denomination also includes the 2c carmine of the same issue, as I have today received both the 1c and 2c from the Philatelic Stamp Agency.

My contention is that both are entitled to catalogue rank for the sole reason, as outlined above, No. 408 can be found in a block of say 10x10 while the stamps under question are issued by the Bureau coiled and strips of any length can be had up to a full roll. It is true, in the end it's the same stamp, but issued by the Bureau in an entirely different form.

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"Ho sen!"

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The Lithuanian air post was inaugurated on July 26, 1921, with a daily service between Kowno, Konigsberg, and Dantzig, which was subsequently extended to Riga. The tariff was fixed at 5 auksinai per 20 grammes, and 3 auks for each additional 20 grammes, up to a maximum of 900 grammes weight.

Anticipating the commencement of the service a set of three special stamps had already been placed on sale on June 25th, lithographed in oblong format by the firm of Margolin at Kowno on paper watermarked with a hexagon pattern, and perforated 11½. The design of the 1 auk. value shows a single aeroplane in flight, the 2 auk. three aeroplanes in line, and the 5 auk. an aeroplane flying over the Castle of Kowno. These designs were the work of M. Pukas, and uniformly inscribed "Lietuva Oro Pastas" (Lithuanian Air Post). To these were added, in November following, four "skatidu" denominations bearing the device of a winged posthorn and lettered as before.

On November 1, 1921, was released a series of commemorative stamps, originally intended to mark the inauguration of the air mail service, but which could not be ready in time for the event. Accordingly the stamps were made available for ordinary as well as aerial postage. The entire issue is said to have been exhausted in five days.

The subject of the design is a classical female figure, symbolising the spirit of the air, supporting an aeroplane with upstretched arms. Along the sides of the stamps are the words "Oro Pastas Isteigimas" (Inauguration of the Aerial Post). They are lithographed and perforated as before.

In connection with a national aviation meeting from July 22 to 25, 1922, three triangular stamps, depicting an aeroplane flying over the city of Kowno, were placed on sale. These constituted the original commemorative series, which was to have been issued on the occasion of the first flight, planned for June 25, 1921. The date was therefore erased and the word "Zenklas" (stamp) overprinted so as to cover the inscription "Isteigimas," in which form the stamps served for both ordinary and aerial postage.

Consequent on the extension of the service to Moscow, new denominations of 2, 4 and 10 auk., were included in the regular air post series as from July 22, 1922.

It is understood that the Lithuanian air post is partially suspended during the winter months.

Check List.

1921. June 25th (November). Various designs by M. Pukas. Lithographed by Margolin, Kowno. Wmk. Hexagons. Perf. 11½. Numbers printed shown in parenthesis.

20 skatidu ultramarine,	(201,645)
40 skatidu yellow-brown,	(201,600)
60 skatidu green, (a) imperf.	(201,600)
80 skatidu rose, (a) imperf. vertically.	(201,600)
1 auk. green and red, (a) imperf. (4,378).	(200,000)
2 auk. blue and brown,	(203,325)
5 auk. olive and yellow,	(204,600)

1921. (November 1st to 6th). Commemorative of inauguration of air post. Genius of the Air. Lithographed watermark vertical lines. Perf. 11½. Printing 100,000 sets.

20 skat. orange-red and blue-grey.
40 skat. blue and red.
60 skat. deep blue and olive.
80 skat. yellow and green.
1 auk. green and olive.
2 auk. grey and brick-red.
5 auk. blue-grey and grey-green..

1922. (July 22nd to 25th). Aviation rally issue. Triangular format. Overprinted "ZENKLAS." Date "June 25th, 1921" erased. Wmk. Hexagons. Perf. 11½. Numbers printed shewn in parenthesis.

1 auk. brown and carmine.	(106,703)
3 auk. violet and green,	(107,135)
5 auk. blue and yellow,	(120,635)

1922. (July 22nd). Regular air post stamps. Type of 1921. New values. Lithographed. Watermark Hexagons. Perf. 11½. Numbers printed shewn in parenthesis.

2 auk. blue and rose,	(203,000)
4 auk. bistre and rose,	(200,000)
10 auk. black and azure,	(203,000)

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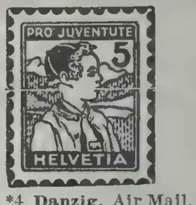

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TO THE EDITOR:

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The surcharge was printed in red and was applied by means of a handstamp. Consequently there are innumerable minor varieties in the shape of missing and defective letters. The surcharge may also be found inverted, double, treble, and in pairs, one being inverted and one normal. We have also had pairs one of which was without overprint.

CHAPTER VIII.

The First Palm Tree Issue.

In 1891 a set of stamps in an entirely new design was issued. The 2c was recorded in the *Monthly Journal* for February, 1891, and 3c and 5c were mentioned in the following May, and the 1c and 7c were listed in July. Apparently there was still a plentiful supply of the 20c of the Liberty Head type on hand and consequently this denomination was not included in the new series.

The design is the same for all five values and consists of the Arms of the Republic, i.e., a palm tree with branches outspread, surmounted by a small cap of Liberty; on each side is a cannon with muzzle pointing away from the tree. On the breech of the left-hand cannon is a helmet, while on the other is a shako. In the centre in front of the tree is a drum (possibly one of those used to call the devotees of *vaudoux* together) with an anchor on each side. In the background five flags and a bayoneted rifle are shown at both right and left. There are ornamental borders at the sides, that on the left being decorated with oak leaves, and the one on the right with leaves of laurel. In the upper corners are large squares containing the numerals of value, and between these is a small rectangular frame containing the word "CENT." An uncolored tablet extends right across the base and on this "REPUBLIQUE D'HAITI" is shown in colored sans-serif capitals.

These stamps were engraved in *taille-douce* and according to Gibbons catalogue were printed in Paris. In *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* (Vol. VII, page 232) Mr. W. Ward asserts that these stamps were printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., of London, but fails to give any proof in support of this statement. The same writer also infers that the perforating was done in Hayti by a machine belonging to the government, but we have been unable to trace any data that could be construed as giving color to this surmise or any evidence that Hayti at any time possessed such a luxury as a perforating machine. The methods by which the plates were made does not tally with any of Waterlow's known methods; there is no marginal imprint such as one usually finds in connection with Waterlow's work; the paper and gum are very unlike that generally used by this firm; and the perforation is certainly not Waterlow's. Finally, writing in *Le Timbre Poste* for January, 1891, M. Le Roy d'Etiolles says, "I have seen the new type of the stamps that are to be put in use on the 1st of January, 1891. It has been made in Paris, etc., etc.," and as M. d'Etiolles wrote from Paris we may reasonably assume that this statement was correct.

These stamps were printed in sheets of fifty arranged in five horizontal rows of ten each and the method by which the plates were made is quite interesting. The original die—probably engraved on steel—showed the design complete with the exception of the numerals of value, the tablets for these in the upper corners being left blank.

From the die a small plate of ten impressions in two vertical rows of five was made, thus:—

1	2
3	4
5	6
7	8
9	10

This small plate was then reduplicated four times and the five groups were placed side by side and thus formed a complete plate of fifty impressions as follows:—

1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6
7	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	8
9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10

Each of the stamps in the small group of ten has some small identifying mark, a dot or a scratch, etc., and the fact that this method was employed can be at once proved by No. 5, in each block of ten which has a large dot like a hyphen between the letters "QU" of "REPUBLIQUE."

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there is a large dot just off the right
f the T of CENT on the 3rd stamp
e 5th row, and a large dot is attached to the line over the T of CENT on the 10th stamp in the 4th row. Those are only the most prominent varieties, but as a fact nearly every stamp in the sheet has some little distinguishing feature, apart altogether from the above-mentioned distinguishing marks which have been inherited from the small plate of ten. All values of this issue can be plated comparatively easily, especially when in strips or blocks, though some of the marks are minute.

As I have said, the first full-sized plate to be made was allocated to the 2 centimes. This plate differed from all the others, for in producing a second plate for one of the other values, two flaws or breaks appeared in the second plate; the first plate does not show these two defects. The defects are as follows:—the left hand value tablet on the 7th stamp in the 3rd row is broken opposite the C of CENT, and the same tablet on the 4th stamp in the 4th row is also broken but lower down below the label inscribed CENT. It is evident that this defective plate was used for producing the remaining three plates necessary to complete the set, at these broken value tablets are to be found on the 1 centime, 3 centimes, 5 centimes and 7 centimes, but not on the 2 centimes which were, as I have stated already, printed from the first full-sized plate made.

One of these broken tablets was evidently noticed on the 1 centime plate as it is clear that an attempt was made to retouch the 7th stamp on the 3rd row and to repair the damage."

When the plates were completed the numerals of value were then engraved. The numerals may have been inserted by means of punches and then touched up by hand, or they may have been engraved entirely by hand. We think the latter is the more probable method, for the numerals differ greatly in size and shape often on the same stamp. This is particularly noticeable in the case of the 5 centimes, the figures differing in size and shape and also in the length of the flag. While these varieties are too minute to describe in print they are sufficiently apparent to make the plating of these stamps a fairly easy matter.

According to Gibbons catalogue the perforation of this set is "13, 13½," Mr. Crouch says it varies from "13 to 13½," while Mr. Melville and Scott's catalogue both agree that it is "13." We have examined a number of these stamps and find the perforation is a uniform 13½ without variation of any kind. It was the work of a single-line machine. The paper is white wove, fairly thin, and the gum is thin and colorless.

All values are known imperforate vertically and the 7c also exists entirely imperforate. This latter appears to be a legitimate error but other denominations found imperforate but without gum are believed to be printer's waste. All values have been recorded perforated 16 but we have never seen them.

Numerous varieties of shade may be found especially in the case of the 1c, 2c and 3c values. The latter exists in a slate gray shade, quite distinct from the ordinary lilac tint, and it is said that the supply printed in this color was due to an error on the part of the printers.

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The firm of A. Beecher & Son is listed in Briggs Connecticut Business Directory for 1856 and was located in Westville, Connecticut, which is a suburb of New Haven on the northwest border of the city, and is separated from the city itself by a small stream called West River. The village nestles at the foot of the lofty crags on the westerly side of a high hill known as West Rock, on whose summit is the cluster of boulders enclosing the "Judges Cave" of Colonial history.

The New Haven Directory for 1868 lists the firm of A. Beecher & Sons, the members being A. Beecher, E. B. Beecher, L. W. Beecher, and J. L. Pierpont. Later directories list the firm up to 1870, but in that year the firm became merged with the Swift & Courtney business of Wilmington, Delaware, and the new firm took the name of Swift & Courtney and Beecher Co. From and after 1882 the Westville factory appears only under the title "The Diamond Match Co." The founder of the firm was Andrew Beecher, and although the original firm name appears as A. Beecher & Sons, in the Boston Book, the Directories usually give the title as A. Beecher & Son.

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Dec. 2, 1864.
First issued, Mar., 1865.
Last issued, Sept., 1874.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
20,985,340 issued on old paper.
4,656,150 issued on silk paper.

The present writer cannot reconcile the date of the approval of the Beecher die as stated with the letter from Commissioner Lewis to Butler & Carpenter, dated Dec. 12, 1864, and quoted on page 123 of the Boston Book. The Commissioner's letter states:

"I herewith return model for match stamps with my approval. Be pleased to make the design of A. Beecher & Son, Cowles & Leete, and any others which you may hereafter prepare, conform in their general features to this model, with such variations as to name, etc., as to render them sufficiently distinctive."

The Boston Book states that this action brought forth a storm of protest, and on January 6, 1865, Mr. Lewis again wrote Mr. Carpenter reversing his position and mentioning a communication from the Beecher firm. (See article on the P. T. Ives 8c stamp.) Some time between October 17, 1864, and December 12, 1864, the Commissioner decided that all designs for private die match stamps were to be "similar in shape to those used for Fahnesstock's Vermifuge or Hostetter's Bitters—perhaps a little longer than the former, but not necessarily so long as the latter—in order that they may be attached to the box in such a manner that it cannot be opened without destroying the stamp." As the Beecher stamp which was actually used was of the standard 1c size previously in use and much smaller than the model to which it was intended all subsequent match stamps should conform, it is rather difficult to believe the Commissioner would have approved the small die at the very time when he was instructing Butler & Carpenter to make all the match stamps of the size and shape used for the Cowles & Leete 8c (P. T. Ives).

The present writer believes the correpondence clearly indicates that the Beecher die was not approved until after January 6, 1865, when the Commissioner had abandoned his idea that all the match stamps should conform to the model from which the 8c P. T. Ives stamps were designed and that the delay of three months between December, 1864, an March, 1865, was caused by the reluctan of the Beecher and other firms to u large stamps like the 8c Ives and by t time required to engrave and print t Beecher stamp after the Commissio had decided to allow them to use t small stamp first issued in March, 186 Certainly the present writer has seen evidence that a large Beecher die w ever in existence, and the corresponden indicates that only a large die would ha been approved by the Commissioner December, 1864.

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rpenter firm in Philadelphia, and all
stamps were printed there. There is not a great deal of variation in shade in the stamps on old paper, but the paper itself varies considerably and owing to the large quantity of stamps printed it is quite probable that it occurs on all the varieties of old paper used. The experimental silk paper is quite scarce and copies on the thicker paper of 1870 are seldom found. The latter printing is more reddish in shade than the earlier printings on thin paper. Copies on the full silk paper of the second issue are apt to be very much redder and might be called vermilion. The old paper was used both by A. Beecher & Son and by the firm of Swift & Courtney & Beecher Co. The silk paper was used only by the latter firm. Specimens on old paper are occasionally found with a printed cancellation or surcharge. The writer has noted two varieties, but has no information as to why this surcharge, if it is a surcharge, was made or by whom it was used.

E C H Dec 1869 (a)	E C H July 1869 (b)

Surcharge (a) is placed to read when the stamp is in normal position, surcharge (b) is printed sideways and on the copy noted the top is toward the right end of the stamp. Probably it is only a coincidence that the three letters E C H form the middle of the word Beecher.

The stamp is not known to have been used in multiple and no pairs, strips or blocks have come to the writer's attention.

The Beecher stamp is quite plentiful on old paper and although frequently oxidized to a dirty blackish brown color, can readily be restored and the stamp again becomes truly a thing of beauty. Extremely fine copies are only a small percentage of the available supply and have always been desirable at close to the catalog price. Scott quoted the stamp on either old or silk paper at 20c in 1886, but the Sterling quotation in 1888 was 50c. The stamp has ranged from 50c to 80c since 1894. The silk paper is much scarcer and really fine copies do not come into the market very frequently. The quotations ranged from $1.00 to $1.50 up to 1901, when the present quotation of $2.00 was established.

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(*To be continued.*)

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Announcement was made yesterday by William Hoffman, prominent Springfield stamp collector, that a branch society of the national American Philatelic society will be organized here.

A communication was received yesterday by Mr. Hoffman from Dr. H. A. Davis, of Denver, Colo., secretary of the national stamp society in which he says, in part: "Five or more members or applicants for membership may organize a branch. To obtain a charter it is only necessary to make out an application in the regular way. The branch becomes a stockholder and may vote through its officers or by proxy the same as an individual. All its officers must be A. P. S. members, but it may admit to local membership non-members of the A. P. S."

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Mr. Hoffman said last night that a meeting will be called shortly, time and place to be announced later, at which time the branch society will be formed.

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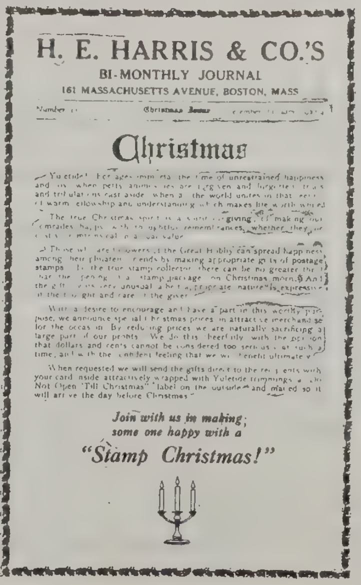

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By Warner Bates.
73 W. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

(This department deals only with U. S. issued before 1890 and mainly postal issues. The editor cannot give valuations on minor varieties, etc. Stamps sent for examination should be of interest because of oddity, scarcity, etc., or to clear up some debated question. Postage should be enclosed with registration fee when desired, also self-addressed envelope. —Ed.)

Major C. H. Bonesteel of West Point seems to have run to earth the real status of the rarities of the U. S. 2c red brown, 1883—the one showing heavy shading at left and right under shield—the other showing no shading. The data which he has submitted seems almost conclusive evidence that the variety showing full shading is a recut made in 1886. I am inclined to believe from a study of this data that the original plate showed a faint shading under the shield, that this shading became merged with lines of background as the plate was used and that later it was recut.—Ed.

Major Bonesteel says, "since I made my original inquiry of you regarding shading I have been over an unpicked lot of several thousand and from them have gotten together some 400 dated copies. The dates show on covers, parts of covers and on the stamps themselves. From these I have gotten together a rather interesting lot of data. Interesting to me at least. The table which follows gives what I have found.

Date.	Total Number.	Without Shading.	Faint Shading.	Full Shading
1882*	2	1	1	0
1883	70	60	10	0
1884	233	208	25	0
1885	37	27	10	0
1886	36	0	0	36
1887	32	0	0	32
Total	410			

* Don't understand this year date. May be some careless mail clerk.

I don't think ink or the lack of ink explains the above data and I am convinced that at some time, probably around the latter part of '85 either new plates were made, or at least the old ones recut, and very definitely recut. Of the 400 odd stamps there isn't a single "full shading" before 1886. Another point I noticed was the fact that practically all stamps dated 1883 were the dark or deep shade while those of 1884 and later were mostly of the lighter shade.

If you think this information of interest to others I will keep the stamps as found, but some time soon I want to soak them off the book for switch watermarks, etc."

Albert B. Randall, Whitestone, Long Island, N. Y., writes:—

"In reference to your article in Mekeels of Sept. 24, 1923, re-arrows, 1869 issue, I have in my collection the 2c is unused and perfectly centered, the 6c not so good, being off at the top, both stamps perfectly perforated."

It now appears that this matter is pretty fully explained in Mr. Luff's admirable book. As I have explained in a previous article, it was quite likely in running this department that we would bring up matters which had been previously written up thoroughly by some of the experts.

However, we cannot feel that the effort is wasted as there are many reading this department who have never had a chance to read all the standard work and articles on specialization in early United States and these readers, we find, enjoy the rehashing of a subject that is old to some collectors, and profit by it.

The collector, who is following the tip given an earlier number to clip the different issues of this department and classify them in a loose leaf book will find that he is by now circumulating a rather valuable store of information in a very compact and usable form.

W. G. Whittaker of Cleveland, Ohio, was in Buffalo recently and showed the local collectors some very fine specialized items. One was a two cent, 1883, red brown (light shade). with a cancellation consisting of a goat standing on his hind legs. The color of the ink used for this cancellation, which was in black, seemed to be O. K., and there was every indication that this was a genuine cancellation. The writer has never heard of such a cancellation and it would be interesting to find a duplicate of it on cover showing the town of origin. The animal in question was standing on a bit of shaded ground. The height of the cancellation was approximately 11 millimeters.

Another item exhibited by Mr. Whittaker was a three cent, 1861, with a perfect Masonic emblem in a dotted circle. In the center of the square and compass was a small capital "G." The piece was on cover, postmarked Sandwich, N. H. A very fine looking item.

There was also on another three cent, '61 cover, a fine shield outlined rather heavily, with straight cross bars in the space usually containing the field for stars, and six vertical bars in the lower part. The postmark was —— mford, Ct. No date. Mr. Whittaker also showed a three cent, '57 cancelled with a grid within a three-ring target, postmarked Trumansburgh, N. Y.

While not exactly falling under the heading, "Early Low Values Specialized," the writer cannot help mentioning an item that was the *piece de resistance* of Mr. Whittaker's stock. This was a beautiful block of four of the five cent 1851, on cover from Wilmington, Del. (black), carrying the red "New York—7—Br. Pt. Paid" on both stamp and cover, to Wurtemberg, Germany. The piece was in nice condition, considering its rarity.

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—A. W. Draves of Milwaukee, Wis. has shown us a 3c violet envelope postmarked June 28, 1923, with what he calls the "ancient sunburst." We confess that it has a striking resemblance to this curious cancellation of bygone days.

—We are greatly obliged to our many readers who are keeping us posted concerning the decline in the value of the German mark. Day after day letters are being received with marks mounting into the billions used in payment of postage. We think it unnecessary to take the space to describe the numerous covers that have been submitted for our inspection.

—"I am in receipt of a registered letter from Germany today franked with stamps to the value of 125 billion marks. That seems to top the record so far I guess, but perhaps not. Wonder if the old fashioned collector ever believed such covers would be added to collections. (There were ten "10 milliarden" and five "5 milliarden" stamps."—W. F. Ferguson.

—Will you please mention something about the Davenport Stamp Collectors Club? We meet every two weeks (next meeting Dec. 28) Room 26 McCullough Bldg., Davenport. We now have eight members, and have applied to be an A. P. S. Branch. Any collector in the vicinity will be welcome to any meeting.—Wilbur F. Cannon.

—In a little lot of postally used Bolivian stamps which have come on correspondence to a London business house we have found a number of copies of the 1 bolivar value, cut diagonally and used as a 50c value. We cannot see this provisional listed in any catalogue, and no doubt it may be of interest to your readers.—Bright & Son.

—The Weekly has been asked to send a French stamp album to a boy in France who was referred to the care of a Chicagoan during the war and who is still attracting the interest of his "guardian."

—A correspondent says that he has been told that the prices in the new Scott catalogue take effect with the year 1924,

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–Mr. Walter W. Anderson, 324 Elm ice, Princeton, Illinois, has asked us information in connection with the mical processes in making the gum the different seasons of the year on U. S. stamps. We are unable to er Mr. Anderson to an article on the ject but perhaps some of our readers y set him on the right track.

-Mr. Irving Dickinson, Chicago, shows a three cent of 1861, U. S., on the er with the Bath, Maine, postmark ring the date of Jun. 7, 1834. A little lection of postmark errors carries a ious interest with it.

-*Madrid Filatelico* begins the publi- on of a paper, The Postage Stamp its Value, Past, Present and Future, ering three periods, the first, from origin to 1870 or 1875; the second, m 1875 to 1908, and third, 1908 to 3.

-The one penny New Zealand, show- the map of that country, is coming for sharp criticism in the newspapers the colony and it is intimated that a nge in the outlines of the islands on stamp may be ordered.

—Stanley Gibbons *Monthly Journal* says that the Harding stamp shows the advantages to be found in having the central design on a white background and adds that this stamp is a creditable production as the result of a month's work on it.

—A father who aids and abets his son in collecting says that he has been travelling extensively of late as they journey in imagination to some far-off stamp country by devoting hours to examining the stamps and reading all the information available about the place. This is a good way to sugar-coat geography and so on.

—Will the reader who some time ago, when the subject of used high values of the 1869 issue, U. S., on cover, was to the fore, wrote to say that when he was employed as office boy to one of the "readers" of a Boston publishing firm, give us his name and address? It is remembered that he told of the receipt of a package of manuscript by the publishing firm prepaid by a ninety cent of 1869.

—"A man wants to know 'Which is rarer—Tonga or Raratonga?' This is for your *'Fool Colyum'*"—H. P. A.

—The bull market in United States is beginning to have the effect of causing collectors here and there to revise their collecting lines. Several readers have sold their U. S. issued before 1890 in order to collect the issues from 1890 to date in a pain's-taking way.

—"What has become of the ninety cent of 1857-60?" asks a subscriber. "Some time ago I came across the stamp rather often but latterly it is conspicuous by its absence from accustomed haunts."

—There is no better Christmas gift than stamps and dealers should issue gift certificates entitling the holders to so many dollars' worth of stamps, as do the sellers of merchandise in other lines.

—The New York *Times* covers the story of the alleged theft by a postal employee of thousands of dollars' worth of damaged unused United States stamps which instead of being destroyed were sold by him at a discount, in the following manner:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—A confession that he has systematically robbed the Post Office Department of stamps valued at approximately $75,000 after nearly twenty-five years in its service has been obtained, according to Federal officials from Herman C. Davis.

Davis is at liberty under $5,000 bond, fixed yesterday by United States Commissioner George B. MacDonald after he had signed the confession and offered restitution in part. In his sworn statement, which was submitted to Frank Kelly, Assistant United States Attorney, he admitted having planned the thefts carefully and carried them out for four years.

His work on a committee charged with destroying damaged stamps returned to the department, the confession asserts, enabled him to take them and then swear to their destruction.

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ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 1.—Post Office Inspector R. A. Ward this afternoon asserted that Herman C. Davis had received more than $100,000 in the last two years from stamps sold to an official of the C. E. Hussman Stamp Company of this city, but that the company did not know the stamps had been stolen.

Davis is alleged by Mr. Ward to have sold the stamps at discounts tanging from 25 to 60 per cent. Mr. Ward says also that the official of the Hussmann Company resold the stamps to mail order houses in the East at a discount of 5 per cent. from their face value.

The name of the official of the company was withheld. Mr. Ward said the official first met Davis in 1918 in answering an advertisement inserted by Davis in an Eastern newspaper seeking to locate rare stamps. In correspondence that followed Davis represented himself as a stamp collector, it was said, but his connection as a Government employe was not known to the company. He bought numerous postage stamps, the sales to him exceeding $5,000. Most of these were paid for with current postage stamps, it was said.

MONOPOLY OF RUSSIAN STAMPS.

The newspapers are carrying a copyrighted despatch from Moscow dealing with the decision of the Soviet government to give Maurice Sherman of New York City a monopoly of the sale of Russian stamps in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America and France. Of course we cannot publish in detail the story as given, but it is evident that a large stock of Russian stamps will come upon the market.

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EDITORIAL.

The idea of a philatelic week is borrowed from one of our correspondents who made the suggestion in our columns some time ago that we imitate the sponsors of other movements, such as Safety Week, Apple Week, etc., and proclaim a "stamp week." A plan is offered whereby practical application may be made of the idea and that is, instead of trying to cover the nation, a city campaign be started under the auspices of the philatelic society or other organization in some center of philately. As much publicity should be got for the "week" as possible in the local newspapers and from a headquarters that should be established temporarily, stamp packets and philatelic reading matter could be distributed. At this place a talk on the pleasures of collecting should be made and a dozen collectors or so might be authorized to explain patiently to prospects what the advantages of orderly collecting are. The enterprise of the collectors of the city could be exercised to good effect, we feel sure; and the advisability of bringing collecting directly to the notice of the home folks is admitted. Some time ago, the Chicago Philatelic Society held a Chicago Night which was open to the public and on that occasion the parlor overflowed with over one hundred members and visitors, who looked over the exhibits of Chicago locals, early postmarks on letters and Lincoln patriotic envelopes and listened to Mr. Cabeen's paper on Chicago's postal history. It happens that since that time the meetings of the Chicago Philatelic Society have been particularly well attended; and the good that the meeting did has been shown in various ways. What city will be the first to give the "stamp week" a trial?

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In an interview with Mr. Charles J. Phillips, who, as managing director of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, London, gained world-wide renown, he made some interesting observations, which, as illustrating the view point of an astute philatelist who has cast his lot with American philately, have an admitted value. It is not necessary to say that now as Mr. Phillips has taken his place permanently with us, he becomes an important factor in the stamp trade here, as the fact must be self-evident. Mr. Phillips is an advocate of organized action and thoroughly believes in the advantages that come from the presentation of philately in the various angles, to the notice of the public. For instance, as a Rotarian, Mr. Phillips qualifies under "Philatelist" and then does not content himself by following the course of least resistance or hiding his light under a bushel—he makes a bonfire of the basket. His opinion is that publicity for philately is of untold benefit and while it is preferable that the advertising be properly directed, yet even unorganized publicity has a value. He thinks that jealousies among the stamp dealers will become softened and outgrown in time and that much lost motion that is now wasted on immaterial things will be saved. A pride in profession should be a characteristic of the dealer who may be depended upon to advance his means of livelihood in the minds of the outsiders. This wider vision will come as a part of the scheme of development of business acumen in general but its arrival may be hastened by the determination of dealers to work for their success through the general improvement of commercial conditions.

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Mr. Phillips has great faith in the future of the United States postmasters' issues and the Confederate stamps; and his belief in the U. S. department stamps is known. Of Confederates particularly, Mr. Phillips has made a study and his deductions are wholly in their favor. He stresses the historical element of these stamps and feels that collectors here have as a general thing been remiss in their devotion to them. In this connection, we are gratified to say that Mr. Phillips will give the WEEKLY the benefit of his conclusions on values of the postmasters' stamps and Confederate provisionals. It is needless to say that the ripe experience of Mr. Phillips will make his criticisms fair and based upon the evidence that he has gathered in the course of many years. We suppose that everyone is entitled to his own opinion in appraising stamp values but we should say that familiarity with the certain classes of stamps that are to be weighed was a requirement on the part of the one who posed as valuator; and here Mr. Phillips has a big advantage. Stamps have been his daily fare for many years and his liking for philately is based upon a genuine interest in stamps and a real regard for stamps is the best foundation on which to build success as a stamp dealer.

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The Collectors Club of New York City has an admirer in Mr. Phillips who hopes that the time may come when other cities as well as the metropolis will support institutions of the kind. Mr. Phillips well knows how difficult it is to maintain a club such as New York's but he thinks that public-spirited philatelists in other stamp centers will give of their time and money for the general good and in a sense, endow a club that will creditably reflect the fair name of philately. The object is to make philately an established pursuit by divesting it of the tomfoolery with which it is associated in the public mind. It must be shown that collecting is normal and that philatelists are like other folks who do not happen to exalt the postage stamp. The real philatelic club radiates its glow throughout its neighborhood and a suggestion recently made by Mr. Phillips at New York was that some worthy collector in a near-by city be invited to show his stamps at the Collectors Club on a certain night when a number of collectors would be invited to accompany the exhibitor, who with his townsmen collectors would be the dinner guests of the club. When this plan had been repeated a number of times, the usefulness of the club certainly becomes emphasized.

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We found in an official Confederate envelope, "Confederate States of America, Post Office Department — Official Business—A. Dimitry, Chief of the Finance Bureau," a circular that appeals to the one who has an eye for postal asides. The circular is a large manilla sheet with the text: "Confederate States of America, Post Office Department, Finance Bureau. Richmond, Va., Decr. 1, 1864. Postmaster at Hale's Ford, Va. Sir: Today I forward to your office a parcel of stamps as follows:

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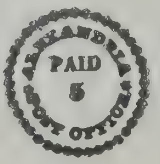

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OUR REVIEW.

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The new edition of the Yvert & Tellier-Champion catalogue for 1924 is a book of well over 1,100 pages and as usual is adequate in about all respects but the present volume achieves a greater distinction by showing the various widths of the margins between imperforate stamps. By parallel lines, these margins are indicated and the user of the catalogue may now know what the average margins, of, for instance, the five cent, 1847 U. S., the 5c Argentine, 1864, No. 1 Dutch Indies, etc., should be. This new feature is commended for its instructive value and is an innovation upon which the publishers may pride themselves. The explanations and other tables in the front of the catalogue have their value and as usual, the telegraph stamps of all the countries using them are listed. The cuts of the stamps and of the surcharges are plain and the general typography good. As in former editions, the Central and South American stamps particularly are carefully considered in all their varieties; and the quotations on all the stamps seem to be arrived at in the light of experience and the latest information. The great rarities of British Guiana, Mauritius, Hawaii, etc., are priced, the 1c rose British Guiana, 1856, leading the procession with a value of 350,000 francs. The copious notes of explanation scattered through the book are in French, of course, but nevertheless they are not difficult of translation as a rule. All in all, the new edition will entrench itself more firmly than former editions even, in the regard of an increasing number of friends. The price of the catalogue is twenty francs: Theodore Champion, 13 Rue Drouot, Paris, France.

The Catalogue d'Europe, Zumstein, 1924, seventh edition, with its striking cover in color of the Basle cantonal is welcome, coming as it does after an interval of some time since the previous edition of some years ago. It is brought down to date with the inclusion of the latest novelties and the prices on all the stamps in the work have been thoroughly revised, with the intention of making the quotations an international standard for European stamps. The prices are in Swiss marks and in consequence they are stabilized, rendering the quotations in the book dependable, in the face of ordinary fluctuations in the other currencies of Europe. Here it may be said that again a philatelic puzzle is given and a first prize of a Basle cantonal is offered for competition. It is patent that the claims for recognition of this catalogue are substantial ones and the publishers point out that the quality of the paper and the perfection of the cuts as well as the cover in four colors make the book one pleasing to consult. The restriction heretofore observed of limiting the scope of the book to the issues of Europe is lifted to the extent that the old German colonial stamps are given place. If we read aright, the purchasers of the catalogue are given a six months' subscription to the *Journal Philatelique de Berne*, which in addition to technical articles contains the supplement to the catalogue, thereby bringing it down to date. In our opinion there is need for a catalogue that concentrates on the stamps of that great division in a collecting sense, Europe, and the fact that this broad field is so well cultivated by Zumstein is one that gives the work precedence in its class. The latest issues are handled well and the disposition to analyze values in their price relations is commendable. As a helpful text book and price guide, the catalogue is recommended without qualification. The book is in both German and French and as a reference work alone is worth having at one's elbow. Zumstein & Co., Berne, Switzerland: price 3 francs and one-half, postage extra.

The latest or twenty-third edition of Whitfield King & Company's catalogue, which by reason of its simplification in the treatment of all the issues embraces only major varieties still contains about seven hundred pages. The 1924 edition retains all the features that have made the book the popular catalogue for the average collector and as the years pass on, the judgment of the publishers in beginning to dispense with the stamp variants, so to say, so that the main varieties might be kept within bounds is vindicated. To give an idea of the manner in which varieties are shorn away, it may be said that in the U. S. issues there is nothing preceding the 1847 set, while the grilled stamps are ignored, and no distinction is made between the watermarked and unwatermarked stamps of 1894 and 1895, respectively. If one is a general collector, this catalogue affords the best basis for procedure and we think that even the one who devotes himself to say a continent or two will find that the pages of the catalogue provide material enough to match his best efforts. Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England: price six shillings and six pence, post paid.

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The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—As a result of the issuing by the Department of the 2c Harding Memorial Stamp imperforated, the Philatelic Stamp Agency has been swamped with orders from all over the country, and as a result have been forced to close down for a week to enable them to take care of this excess business. On December 4th they had in excess of two thousand unfilled orders and as most of these called for the imperforated stamp, which must be packed in tubes, means that the work cannot be performed as promptly as is the case when flat stamps are purchased. If the collector or dealer is delayed in getting his supply, will he please remember that he will be taken care of, but with the normal amount of clerks the Agency cannot make as prompt deliveries as they would like. Just a little patience and everyone will be served.

By the time these notes reach our reader the Harding stamp will be a thing of the past, for the Bureau has completed the orders for one billion, six hundred million stamps and it was expected that they would all have been delivered by the middle of December. As I have stated before, it is indeed odd that such a large number of stamps should be issued so hurriedly without any error of importance to philatelists occurring.

In a recent issue I called attention to the fact that one of our valued readers had found a copy of the new design $5.00 stamp, wherein the right leg of the letter "R" in "America" was missing. Since preparing the early notes I have had the opportunity of checking up each stamp on the sheet very carefully and the variety does not appear. If our reader has the variety it is a case of either the ink not printing or else some foreign matter adhered to the stamp while printing resulting in this portion of the letter not printing on the stamp itself.

There has been quite a little interest stirred up here of late in cancellations of the Supplementary Mail type brought about by the very excellent article by Colonel Babcock which recently appeared in the American Philatelist. Mr B. K. Miller now writes to inform me that he has just located a vertical pair of the 3c 1861, with a cancellation differing from any of those described by Colonel Babcock. The cancellation is in blue and consists of a circle 31mm in diameter, and around the bottom of the circle "SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL" and at the center of the circle "MAR 18." If collectors generally would look over their collections as well as duplicates they would no doubt locate many varieties not heretofore known.

In a recent Chronicle attention was called to a registration mark applied to a letter from Phoenix, Va., wherein the number of the post-office was designated by a rubber stamp, as well as the registration number of the letter. Mr. Robert J. Wagner of the Registry Division of the Fostoria Post Office sends us some notes of interest in connection with the use of such a mark. It seems that during the time of the issue of the War Savings stamps the stamps on certificates could be registered against loss by certain post-offices in cases where they used this special registration mark with the number of the post-office given. It was further provided that each stamp as well as certificate should bear both of the numbers. In addition the Department instructed the Postmasters to use this rubber stamp only in case of registration of War Savings Stamps, but infrequently the stamp was used by the Postmaster for regular letters. Mr. Wagner sends an impression of the rubber stamp supplied his office by the Department, and it reads in two lines "Office No. 18700—Reg. No. ...."

The press of December 2nd and more especially the New York *Times* on its front page carried an article with a Washington head line calling attention to the fact that one Herman C. Davis had confessed that he had robbed the Post Office Department of stamps valued approximately $75,000. His work on a committee charged with destroying damaged stamps returned to the Department, the confession asserts, enabled him to take them and then swear to their destruction. The *Times* mentions that these were sold to a well known St. Louis stamp dealer, designating by name the particular dealer in question, and that the latter firm who state that they did not know that the stamps had been stolen re-sold them to mail order houses in the East. It is said that they purchased these unused stamps from Davis at discounts from face ranging from 25% to 60%.

In our Chronicle for November 26th information was given regarding the issuing by the State of Utah of a series of State Revenue stamps for the purpose of collecting a cigarette tax. At that time we were unable to give the colors of the several denominations, but through the courtesy of Mr. Frank L. Applegate who has sent us a copy of each, we are able to advise that the ½ cent is in dull olive, the 1c orange, the 1⅕c rose carmine, 1½c green, the 2c blue-violet, and the 2⅘c brown. These stamps are supposed to be perforated with the word "Utah" but Mr. Applegate informs me that some of them slipped through without the perforated word. He also advises that the 1c and 2c are known with the word inverted.

COLUMBIA.—Mr. Emil J. Rall has shown us two new items recently issued: 3c blue regular postal issue and the 60c orange air post stamp, surcharged "Provisional" diagonally and "30" in each lower corner, in blue.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—We have received specimens of the Aero stamps for this territory, showing a bird's-eye view of the Harbour of Casablanca, with an aeroplane in flight, from a design by M. J. de la Neziere and engraved by MM. Vaugirard. The stamps are surface-printed on unwatermarked white wove paper, perf. 13½. We also have a set of the long-delayed pictorial series, held up through pressure of work at the French Government Printing Works. These are the plates of 1917, redrawn and with altered colours. The first two values have been adorned with a design which compares badly with the first emission. The only designs which have been altered are the 1c, 2c, 3c, 50c, 60c and 1fr. The designs are by M. J. de la Neziere, and the stamps are printed by the helio-gravure process by MM. Vaugirard on white wove unwatermarked paper, perf. 13½.

1c olive-grey.	35c violet.
2c lilac.	40c orange.
3c yellow-brown.	45c green.
5c yellow.	50c blue-green.
10c yellow-green.	60c violet.
15c greyish black.	1fr dark brown.
20c claret.	2fr sepia.
25c blue.	5fr grey-green.
30c red.	10fr black.

We note that the 5c yellow of France, lately surcharged for use here, has been suppressed.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

GERMANY.—The following new values have been received from Mr. R. Roberts: 50 million, deep green; 500 million, pale sage green and 1 milliard, brown.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

GOLD COAST.—Messrs. Bright & Son inform us that the ½d value of the recently issued Postage Due labels is already obsolete, for which reason they were not able to get full supplies, only receiving part of their order. A correspondent on the spot states that there are no more to be had at the post-office, and, as there is apparently no use for this denomination, no more will be ordered.

Messrs. Bright understand that only one hundred sheets of sixty were printed, so that the total quantity issued of these stamps was only 6,000, which, for a low value, is a very small quantity. An appreciable rise in the market valuation of these may therefore be expected at an early date.—*Stamp Collecting.*

IRISH FREE STATE.—A correspondent informs us that he has just received from the Post Office Department of the Irish Free State a letter, in which it is stated that the overprinted British stamps "are being withdrawn from sale according as Irish Free State stamps become available to replace them." This confirms the statement made in our issue for October 20th.—*Stamp Collecting.*

JAPAN.—Mr. J. R. Durfee has shown us the 20s in the new set of stamps noted last week. The color is dark blue. Mr. Durfee adds that the set will be of nine values but to date only the ½s grey, 2s brown, 3s rose, and the one noted before have appeared.

LATVIA.—Mr. Karl Koslowski advises of the 2s current issue with an over-

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print of a cross with the letters "L. K. J. S." in each corner and "Kara Invalidiem s 10 s" in three lines in blue. Our correspondent also adds that the 1s and 4s have been surcharged in like manner. The letters noted above mean Latvian War Invalid Organization.

LUXEMBURG.—Mr. Henry Hooreman informs us that from Nov. 20th last a provisional 25c on 37½c, in the 1916-19 Grand Duchess Marie type, was issued.

POLAND.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., send us a provisional "Unpaid," in the shape of the 8 mk. Due of 1921, surcharged "10,000" in shiny black numerals diagonally upwards.—*Stamp Collecting.*

PHILIPPINE IS.—Señor A. Mendoza sends us a cutting from which we gather that a new series of stamps is in contemplation, which will depict scenes from the history of the islands, and views of interesting places.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

PORTUGAL.—According to M. Théodore Champion, only fifty thousand were printed of the 40c blue, chronicled in *Stamp Collecting* for October 6th, and it will not be reprinted. Rare Port is good!—*Stamp Collecting.*

Mr. J. N. Marsden corrects our recent statement that the dealers of Lisbon have altered their attitude to the Air Commemoratives. The propaganda in favour of these stamps comes from Oporto, but Lisbon dealers, following the lead given them by collectors in Portugal, still refuse to have anything to do with them.

Mozambique. The same reader kindly shows us a copy of the recent 50c on 4c provisionals, with large "o" in "50." He also shows us the 25r Don Carlos, with REPUBLICA overprint, in the lilac colour of the 20r. The error was not discovered until most of the stamps had been sold for 20r. Mr. Marsden's copy was shipwrecked in the *Mossamedes* on its way home.

Nyassa Co.—We are informed that the ¼c and ½c of the current pictorial series are no longer being printed as there is no postal service for them to perform. Stocks are exhausted.

St. Thomas and Prince.—Mr. Marsden states that two used copies of the 200r Postage Due, with local REPUBLICA overprint (Cat. No. 419) have been discovered with the overprint in both red and green.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

RUSSIA.—Our Russian correspondent sends us specimens of a new Soviet Republican issue, pictorial designs and surface-printed on coarse white unwatermarked paper, perf. 11x11½.

75,000r grey-green.
100,000r grey-lilac.
200,000r green.
300,000r bright blue.
500,000r carmine.

This series represents the former Republics of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaidjan. The initials 3 C.P.C.P. on the stamps stand for Transcaucasian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic. The roubles are not Russian roubles, but a separate currency, and the postal rate for a foreign letter is 800,000.

The latest addition to the current series is a 20r value in the same design as the 3 and 10 roubles. As the rate of exchange is now 4,500r to the £1, and the postage on a foreign letter 45r, it is more than likely there will be higher values to follow.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

SWITZERLAND.—The new designs for this year's "Pro Juventute" stamps show the arms of the town of Basle, of Glaris, and of Neuchâtel. The Swiss design for the 40c of the same series shows a Royal figure with armour under his robes, and another armed figure shot through in every conceivable direction with arrows, till he looks like an animated pin-cushion. We may add that the background of the Neuchâtel stamp is composed of watches, a new note in stamp designs. We may look for condensed milk tins on a stamp if this kind of thing becomes popular.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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5c, No. 108	.12
6c, No. 109	.30
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8c, No.110a	1.25
9c, No. 111	.45
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12c, No. 113	.45
15c, No. 114	.69
1918, 1c, No. 115	.02
2c, No. 116	.03
3c, No. 117	.05
4c, No. 118	.09
5c, No. 119	.10
6c, No. 120	.45
8c, No. 121	.45
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6d, No. 114	.24
8d, No. 115	.30
10d, No. 117	.45
1sh, No. 118	.35
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NEW ZEALAND	
1909, ½d, No. 130	.03
1d, No. 131	.04
2d, No. 132	.15
3d, No. 133	.10
4d, No. 134	.60
5d, No. 135	.18
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2½d, No. 148	.10
3d, No. 149	.12
4d, No. 150	.40
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6d, No. 152	.18
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9d, No. 154	25
1sh, No. 155	.30
1916, 4d, No. 157	.12
1½d, No. 158	.15
1½d, No. 159	.06
1921, 5d, No. 171	.14
8d, No. 173	.25
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3d, No. 536	.18
6d, No. 537	.24
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2sh 6d, No. 9	.75
10sh, No. 11a	3.00
3d, No. 13	.15
4d, No. 14	.18
1sh, No. 15	.40
1921, ½d, No. 18	.02
1d, No. 19	.03
2d, No. 20	.06
6d, No. 22	.16
1923, 4d Script wmk.	.12
NIUE	
1902, ½d, No. 5	.03
1d, No. 6	.07
1903, 3d, No. 9	.30
6d, No. 10	.69
1911, ½d, No. 13	.05
6d, No. 16	.36
1sh, No. 17	60
1917, 1d, No. 19	.75
3d, No. 20	4.00
½d, No. 21	.03
1d, No. 22	.05
1½d, No. 23	.18
1½d, No. 24	.06
3d, No. 25	.10
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3d, No. 27	.30
1sh, No. 28	.45
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1921, 6d, No. 37	.18
NORTH. NIGERIA	
1902, ½d, No. 10	.07
2d, No. 12	.45
2½d, No. 13	.18
5d, No. 14	.75
1sh, No. 16	.90
1904, 1d, No. 20	.15
2d, No. 21	.45
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1910, ½d, No. 27	.07
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1918, 5m/1pi, No.2	1.25
1922, 1m, No. 48	.02
2m, No. 49	.02
3m, No. 50	.03
4m, No. 51	.04
5m, No. 52	.05
7m, No. 54	.06
8m, No. 55	.07
13m, No. 56	.10
1pi, No. 57	.08
2pi, No. 58	.16
5pi, No. 59	.35
9pi, No. 60	.60
10pi, No. 61	.65
20pi, No. 62	1.25
PAPUA	
1907, 2d, No. 29	.75
2½d, No. 30	.30
4d, No. 31	.45
6d, No. 32	1.75
1sh, No. 33	1.75
½d, No. 34	.18
1d, No. 35	.30
2½d, No. 37	.35
4d, No. 38	.30
6d, No. 39	.45
1sh, No. 40	.60
½d, No. 41	.06
2d, No. 43	.25
2½d, No. 44	.60
4d, No. 45	.90
6d, No. 46	.45
1sh, No. 47	.45
1911, ½d, No. 50	.05
1d, No. 51	.12
2d, No. 52	.08
2½d, No. 53	.24
4d, No. 54	.15
6d, No. 55	.25
1sh, No. 56	.40
1915, 1d, No. 59	.65
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A STAMP ENTHUSIAST.

COLON, Nov. 8.—Lucien Granie of the Beverhoudt Stores, is one of the most enthusiastic philatelists on the Isthmus, and his collection of stamps is one of the largest and rarest. Numbered among these stamps are some of considerable money value. One especially he prizes highly and has good reason to for in the latest quotations it is valued at $1,250. This is a stamp of the island of Dominica, date 1898, and very few of this series are extant. Mr. Granie obtained the stamp for a comparatively insignificant sum while on tour of the islands some time back. He visited twenty-seven places in all on this trip, and obtained a number of valuable specimens through going back over the correspondence of some of the old residents.—*Panama Star and Herald.*

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THE "MANN" NEW ZEALANDS.

It is always a matter of regret when a valuable collection, acquired at great cost, both of labour and money, is broken up and dispersed. The celebrated collection which is the title of this note, not having found a purchaser *"en bloc,"* is now about to suffer this sad fate. It is not only the finest collection of New Zealand stamps in existence, but, containing as it does the material on which several very distinguished philatelists have based their studies and incorporated them in important papers communicated at various times during the past decade or so to the Royal Philatelic Society and published in the *London Philatelist*, it is also one of exceptional interest and importance. The dispersal of such a valuable collection seems to render it desirable to place on record, as a matter of history, the salient facts as regards its accumulation and a reference to some of the noteworthy items it contains. It was started nearly forty years ago by the late Mr. W. W. Mann of Bexley, Since his death, in 1915, his son, Mr. Eric W. Mann, a well-known Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, carried on the collection, and recently sold it to our publishers for a very large figure. The gradual growth of the collection was vastly stimulated by the incorporation in it of various well-known and important collections from time to time. The first of these was the fine collection of Mr. A. T. Bate of Wellington, one of the oldest Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society; then followed the absorption of the collection of Mr. M. P. Castle, late President of the Royal Philatelic Society, which contained the valuable material on which were based several important papers read before the Royal Philatelic Society. The pick of the collection of the late Earl of Crawford was added to it, and lastly, possibly the most important of all, the Hausburg collection. It naturally follows that the Mann Collection is incomparable in size, completeness, philatelic interest, and the condition of the specimens.

Among the notable stamps in the early issues are two of the 1d and the 2d and 1s London prints on white paper, unused, and three of the 1d, three of the 2d, and two of the 1s, unused, on bluish paper. The pages of used copies of these two groups of the first issue include some exceptional strips of four of the 1d. A little-known stamp is the 1d, dull orange, of 1857, watermarked "Star." The colour is the familiar shade of the stamps on the paper without watermark, and its occurrence, as an extreme rarity on the "Star" paper is something of a mystery. This variety was first discovered by the late Mr. Castle, and the fine pair, used, on the original letter, which he showed when he made known his discovery to the Royal Philatelic Society, is one of the chief gems in the Mann Collection. Apart from this pair it is believed that only one other copy is known. Of the 1s, without watermark, there are several unused copies, both in the emerald-green and also in the blue-green shade.

The chief wealth of the collection, however, lies in the numerous copies, including unused, of the various local semi-official perforations. These are very difficult stamps to find in good condition, and form the chief difficulty in collecting the early issues of New Zealand. All are rare, and while the Catalogue limits them to "pin-perforation about 10," "serrated perforation 16," "rouletted 7," and "perf. 13" in the collection the subdivisions of these varieties are considerably extended, three different gauges of the "serrates," two different roulettes, and a compound pin-perf. by serrate being shown. In quite a number of instances the copies here are the only examples known, and this applies also to the 6d, pale brown, no watermark, perf. 13 (Gibbons No. 32), of which the used copy in this collection is the only specimen extant.

The late Mr. Hausburg, while on a visit to New Zealand, found the old plates of the early stamps still existing, and obtained permission to take two proofs of each plate in black. One set he brought home for the collection of His Majesty the King, and the other he retained in his collection, this set being added to the Mann Collection when the Hausburg Collection was incorporated with it. The plates have since been destroyed. The 2d plate is of considerable interest, as by a study of the proof the extent of the retouching and the positions of the various retouched stamps were ascertained with certainty.

It is perhaps regrettable that this collection cannot be retained intact. It was at one time hoped that the New Zealand Government might acquire it as a national collection, but failing such action as this its dispersal furnishes a grand opportunity for the enrichment of other existing important collections of the stamps of New Zealand.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

OUR FIVE-YEAR HONOR CLUB.

George N. Hersey, N. Y. City.
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A. E. Hutter, Beaver Dam, Wis.
Clark Hall Foye, Detroit, Mich.
O. J. Richardson, Pinellas Park, Fla.
C. W. Bissell, Huntington Park, Cal.
S. W. Richey, Cincinnati, O.

Our first candidate for membership in the Honor Club this week is George N. Hersey, of N. Y. City, who sends his check for $5 for a five-years' extension of his subscription. We thank Mr. Hersey for this expression of confidence in the WEEKLY.

We are very pleased to add the name of Roger Q. Pease, of East Pepperell, Mass., to our Honor Club list. Mr. Pease is connected with the Nashua River Paper Co., at East Pepperell and his name has been seen quite frequently in the WEEKLY in years gone by.

A letter from A. E. Hutter, Beaver Dam, Wis., contains a remittance of $7. In addition to taking membership in the Honor Club with a remittance of $5 he also sends in the subscriptions for one year of Leo Brucker and Rev. Hugo J. Koester. This is certainly boosting with a capital B. Thanks, Mr. Hutter.

Quite recently O. J. Richardson in business at Eden, N. Y., under the name of the Eclipse Stamp Co., left for the south and is now located at the Hotel Royal Palm, Pinellas Park, Florida. His check for $5 with best wishes for the WEEKLY which he terms the "king of stamp papers" is greatly appreciated. We enroll Mr. Richardson as one of our Honor Club members.

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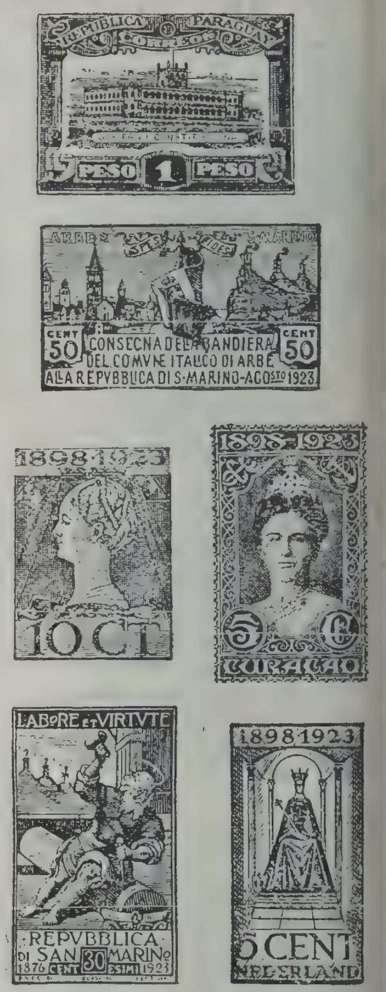
We are glad to enroll C. W. Bissell, formerly of West Haven, Conn., and who is now located at Huntington Park, Cal. Mr. Bissell is a strong friend of the WEEKLY, as is evidenced by his statement that he "would be lonesome without MEKEEL'S, as it is the best paper in the world." This is strong praise but we can well remember when these were our sentiments, and they have not changed in passing years.

Just as we go to press with this week's issue we receive a letter from Mr. Severn relaying a $5 remittance from S. W. Richey, head of the Richey, Halsted & Quick Co., dealers in Southern lumber, Cincinnati, O. Thanks, Mr. Richey, for your membership.

Total seven for the week!

THE MANAGING EDITOR.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ACKERMAN TALKS ON STAMPS.

(Plainfield, N. J., "Courier News".)

Speaking to an audience, that completely filled the auditorium of the new Y. M. C. A. building last night, Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman, gave some interesting facts about postage stamps, tracing their history and importance in this country. He said:

"The protest against the imposed use of stamped paper and the tax on tea, imposed by Great Britain, led up to the Revolutionary War of 1776, and the independence of the American colonies. The taxes imposed on legal documents and stamped on the paper by means of a die press like a notary's seal, were regarded by the American colonists as an obnoxious form of collecting revenue.

"In the early days of transmission of mail the rates of postage varied to distance travelled, the same as in general practice abroad. In 1819 the island of Sardinia used a stamped impression of a flying horse as postage on mail. In 1840 Sir Rowland Hill induced the British Parliament to provide for penny postage. This was followed in 1843 by Brazil, and in 1847 by the United States.

"In 1873, during the panic, there was a demand for reduction of taxes imposed as a result of the Civil War, which had closed eight years previously, and the Government sought to cut off expenses by reducing the use of franks or free postage, sent from the different Government departments, which numbered thousands annually, most of the Government officials using the mails free and ibitum. It was provided that each department have its own special stamps with the value printed thereon."

It was in 1873 that Mr. Ackerman, hen a mere boy, first took note of the stamps, his father being a lawyer, having large correspondence with the Department of the Interior, and he saved the stamps. This led to his becoming a collector, and he has one of the finest collections in the world. In May last, he received a gold medal in London, for his collection, in competition with King George, who is a most enthusiastic collector.

Mr. Ackerman showed many interesting specimens of postal use, including pigeongrams carried by pigeons before the wireless telegraphy came and making faster time than ships on the sea. A most interesting exhibit was a letter sent by a woman in Russia containing over twelve hundred stamps, on a strip six inches wide and fifteen feet long, with stamps on both sides, making thirty feet in all. The letter was sent by the woman asking for food. She had money enough to buy the stamps but not enough to buy the simplest food.

The speaker showed an envelope containing stamps that cost nine hundred million German marks; also a special delivery stamp a foot long, from China.

He spoke of the custom of certain South American governments issuing a new stamp each year, and demonetizing the old ones on hand, making them useless for postage, but allowing them to be sold to collectors. In this way whole sheets of unused stamps, but useless for postage, find their way to the collectors, and in their hands have a value sometimes up to the hundreds of dollars. Mr. Ackerman papered one room in his house with sheets of such stamps, but at a fire in his house the water ruined them, except a few which he managed to save, and he presented some of them to the young collectors in the audience last night.

He said there are over three million stamp collectors in the world, and at auctions of stamps millions of dollars are paid for them. Collectors in this country, he said, contribute to the Government, by buying stamps, a sum that pays every year, all the cost of the plates for printing stamps, and a net profit to the Government of $200,000 besides.

The speaker concluded his address by showing slides of Japan, and showed the umbrella which he had bought in London forty years ago, and carried over 0,000 miles in his travels all over the world. He bought the umbrella at the same time that his boyhood friend, Dr. George E. Vincent, now president of the Rockefeller Foundation, did, they being travelling companions on this occasion, and the latter stating: "I will carry mine longer than you will." Mr. Ackerman never previously could keep an umbrella longer than a month, but the incident prompted him to keep this one.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO DECEMBER 1.

We feel very much pleased with the results in our subscription contest. Already marked interest is being shown and there is every indication that the Weekly will surpass all subscription records of the past before this season is over. During the month of November W. J. Zink sent in 78 subscriptions and the Fennell Stamp Co. was second with 46. We cannot take the space to name individually all those who have done good work, but feel quite sure that we shall be bestowing praise where praise is due in mentioning the fact that Eugene Klein of Philadelphia has sent in 12 new subscriptions during the month. Those who sent in more than ten during the month of November are the fellowing:—

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Paul F. Cornish, Schenectady, N. Y.	14
L. B. Dover, St. Louis, Mo.	13
Wm. G. Klemt, Jersey City, N. J.	12
R. Lamprecht, Valparaiso, Ind.	12
Eugene Klein, Phila., Pa.	12
Hawkeye Co., Cedar Rapids, Ia.	11
D. B. Nagle Co., Reading, Pa.	10

The detailed standing of all the contestants for the two months is as follows:—

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Wm. G. Klemt, Jersey City, N. J.	25
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C. E. Hussman Co., St. Louis, Mo.	19
Hiawatha Shop, Syracuse, N. Y.	18
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R. Lamprecht, Valpariso, Ind.	12
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Buckey Stamp Co., Dayton, O.	10
C. E. Nickles, Washington, D. C.	10
U. T. K. Stamp Co., Utica, N. Y.	10
C. Lee Tubbs, San Diego, Cal.	9
N. Joseph, Boston, Mass.	8
H. P. Atherton, Springfield, Mass.	8
Liberty Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	8
Covert Stamp Co., Rochester, N. Y.	8
A. M. Leckie, Chicago, Ill.	7
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Kansas City Co., Kansas City, Mo.	6
Pioneer Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.	6
Rev. A. E. Butler, St. Georges, Nfld.	6
H. C. Bucholz, Norwood, O.	6
E. P. Seebohm, San Fran., Cal.	6
G. P. Kunz, Jersey City, N. J.	5
C. A. Bernier, Kankakee, Ill.	5
Jax Stamp Co., Steger, Ill.	5
Vahan Mozian, N. Y. City.	5
Emerson Shop, Elkhart, Ind.	5
Adolf Gunesch, Chicago, Ill.	5

Four each:—Chas. W. Schmidt, N. S. Hufnell, H. H. Shepard, E. T. Nelson, H. Ioor.

Three each:—Foye Stamp Co., C. C. Durning, Floral City Stamp Co., G. A. Zimmerman, G. Stanley Haines, Galaxy Precancel Co., C. E. Cowell, Irving Crowley.

Two each:—Minneapolis Stamp Shoppe, I. F. Verry, Alois von Isakovics, W. W. Betts, R. H. Mower, W. R. Guild, Mogensen Stamp Co., J. E. Guest, The Stamp Shoppe, G. Drewfs, Canada Postage Stamp Co., W. C. Burtis, Sonnee Stamp Co., Rotnem Stamp Co., Bymor Stamp Co., R. P. Ewing, J. H. Blackney, Rueger Stamp Co., J. B. Musick, A. H. Gustafson, S. S. Hall, H. W. Litten, R. L. Lehr, H. G. Martel, A. M. McFadden.

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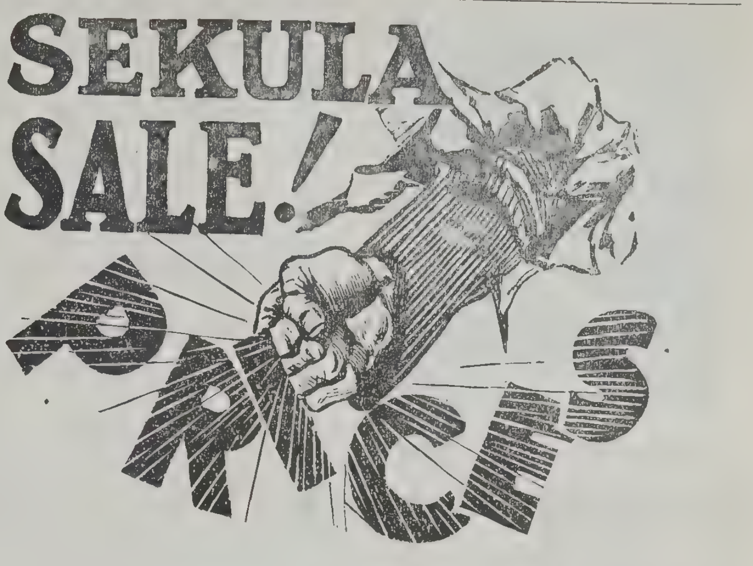
The Managing Editor.



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This stamp, first seen in January, 1913, differs from others of the Kangaroo type in that the circle below the map is in colour while the figures of value are uncolored—the contrary holding good in all other values in this design—also that the words of value, also uncoloured, are inserted in condensed letters on a label of solid colour.

Like the 2d Kangaroo, this one has gone through the three varieties of watermark that Kangaroo stamps are liable to—first, second, and third—but, unlike that defunct one, this stamp is still in use (though extremely little nowadays), and still in the same old colour, blue, though in a shade less dark than formerly used to prevail.

Shades.

For years after birth, the colour of this stamp was as constant as that of any other of the low value Kangaroos, being aptly summed up in the catalogue as "indigo." In this hue it went through the first and second watermarks and started on the third. Indeed, up to the year 1919, only trifling variations of shade were known. The reason why it was carefully continued in this deep shade of blue is fairly obvious—to keep it in sharp contra-distinction to the other blue Kangaroo, the 6d value.

This stamp had also continued for many years in the same shade—just an ordinary ultramarine—without variation to speak of. But about 1919 it began to fluctuate in hue, appearing in several shades of ultramarine, and even in blue.

As astronomers can sometimes infer from otherwise unaccountable deviations in the motion of a heavenly body that it is being influenced by some other, so perhaps philatelists should sometimes ascribe marked and much unsteadiness in the colour of one stamp in a series to its colour being approached too nearly or encroached upon by some new shade in the others.

However that may be, it is a fact that the 2½d Kangaroo, hitherto so constant in hue, appeared in all sorts of blue in the years 1919 and 1920, and even in a shade approaching ultramarine. First of all the shade deepened considerably to a bronze-blue that ultimately became so dark as to be almost black. (This fine shade is not common, as it did not last long; it might be called "blue-black," and issued early in 1920.)

The impression of this stamp in these dark shades became indistinct and blurred, and many flaws became conspicuous, the plate evidently having become worn; and in July, 1920, it appeared printed from a "cleaned plate," the shaded portion of the design having quite a whitey appearance compared with that of the late blurred printings. This was the first printing from "cleaned plate" in this value, and the shade (which is best seen in the border line) was still very dark. But next month (August) the 2½d value came out in a comparatively pale shade, and without any of that "whitey" appearance in the shaded portions that distinguishes plates that have been cleaned. That it is not a new plate seems pretty certain from the fact that all the chief flaws that recur are still there. The stamp continued in several ordinary shades of blue, more or less pale in comparison with preceding shades, until my leaving Australia at the end of 1921. The last copies of this value I have received from the Australian Postmaster-General were dispatched in October, 1922, and are again printed from a cleaned plate, which, however, are easily distinguishable from the first printed thus, from being in a very ordinary shade of blue instead of deep bronze-blue.

First Watermark.

This stamp made its debut on January 27, 1913. The shade varies but slightly, from lighter up to deep indigo. It is listed with inverted watermark (upside down) in Mr. Rosenblum's Australian Commonwealth handbook, but has never been seen by me, nor have I ever seen varieties of perforation. Generally the paper is thinnish white wove, but there was one printing on thicker paper.

Second Watermark.

This first appeared about July, 1915; the shade, indigo, is very constant, no variation being known. It is not known with inverted watermark or with varieties of perforation. The paper is thicker than is usual with the first watermark, being identical, indeed, with that first used for surface-printing the King's Head stamps. The watermark is generally "off centre," sometimes half a watermark being to the left and another half to the right of the stamp.

Third Watermark.

First appeared in New South Wales in September, 1917. May have appeared in Victoria a little earlier.

It was found in 1918 on quite a thin paper. Also a little later (May, 1919) a few sheets were discovered with offset, more or less distinct, on the back of the stamps.

Since the beginning of Commonwealth stamps in 1913, I had always kept a sharp lookout on the low values up to the 3d, as there were plenty to be seen and they could be easily bought by the sheet should anything abnormal turn up. But to March 13, 1920, this perpetual examination in post-offices, both in Melbourne and its far-flung suburbs (whither my vocation has taken me), had been in vain as regards this value, with the exception of the thin paper and offset varieties above mentioned. On that date I entered the Stock Exchange Post Office, Melbourne, as was customary with me, taking samples of the low values in use. I would ask for "One each of the low values up to 3d, please," putting down a shilling, this preliminary purchase that was habitual with me only totalling 8½d. In busy offices in the city itself, I found this cut and dried method far more satisfactory than bothering the clerks to look at their stamps. For, though these knew me well and almost always were civil and obliging, they could not cater for philatelists in a busy office like the Melbourne Stock Exchange, where it was often hard to get in a word "edgeways" as the saying is. A philatelist could not expect to be treated differently from the philistines, where even at the least busy time of the day it was hard to get a look at the stamps being used without holding up business; the P.M.G. doubtless would have held more orthodox than examining stamps, the supplying them.

However, on this particular day, when to my amazement I found the 2½d stamp with watermark upside down, by a lot of waiting and diplomacy I managed to obtain all they had of the variety—for, as luck had it, I happened to have a "fiver" in my pocket at the time!—three entire sheets and a portion of another. This was certainly the first and I believe the only time this value was seen in this condition; and at the next meeting of the Philatelic Society of Victoria I supplied most of the members attending with copies. These stamps were in the dark bronze-blue shade then current which, though not as deep as some appearing about the same time ("blue-black"), are quite different to the shades that have been current since.

Printing.

This value, like the 2d grey Kangaroo, was always printed from a vertically double plate of 240 designs, long full sheets being divided horizontally before issue to public. In the first watermark, sheets printed from upper half of plate can be distinguished from those from lower half by absence of the monograms [AC & JBC].

In the third watermark all sheets of Cooke prints, upper and lower halves alike, had monograms; but those in the upper half of plate had a thinning of the border line of colour above them.

Harrison's first print, which had monograms, but all of the Australian Commonwealth sort (J.B.C. having gone out of it!), is not known in this value. His second print, which has the 1-line imprint:—

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Minor Flaws.

Of minor flaws the most marked is the thick West Australian coast line variety, occurring in the S.W. corner stamp of the lower or south plate. In some printings it is very pronounced, as if the map were a raised block, seen sideways, and is also shown on other stamps on the western edge, but always most distinctly on the lower left corner one.

On a few sheets issuing in May, 1920, there was an important development of this flaw, a headed line of colour stretching across from western frame of stamp to the thickest coast on the west, for all the world as if a blue pin had been stuck into Australia, sideways on. I was lucky enough to procure no fewer than five specimens of this big flaw, of which not more than half a dozen copies seem ever to have been known.

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There is another variation of the thickened coast line where this occurs on the three bottom western-edge stamps, in which the two upper stamps had in addition a dab of colour on the West Australia hinterland. This flow is not nearly so striking as the former, though it seems to have been nearly equally rare.

The above flaw is known only on third watermark sheets. There is a minor one which is evidently a flaw on the hardened plate (not merely on an electro taken from it), as it occurs from the very first. It is on the upper, or north, portion of plate, being the stamp above the south-east corner one. In front of the Kangaroo's foot is what appears a cabbage—at least something substantial among the scant grass on which the poor animal lives, or rather would starve.

Another is the broken circle variety, occurring in the third stamp from the corner one with thickened coast line aforesaid, on the bottom margin. The white rim surrounding the value numerals is badly broken at the foot. There are others, but these are the chief flaws in this value.—*Stamp Collecting.*

BROUGHT TO A RECKONING.

By N. R. Hoover.

One of the cleverest round-ups of a crook stealing stamps was brought about by Joseph Hoffman, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the S. P. A. in New York this week.

On Wednesday, the 21st, an unknown in the stamp world presented 15 books for sale to J. M. Bartels at his office, 116 Nassau Street. The covers had been removed from the books and every attempt to conceal their source had been made by the man presenting them. Mr. Bartels, suspecting that they were stolen property, advanced $10. on the books, agreeing with him to pay the balance when the man returned later.

The holder of the books showed his ignorance, however, by neglecting to remove the cancellation mark on the blanks where certain stamps had been removed from the sheets. It was quite clear that the goods had been listed in some Philatelic Association Sales Department. The initials were A. E. H. Mr. Hoffman, who happened into Mr. Bartel's office shortly afterward, recognized the initials as those of A. E. Hussey, Sales Manager of the S. P. A.

Hoffman wired Hussey at once for names of members on the local circuit. With this data he got into touch with the member who last had the circuit who produced the receipt showing he had mailed that circuit at 3 P. M., November 20th, at a New York City substation to the next on the circuit. As these books had been offered for sale the following morning, it was quite evident they could only have been taken in New York and must of necessity have been an "inside Post Office job."

The only clue in locating the man was a bald spot on the back of his head and a description of his general appearance. The Post Office Inspector's Department then got in on the case. It was only a matter of a short time with this data, for the Government sleuths together with a clerk from Bartels office and Mr. Hoffman, to locate a postal clerk in Station P, Brooklyn, who fitted this description. By Thursday, the 22nd, within twenty-four hours at 12 o'clock noon, the guilty man had been arrested and had confessed.

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By Chas. L. Widman.

I have just received information from Germany that the recent crop of provisional surcharges have already become obsolete and are being rapidly replaced by regular stamps of Scott's Type A35. This has been confirmed by arrival on cover of stamps to the value of 20, 50 and 100 millions. I have so far seen:

20 Millions, ultramarine.
50 Millions, olive green.
100 Millions, grey olive.

The latest rate for letters abroad seems to be 200 Millions, Registry fee 90 Millions. My friend informs me that this was by no means the end, further advances in postage rates to keep pace with the rapid decrease of the Mark are already being announced.

He also informs me that economic conditions are getting worse from day to day. The farmers, who to a certain extent control some of the situation, refuse to sell their products against paper Marks. They are demanding one dollar for 150 lbs. of potatoes, based on a peace price of 3 Mk per hundredweight (zentner). They then will accept only foreign exchange (dollars preferable) or articles of value, clothing, jewelry, etc. The reader can readily understand that things like that do not exactly serve to improve the conditions. The government has tried everything in their power to force the farmer to take his products to market, but meets with very small success. The monarchists are the ones to make capital out of these conditions by telling the people, that either under a military dictation or a one-man-government conditions would be improved by a stabilization of the currency and similar remedies. This also explains the recent attempt to establish a Monarchy in Bavaria.

Stamp prices as a whole in Germany have gone far above the world market price. The new catalogues, Seuf, Michel and others are based on gold Mark prices. I was offered Heligoland No. 7 (Scott's price $30.00) for the "modest" sum of $100.00 and other stamps for prices in proportion to the above. I was also offered a collection of war stamps, mostly German and Austrian for the "small" sum of $1,000.00. The average German seems to think that our dollar has about 10,000 cents, judging by some of the prices that I was asked for common stamps.

During my recent visit to Germany I bought some very nice old stamps from private collectors and had some very nice collections offered to me at ridiculously low prices. They all seemed to have the "Dollar" craze. A dollar bill seemed to work wonders, and I do not doubt that today one could buy even better, provided one would be right on the ground. About every other man in Germany seems to be a stamp collector, and some of the collections I have seen, cured me entirely of the opinion held by some U. S. dealers that Germany was bought out of good stamps. The German dealers might not have much, but there is quite a lot in private possession. I only regretted that I was not in a class with Mr. Hind financially, otherwise I would have made *some* purchases. Here is a hint to the U. S. dealer who has agents abroad: Do not waste your time in stamp shops in Germany, but get in touch with the private collectors of what once composed the middle class; they still have things worth while looking for, not only in European stamps but also in old U. S.

Since my letter of Nov. 22nd, in which I predicted that the postage rate for foreign letters from Germany had by no means reached its highest point, I received the enclosed cover which surpasses anything seen thus far. The stamps on it indicate a registered letter postage for foreign letters from Germany of Mk 4,930,800,000, representing at prewar dollar exchange rate of $4.20, $1,174,000.000. This, beyond no doubt, will demonstrate that under no circumstances Germany will be able to stage a comeback for the Marks.

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By WALTER DURANTY.

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Moscow, Dec. 3.—One of the largest postage stamp deals on record has been concluded between the philatelic department of the Soviet Government and a New York business man, Maurice Sherman. The contract, ratified by the Council of Commissars Saturday, gives Mr. Sherman a monopoly of the sale in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America and France of all the stamps ever issued on Russian soil, amounting to upward of 20,000 different varieties.

The stamps include not only the various revolutionary or counter-revolutionary issues, but stamps of the former empire and some 5,000 varieties issued by the Zemstvos or Provincial District councils, prior to 1885, after the manner of the Wells Fargo and other express companies in the United States in the middle of the last century.

The contract, made for three years and renewable by mutual consent, further gives Mr. Sherman monopoly for the same countries of the sale of all bank notes issued in Russian territory and all catalogues of literature dealing with stamps published here, as well as of foreign philatelic catalogues, literature and accessories in Russia.

Mr. Sherman will leave Moscow for Paris and New York within a few days with several thousand samples of stamps and banknotes which, taken jointly, give a picture of the history of the Russian dismemberment and recovered unity of Russia in the past six years.

There are stamps of Kamchatka's first revolutionary Government, which was so short lived that they were issued only for three days; stamps of the Kerensky régime surcharged with the red star of the Soviets; stamps with the Czar's head half obliterated by the Soviet hammer and sickle in grim presage of the harvest of royal heads the revolution was soon to reap.

The early Soviet issues went in for propaganda—a hand with a sword cutting the workers' chains or the Communist St. George killing the dragon of capitalism. Later came the famine series, one large oblong stamp, showing the food pouring down the Volga, and another a skeleton putting a hand on a peasant's shoulder. In the series issued to commemorate this year's exhibition appear the Fordson tractor, harvesting machines and a bird'seye view of the exhibition itself, with the pavilions of the chief component countries of the Russian federation. It is notable that there are no stamps bearing the heads of Lenin or other Soviet leaders, whereby hangs a tale.

A year or two ago Lenin learned that such an issue was being prepared, and immediately ordered the dies destroyed, saying angrily:

"Do you think I am the Czar that I want my head on the stamps of the Russian republic?"

This led to the detection of several gangs of forgers flooding the European market with spurious Bolshevist stamps. The Soviet representative in Vienna a few months ago secured the conviction of eighteen persons concerned in the production and sale of a forged series bearing the heads of Lenin, Trotzky, Budyonny. The money ranges in denominations from the single ruble issued in Petrograd in the Winter of 1917 to the 10,000,000 bill current in Moscow in the early part of last year.

The series shows the fall of Russian currency to "astronomic" figures; then its slow recovery as the zeros were cut off succeeding issues up to the present "thousands," representing the old thousand million, and finally the 10-ruble cthervonets, whose gold value has been maintained above sterling for the last six months.

Established primarily to aid destitute children, who receive a large proportion of the profits, the Soviet Philatelic Association has lately received thousands of letters from stamp collectors abroad to promote relations with whom it has opened large offices and showrooms in the centre of Moscow. The sale and exchange of stamps and literature with private foreign collectors on a small scale are not excluded by the monopoly given Mr. Sherman.

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THE HEART OF THE DIAMOND.

By Christopher West.

Swift & Courtney.

1c Blue.

The Wilmington, Delaware, Directories for 1857 and 1859-60 list Henry Courtney as a match maker, and in the Directory for 1862-63 the name is given as Henry B. Courtney. In the same directory the name of William H. Swift appears. From 1865-66 to 1871-72 the firm of Swift & Courtney, match manufacturers, is listed, and the names mentioned in connection with the firm are Henry B. Courtney, Mary A. Courtney, Frederick Courtney and William H. Swift.

This factory started in a small way but grew rapidly, and in a few years became one of the largest and most important factories in the country. On June 1, 1870, the business was merged with the Beecher factory at Westville, Connecticut, and the new firm took the name of Swift, Courtney & Beecher Co.

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, July 21, 1864.
First issued, Aug., 1864.
Last issued, Aug., 1875.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
86,528,370 issued on old paper.
164,421,340 issued on silk paper.

The die for this stamp was one of the first that was approved and the first printing was among the first match stamps issued. The design has little artistic merit. It is one of the very few match stamps, and with its successor, is the only small match stamp on which engine turned lathe work was used. This portion of the design is made up of very fine colorless lines and so many stamps were printed from the plates that before the various plates had been destroyed as unfit for use, many of these fine lines had become badly worn. This accounts for the many stamps in existence which lack the fine detail of impressions from new plates.

The design forms an upright rectangle of the usual 1c size. In the center is a disk of lathe work with irregular edges which encloses a colorless diamond shaped panel, the long dimension of which is horizontal. This diamond bears the inscription in three lines: "Diamond—Parlor Match—State," the first and last word being curved. A small colored disk rests on the upper corner of the diamond and a similar disk below it, each bearing a colorless numeral 1, A circular band surrounding the central disk and broken by slight foliate ornaments at the side is inscribed "U. S. Internal Rev." above and "Swift & Courtney" below. Straight marginal labels at the top and bottom, each broken in the center by a small rectangular panel, are inscribed "One" and "Cent" above and "Wilm." and "Del." below. The spaces between the circular band and these labels are filled in with triangular ornaments heavily shaded with crossed lines. The design is flat and solid! It has too much color and the ornamentation is poor in design and indifferent in execution. As a whole the stamp lacks interest, lacks charm, lacks balance, lacks proportion and it lacks nearly everything which so many of the match stamps possess. It is hard to believe that it was engraved by the same firm which a few months later produced the Greenleaf, Howard, Park City, Powell and "Franklin" stamps.

The total number issued, viz., over two hundred and fifty million, indicates that between 20 and 30 plates were used. These were all made by the Carpenter firm in Philadelphia, and all the stamps were printed by them. Many of the stamps on old paper were used by Swift & Courtney, but the later printings on old paper and all the printings on silk paper were used by the Swift & Courtney & Beecher Co.

None of these stamps are at all scarce except the true ultramarine of 1869. This color is rare and the present writer has not been able to trace as many as half a dozen different genuine copies. Copies in pale blue from a worn plate are often mistaken for the ultramarine, but the true color is easy to distinguish because it is one of the few ultramarines whose color most strongly suggests violet. Probably the ink used was from the same batch from which the $15 Mortgage of the general issue was printed, but the color of the Swift & Courtney stamp does not appear so deep, because the latter plate was considerably worn. The stamp was probably printed on the experimental silk paper of 1870-71 and on some or all of the other unusual papers employed at that period, but no such copies have yet been noted.

Few pairs on the old paper and the silk paper have been noted. These appear to have been used, and indicate that the stamps were used in multiple. Probably such pairs are not 2c multiple stamps, but are two-thirds of strips of three that were so used in lieu of 3c stamps.

The Swift & Courtney stamps were rarely cancelled; only one cancelled copy has come to the writer's attention. It is on silk paper and the cancellation which is in manuscript in two lines, reads, "Oct 14/76—S & C."

(*To be continued.*)

BOOK REVIEW.

We have received from G. F. Rapkin, 151 Goswell Road, London, England, the "Philatelic Atlas," price 25c. It consists of an especially compiled set of ten philatelic maps with the names of every stamp-issuing country, state, town and district prominently printed. There is also a very valuable map index. giving detailed information as to exact location, and all in all the book will be found an exceedingly useful one.

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Dr. William Evans of Norfolk, Va., has given the department this week a very interesting check list of some shifted transfers which he has found on the three cent green. The editor of this department has some of the varieties described by Dr. Evans but not all, and in addition a number of other varieties of the shifted transfers on the various issues of three cent greens of which he will write descriptions for this department at some time in the future when time will permit. In the meantime, won't some other readers who have shifted transfers on any of the low values of U. S. stamps before 1890 come forward with detailed descriptions.

Dr. Evans says in part:

"I note that you ask in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY what the difference is between a scratch and a cracked plate. So far as its effect on the printed stamp goes, is there any difference? And, isn't a scratch a superficial crack? If I were really going to try to describe the difference I'd say just that—a scratch is a superficial linear mark on the surface of the plate and a crack is a deep severance extending clear through the plate, but it seems to me that one might be put to it to tell from a specimen whether it is one or the other. I'll try to describe what I have in this line when I get to it."

The Editor notes that in his description of shifted transfers which follows, Dr. Evans does not mention any of the National printing. These are scarce, probably for the reason that the National engravers did more careful work than their successors. The writer has two or three different and very interesting varieties of shifted transfers on National printings which he will describe in course of time. By the way, this variety on the National will be listed for the first time in the next edition of Scott's Specialized, along with some other interesting minor varieties which are not now included.

THREE CENT GREEN-SHIFTED TRANSFERS CONTINENTAL.

(Described by Dr. William Evans)

1. The top line shows about ¼ mm. above the stamp. The letters U. S. POSTAGE show an upward shift, and the oval above them also shows it as do also the ornaments at the ends of the label. The shading lines on the neck and shoulder are all doubled. The bottom labels are doubled.
2. The whole stamp shows a shift downward of nearly or quite ¼ mm.
3. The horizontal lines of the central oval medallion show in the white frame surrounding it from a point opposite the tip of the nose to a point nearly at the first stroke of the letter U. These lines also show on the nose.
4. The horizontal lines of the central oval medallion show in the white frame surrounding it from a point opposite the eyebrow to the top of the oval.
5. The horizontal lines at the lower left corner of the stamp extend to the left beyond the same lines above them and the letters THREE show slight doubling.
6. The letters STAGE show doubling.
7. The letters CENTS show a shift.
8. The top frame line is doubled.
9. The top of the right frame line is doubled. for a distance of about 3mm.
10. There is a line through the top of the letters THR.

AMERICAN.

1. A strong upward shifting of most of the stamp. The part not affected is the lower left corner and the figure of value.
2. A downward shift of the lower left corner of the stamp showing a line through the tops of the letters THREE, a line in the white horizontal bands above and below these letters, and a line below the bottom frame line extending from the corner to a point below the right side of the lower ball of the figure.
3. The top frame line is doubled.
4. The letter U shows a doubling, and also the horizontal white band below the letters THR, and there is a line below the bottom frame line at the lower left corner of the stamp.

Re-engraved.

1. A shift to the left showing in the letters U. S. POSTAGE, THREE, and the numeral of value.

Several readers of this column have sent the writer for examination stamps of the twentieth century. As has been stated before, the heading "Early Low Values Specialized" means low values of United States stamps issued before 1890, and for this and other reasons we cannot mention minor varieties and cancellations after that date. This is no reflection on the twentieth century stamps. There are many fine shifts, plate flaws, paper and printing varieties, freaks, fancy cancellations, etc., to be found on modern United States stamps and the collectors who go in for these have a wonderful field for study and undoubtedly are making a good investment. But the line had to be drawn somewhere.

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400t on 15pf, 400t on 40pf, 800t on 5pf, 800t on 300M, 800t on 400M green, 800t on 400M brown, 800t on 1000M* .25
2 million on 200M, 2 million on 300M, 2 million on 5000M* .... .15
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250t on 300M green, 800t on 500M green* .18
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500t, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 million Marks* ..... .12
10 million Marks*, rouletted .... .05
20, 30, 50, 100, 200, 500 million, 1 billion, 2 billion Marks* .... .18
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10 million on 1 million orange* .... .05
10, 20, 25, 50 million on 10t ultramarine* .20
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I should be more pleased, however, if they were to follow out the other countries in the same detail that they do the U. S. Let Natal stand as a type of what is wanted. No. 68, which was in use from 1882 to 1902, is given simply as "1p rose." Now there exist three distinct colors of it: pale rose in the early printings from 1882 to 1890; carmine from 1890 to 1895, and rose to deep rose from 1896 to 1902. In 1892, a distinct lake printing is found.

These color differences are fully as conspicuous and as important as the violet, light violet, reddish violet and dark violet that are listed under U. S. Nos. 501 to 501d.

In a similar way, Natal No. 102, given as "1d rose" only, comes in a very distinct carmine printing also.

Again, only one of the two Natal official sets is listed. In addition to Nos. 203 to 208, there exist their successors, which were not surcharged, but perforated with the initials N G R (Natal Government Railways) for use of the Railway Department. There is also the combination 1d, with both surcharge and perforation. Since these perforated initials were not privately applied, but are the substitute for surcharge used after 1907, their philatelic status is as good as that of the surcharged issue.

Again, Natal, Nos. 101 to 117, cancelled, come with genuine Natal cancellations, and also with cancellations from the various parts of the Union of South Africa after 1910. During the first three years of the existence of the Union of South Africa, the stamps of the four constituent provinces were issued interchangably to post-offices in all four, by he Union government. Now either stamps with such cancellations are valueless as genuine Natal stamps, or they are worth more than earlier cancellations as being the real first issue of the Union of South Africa. The same holds true for Transvaal, Orange River Colony and Cape of Good Hope stamps. The existence of these "interprovincials" as of the similar "inter-states" in Australia after 1900, deserve to be indicated in the catalogue.

Some curious arrangements of countries, not consistent with each other, are noticeable. Although the South African Republic is given under Transvaal, where it belongs, German Southwest Africa is kept separate from Southwest Africa, its successor. Stellaland, which became British Bechuanaland in the same way as the South African Republic became Transvaal, is given a place by itself; British Central Africa, which became Nyasaland Protectorate, has a place by itself; but Orange Free State is given under Orange River Colony. Now the treatment of the South African Republic and the Orange Free State is obviously correct; why are not the other countries treated the same way? Two or three similar cases might be found.

One error in arrangement, which has existed for years, is still continued. Under "Bechuanaland," two entirely separate countries are listed. British Bechuanaland, which was formerly the Republic of Stellaland, and which was later absorbed into the Cape of Good Hope, is placed together with the next country north of it, Bechuanaland Protectorate, which is to this day a separate unit of government. A logical arrangement of these and Stellaland would be to have Bechuanaland Protectorate by itself, in the place it now occupies in the catalogue, with British Bechuanaland placed after Brazil. The Stellaland stamps would be Nos. 1 to 6 of British Bechuanaland, labelled, as are the first issues of Orange River Colony, "Issues of the Republic."

A curious omission is that of the well-known "Iostage" error of Orange River Colony, No. 72.

I cannot but repeat a criticism which I have often made verbally on the catalogue as a whole. The countries using British money have a recognized abbreviation for "penny" or "pence" in the letter "d." On the stamps themselves this abbreviation is used extensively. The use of "p" instead of "d" in the catalogue, though perhaps on agreement with other usage throughout the catalogue, is probably undesirable, and is likely to cause as much confusion as it is likely to help the neophyte.

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Moreover, the participation was less international than in Brunn; among the 59 exhibitors, 36 belonged to the former Monarchy (30 to Austria, 3 to Czecho-Slovakia, 2 to Hungary and 1 to Jugo-Slavia); furthermore, there were 13 Germans, and the real foreign element was only represented by 10 collectors, 3 belonging to Switzerland, 2 each to Norway and to the United States, one each to Great Britain, France and Holland. But if the number of the collections sent from abroad was small, their interest was great.

Four Governments sent exhibits: Austria, Bavaria, Germany and Italy. The Austrian Post Ministry illustrated the three different processes of stamp printing used in Vienna, and showed proofs of the last issue of Charity stamps. The Bavarian and German exhibits consisted of essays and proofs of the last issues of these two countries. Italy showed a complete collection of its issues, especially the overprinted sets for use abroad.

Notwithstanding the strong participation of Austrian philatelists, Austrian stamps did not hold a predominant place. Some collections presented rare varieties of the first issues, studies of cancellations, reprints, etc. But if they contained priceless things, they were generally of little interest to small collectors.

The first issue of Hungary came next with three marvellous collections of Consul Weinberger, M. E. Kraus of Vienna, and M. Z. Mauthner of Budapest.

A special section was devoted to the stamps of the Danube Navigation Company, and much was to be learnt from the two exhibits of Messrs. J. Sturamy (Vienna) and E. Klein (Philadelphia). Especially the means of detecting reprints and falsifications were splendidly explained: full sheets of originals and of reprints being put side by side. Stamps on covers and rare postmarks were also shown.

The old German States were also strongly represented. Heligoland held first place, being twice exhibited: stamps on covers from Consul Weinberger (already seen in Brunn) and unused stamps from M. Elster of Vienna. Two special collections of Prussia (M. Baldus) and of Hamburg (M. Ott) were shown. This latter gentleman also showed a great number of covers with stamps of Schleswig-Holstein, rich material for a study of this country as nearly all the postmarks were included.

France and the French Colonies were missing from the Exhibition, so was Great Britain; but the British Empire was represented by two big collections of unused Georgians.

Of exhibits already seen at Brunn we may note the Service stamps of British Somaliland (M. Baumgarten), Orange River Colony overprinted "V. R. I." (M. de Raay), Montenegro (M. Doenges), the first issue of Turkey (M. Adolf Passer, who exhibited also a splendid collection of the stamps issued by the Angora Government); also the very interesting collection of the old Philippines with reconstructed sheets of the 5c orange, of 1854 (also of the 10c red, and of the 1r blue). Particularly interesting was the sheet with the error "CORROS." This error was also shown in strips, blocks and single copies, as well as various covers and sheets of the values from 1859 to 1863. The recent issues were not exhibited; M. Kleeman's collection of the Service "O. B." overprint is said to be the most complete in the world.

Mexico was represented by two small collections belonging to M. Stephen Mayer, consisting of a study of the postmarks and a reconstruction of the plates of the 1868 issue, ten types being distinguished for the four lower values.

There were only two entries in the Air Mail class, a general collection from M. Marquard (Berlin) and Mr. F. P. Renaut's careful study already seen at Brunn.

Two collections were sent to the Exhibition after the publication of the catalogue and were by no means the least important items. The first was a marvellous display of the old issues of Sicily, numerous singles of each value, two strips of ten of the 1g blue, unused, large blocks of the ½g orange, three blocks of fifteen of the 2g ultramarine and a block of thirty-nine stamps of the 2g deep blue. The second exhibit consisted of various blocks and strips of the popular 1843 issue of Brazil. Some items were unique, such as a vertical block of twenty 60 reis, used, a block of eighteen of the 90 reis, used, reconstructed sheets of all values, and a block of eight of the scarce 600 reis with slanting figures.

The Austrian Postal Administration established a special Exhibition post-office which used a distinctive cancellation and sold all the values of the present issue, including those which were recently put out of use.—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.*

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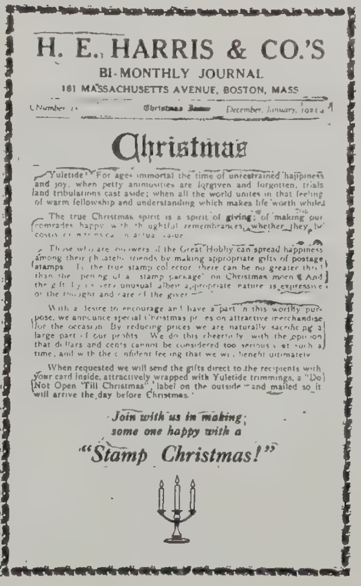
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THE SALE OF RUSSIAN STAMPS.

(Mr. H. M. Konwiser of New York City has written a letter to Mr. Heyerman, president of the A.P.S., and as a carbon copy has been sent the WEEKLY, we presume that it is intended for publication. Certainly the subject matter will be of interest to our readers. —W. O. W.)

It would be just and quite fitting if the American Philatelic Society—through its officers—declared their displeasure at the means now being employed by the Russian Government to sell stamps to American stamp collectors.

It appears that a New York business man has made agreement with the Russian Government to sell each and every Soviet type, in all manners and shapes to the stamp collectors of America.

Obviously these stamps have *not been* used for legitimate postal purposes (and were never so intended), such being the case they should be declared taboo by the American Philatelic Society, and the members of all the stamp dealers' associations should pledge themselves not to buy or sell these stamps.

Stamp papers should refuse advertisements on these Russian revenue-raising pieces of papers—mere invitations, authorized of course, of actual stamps. Stamp papers can honestly declare it is their opinion that these stamps are not really postage stamps.

Naturally, some renegade dealers will buy for future sales—but if these gentlemen have any business acumen they will *not* buy now, for the non-purchase by the present collectors will mean early price reductions by the American concessionaire, and dealers who wait will profit. Naturally if the American Soviet contractor for paper selling waits long enough, he too, may profit because in ten or twenty years these stamps may achieve a sales value as original, noncancelled stamp of the Soviet (excepting with the experts who pay the high prices!)

Obviously here is one chance for organized stampdom to do something of real value for the stamp collection Public.

MIDDLE EUROPE NEWS.

By A. KOECHLIN.

December 1st the swiss Pro Juventute 1923 stamps will make their appearance. The series of cantonal arms will be continued. The designs are representing:

5c arms of Basle, orange and black.

10c arms of Glarys, green, red, yellow and black.

20c arms of Neufchatel, violet, green and red.

40c arms of Switzerland, blue and red.

The frame is a reminiscence of the battle of St. Jacob on the Birs 26th August, 1444, fought by the Swiss confederates to deliver Basle besieged by a French army under the command of Dauphin Louis. The heroic struggle, a pendant to Leonidas' defense of the Thermopylae, brought the old episcopal city the desired relief.

Like in former years these stamps are for sale during the month of December only but have franking value till April 30, 1924. They are available for foreign mail to all the countries of the postal union. The 5c, 10c and 20c are sold at an advance of 5c each, the 40c of 10c.

The airmail service Geneva-Zürich-Munich has been stopped over wintertime. The Zürich-Basle-Paris-London line will be continued but on a reduced scale, only one trip weekly in both directions and only if the weather allows it. It's a trial and may be given up at any time if not successful.

As it had to be expected the league of nations could not stand behind the office of labor and followed suit in adding the high values 3frs, 5frs and 10frs to its series.

The eruptions of the philatelic volcano of Turin continue. Once more commemorative issue. Now it is the anniversary of the memorable march of the facists in the eternal city that has to be celebrated with a set of 6 values:—

10c, 30c, 50c, 1l, 2l and 5 lire.

The set was for sale only during three days 26, 27 and 28 of October.

Then of course the glorious occupation of Corfu had to be immortalized by two series. One for the would-be d liverers, consisting of the following values of the current issue of Italy wi overprint Corfu: 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 30 50c, 60c and 1 lire.

One for the should be delivered i landers: 6 current stamps of Italy wi overprint Corfu and below value i Greek currency, Lepta and Drachme: 2 on 10c; 60l on 25c; 70l on 30c; 1.20D on 50c; 2.40Dr on 1 Lire and 4.75Dr o 2 Lire. The 60c blue of the 1st and Lire blue and rose of the 2nd set are n known yet without overprint.

It must be given credit to the exped tionary forces that they confined themselves to postage stamps and did not i clude any Dues and Specials.

Besides these three new sets a few sur charges have to be related yet. Ther being no need any more for a 5c parce post, this stamp has been surcharged 30 60c and 1.50 L and the 1c and 2c postag stamps have received 10c surcharges fo the same reason.

Austria's latest output may be calle a modest one. There are only six ne postage stamps and two dues to be mentioned:

1,000kr lilac, hammer and tongs.
1,200kr carmine, hammer and tongs.
1,600kr grey blue, hammer and tongs
2,000kr blue, hammer and tongs.
3,000kr brown red, Queen Bess.
5,000kr slate, Queen Bess.
600kr violet, Postage Dues, old design
1,200kr violet, Postage Dues, old design.

Germany is in a chaotic state so is it mail service. Values of higher an higher denominations are issued righ along but by the time they make thei appearance they are hardly of any us any more.

During September and October, wher the postage rates were raised to the tenfold amount and started to approach the million limit, adequate values were not at hand or not in sufficient quantities to frank letters with even in covering recto and verso of the envelopes and allowing overlaps of ¾ of the stamps.

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Several cities (Halle, etc.) were auorized to use labels showing in an pright rectangular frame the value in umerals (15,000-150,000), the name of e city and in some cases the postaster's signature. Design and inscripons in black on all kinds of coloured pers. If these labels offered by some ealers at rather stiff prices should ever chronicled, cataloguers and philatets are really to be pitied.

As the government's printing office was erbusy with turning out paper money e surcharging of stamps had to be done private printing offices scattered all er the country. Therefore none of e post-offices of the big cities, not even erlin, are able to dispose of a full set all the surcharges and some of them e rather hard to get.

Besides, as several values have been rned out by different concerns, there e varieties in shades, printing ink, aracters, paper (some of the surcharged values with lozenge and chickenwire watermark), perforations, it is impossible for some time yet to give an accurate list of all the varieties.

Without surcharge have been issued in a somewhat modified new Type, size same as small numeral type, abbreviated numerals, value in thousands of Marks, white numerals in colored circle, posthorn in spandrels; upper label "Deutsches Reich" in gothic characters, lower label value in full. Inscriptions white on colored ground.

5 (thousand) Mk, grey blue.
50 (thousand) Mk, light brown.
50 (thousand) Mk, dark brown.
75 (thousand) Mk, dark lilac.

And again in somewhat changed type of the above. The Numerals in thousands of marks and millions is the same but darker shade of colour on an arabesk background:

500 (thousand), brown and dark brown.
1 Million, green and dark green.
4 Millions, light olive green.
5 Millions, rose and carmine.
10 Millions, vermilion.
20 Millions, blue.
50 Millions, dark olive green.

As a consequence of the total collapse of the mark we may expect in the near future new goldmark issues. French currency overprints for Rhineland and Ruhr and a new Danzig set (postage stamps service and airmail) in the new currency florins and pfennigs adopted with effect in Jan., 1924.

New issue chroniclers won't get out of work for a while yet.

WATERMARK DETECTORS

BY W. L. BABCOCK.

Your note in the WEEKLY of December 3rd, in reference to watermark detectors, is interesting. Benzene (C_6H_6), if obtainable, would probably be satisfactory, barring the odor. It is practically unobtainable in small quantities. Mr. Rogers' pharmacist probably furnished him with a high test gasoline which of course contains too much oil. Carbon Tetrachloride and Carbona, are identical, chemically, the latter being the trade name of a cleaning solution.

Collectors who want a good watermark detector should ask their pharmacist to order for them one pound of "Benzol Pure, Mallinckrodt" or "Benzol Pure, Merck." One pound will cost the pharmacist 35c and should not cost the collector more than 70 or 75c. This quantity will last many years, if bottle is well corked. Benzol is a mixture of hydro-carbons of the benzene series, practically fat and oil free. It contains 70% benzene, 24% Tolulene and 6% Xylene. It is a fat and oil solvent, highly inflammable and quickly volatilizes. Only a sufficient amount to cover the stamp should be turned out at one time unless a number of stamps are to be examined. While it has a slight odor of benzene, it is not objectionable. It will not damage stamps and has no effect on dry coloring agents that are free from oils or fats. I have used it as a watermark detector with much satisfaction for several years.

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Elsewhere in this issue is the advertisement of Plumridge & Co., in which illustrated catalogs of their February sale are offered postfree to all applicants. In sending the copy the firm requests us to fill orders for the catalog from a supply that will be sent us for distribution. In this instance we are complying with the request of the firm, but we are compelled to advise our European advertisers that in the future for various obvious reasons we cannot undertake a commission of this kind. We appreciate the fact that considerable time is required for across-the-ocean correspondence, and we sympathize with dealers in their desire to annihilate time and space in making business connections. Copies of this catalog will be mailed from the WEEKLY office to applicants desiring the same.

CHRISTMAS ADVERTISING.

A tribute to the WEEKLY which is also a tribute to the business enterprise of the Harris firm is the series of advertisements that this firm is using during the month of December. An entire page was used Dec. 3 and another on the 10th, while the issues of the 17th, 24th and 31st will all proclaim the Harris wares in a no uncertain manner. Coupled with the publication of the Christmas issue of the *Bi-Monthly Journal* of Harris & Co., it must mean a big December business. This list to which we refer is a 36-page issue, giving a full description of a large line of packets, sets and collections by countries. The list may be obtained free by writing H. E. Harris & Co., 161 Massachusetts Av., Boston 17, Mass.

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EDITORIAL.

That philatelists comprise a body numerically strong enough to have consideration in a governmental sense has been proved by the developments at Washington favorable to stamp collectors. The willingness of the authorities to co-operate with us has been shown at different times and it is fair to say that each year official sentiment crystallizes in our favor. Looking forward to the Philadelphia philatelic exhibition, why not give our ambitions free rein and discuss the possibility of persuading the government to do something handsome for us and issue a special stamp to commemorate the occasion? The order is a large one but that it would appeal to philatelists goes without saying. A special stamp would be an appropriate distinction and that philatelists would see that the cost of production was fully met and more by their financial and moral support of the stamp is a certainty. There are many angles to be considered in a proposal of this kind, we are fully aware but we may as well aim high. Enthusiasm is a great motive force and if we should get behind a movement of the kind with the proper spirit, we may be able to over-ride all obstacles.

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From Mr. J. B. Parker of Regina, Canada, we have received a copy of the Regina *Daily Post* of December 6th containing an editorial headed "Stamp Collecting." The opening sentences follow: "A decade or two ago 'stamp collecting' was a much more popular hobby with young people than it appears to be today. The explanation is that hobbies have their day. Other hobbies have come to the fore crowding stamp collecting into the background." The editor then expresses his regret that stamp collecting has dwindled away, because it was a clean and instructive pastime for boys and girls. In fact there is a strain of appreciation for collecting throughout the editorial and of the sincerity of the writer there can be no doubt. The position of the editor is that of the person who no longer being in the stamp world becomes ignorant of the activities in it. He makes out a strong case in favor of collecting and his words must have a good influence. This intelligent editor should be told that instead of declining generally interest in philately is increasing and while here and there collecting may give ground, its advances elsewhere are so considerable that the gain in territory is large. It becomes the duty of philatelists to present their pursuit in its proper proportions throughout the land.

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In the Literary Supplement of the London *Times* for November 22, 1923, we find a review of "Casanova in England," edited by Horace Bleackley and published by Lane. In mentioning the amours of Casanova in London, the reviewer borrows a simile from philately in the following words: "These love affairs are listed and arranged by the true amateurs of Casanova as collectors treat a set of penny black postage stamps. To the layman, if we may so describe him, in these matters they do not appear to differ one from another much more than the stamps."

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It is noticed that Mr. Henry A. Meyer of Evansville, Indiana, has returned from his European trip and he writes us as follows: "Philatelic news from Germany becomes obsolete even while the presses are grinding it out. It is impossible to keep up with the new issues because the stamp business cannot keep up with the increase in postage rates. Yesterday I received a letter dated at Hannover, Nov. 19, with stamps totalling 40 milliarden, also an overweight letter with 60 milliarden. The letter contained the news that on the following day the rates were to be raised again. It contained a supply of stamps up to the 10 milliarden denomination and the news that the next day still higher values were expected. Perhaps I can answer in advance a question that is sure to come up soon: 'What is a milliarden?' The answer is this: Where we count millions, billions, trillions, the Germans count millionen, milliarden, billionen. My correspondent writes that milliarden (our billions) are now small change."

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It is reported that Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer of Philadelphia, yielding to the importunities of friends is considering, at least, the advisability of running for the presidency of the American Philatelic Society. Certain members are threatening to draft him as a leader and we shall await Mr. Wolsieffer's dictum with interest. Mr. Wolsieffer has refused to be considered as a candidate for office so often in the past giving reasons for declining that were satisfactory to himself at all events that it is about time that he heeded the call that will not down. When we think of how Mr. Wolsieffer has worked for the welfare of the society in the old days when the organization was in infancy, compared with its present lusty condition, it seems that the honor of the presidency is deserved by Mr. Wolsieffer. His long years of service in behalf of the society entitle him to the eminence that is bestowed by the office and we have no doubt that his nomination would be a most popular one.

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The progress of the American Philatelic Society in recent years has been most satisfying and it has now reached a position where in numbers alone it is a body that must command respect. Its present prosperity is a tribute to those who worked to such telling advantage in the earlier years and while now there is no disposition manifested towards the American Philatelic Society other than marked by friendliness, in any quarter, there was a time when outside of the society, the croakers' chorus was in strong voice. Notwithstanding that critics who had a right to their opinion have said that the society has not been as active as it should be in constructive work, the society stands as a vindication of the careful course that has been followed. While in some respects the American Philatelic Society has been a conservative body, it has always adapted itself to the broad changes that come with time and an indication of this rule is to be found in the campaign that secretary H. A. Davis is instituting for a membership drive. He proposes to work through the local stamp societies with the idea of enrolling those members of them who are not affiliated with the national organization. We think that the efforts of Mr. Davis will have the support of the officers of the local bodies who will be glad to second the suggestion of Mr. Davis that the non-members identify themselves with the American Philatelic Society.

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—The New Zealand Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Christchurch next year is well organized and it is anticipated that the occasion will be one that will reflect creditably on those sponsoring the exhibition.

—R. L. Hustis of Milwaukee sends us a clipping from the *Sentinel* of that city giving the particulars of a meeting of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society at which the collection of Wm. J. Uihlein, vice-president of the Society, was on exhibition. It numbers some 37,000 varieties. Mr. Hustis believes that philatelists should conduct publicity campaigns in their respective localities, maintaining that newspapers will gladly use such material as may be furnished them. We confirm Mr. Hustis' judgment.

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—We note a mistake in the Yvert & Tellier advertisement of the New York Stamp Co., published recently. The connecting link between the two names was given as "A" when it should have been the character "&." The New York firm feels that the force of the adv. was somewhat destroyed by the mistake and we gladly make this correction. The firm name of Yvert-Tellier is so well known that no one could possibly be in doubt as to whom it was.

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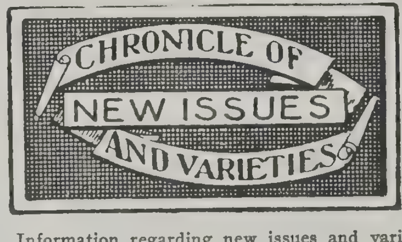

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UNITED STATES.—Philadelphia has recently been the scene of a very wonderful find consisting of a correspondence strong in early covers of the United States. In value as well as interest it will rank second only to the well known Townsend-Whelan find and is not on the order of the Merideth find which was heralded as something extraordinary, and then turned out to be of little importance. In fact, a couple covers alone from this find would almost equal in value the entire Meredith correspondence. At the present writing I am not permitted to give any of the details but can say that the little I have learned about it proves it to be something extraordinary and there will be many pieces to gladden the heart of the specialist in our issues.

On the opening session of Congress on December 3rd the only business transacted was legislation regarding a pension to be paid to Mrs. Warren G. Harding, in addition to the franking privilege. The collecting of franks is closely related to the collecting of stamps, for in this case the signature acts as a postage stamp. In late years the franking privilege has been extended to certain officials only, and the only persons in private life whom I can recall using the franks are wives of dead presidents. Personally I have collected Presidential franks, that is, franks of the Presidents of the United States, for upward of twenty years and have finally gotten together twenty-five franks out of a possible twenty-nine. In the olden days it was the custom of the President in many cases to actually write his signature to frank his letter, and because of this fact, constant search has brought together practically all of the early Presidents. In the case of the last five or six it has been necessary to have the President frank a letter in my behalf, for since the seventies few autograph franks have been used, the President franking his correspondence under the regular printed form of franking envelopes. For one interested in both stamps and autographs as well as items of a historical nature, I would suggest this side line of collecting.

Through the courtesy of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Mr. L. A. Hill, I am in a position to continue our list of stamp plates up to and including those issued to November 30, 1923. From this list it will be seen that there are one hundred fourteen new Harding Memorial plates making a total of two hundred nine recorded to date, the last plate to be made bearing No. 15210. It is quite possible that some of these plates were not used and from my observations up to this time (December 10th) the highest number that I have seen is 14997, although possibly the higher numbers will be in use by the time these notes reach our readers.

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15005-012	2c Harding	Ord.	1923	400
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15021-024	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15025-032	2c Harding	Ord.	1923	400
15033-034	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
15035-042	2c Harding	Ord.	1923	400
15043-050	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15051-052	2c	Ord. Cvd.	1922	170
15053-068	2c Harding	Ord.	1923	400
15069-076	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15077-084	2c Harding	Ord.	1923	400
15085-088	4c	Ord.	1922	400
15089-092	2c Harding	Ord.	1923	400
15093-096	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15097-100	2c Harding	Ord.	1923	400
15101-104	10c	Sp. Del.	1922	200
15105-108	1c	Ord.	1922	400
15109-124	2c Harding	Ord.	1923	400
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EGYPT.—The Economist Stamp Co. report the 1m orange and 10m rose in the current series. Also the 10m, of the old design, with the surcharge "O. H. E. M. S." and Arabic inscription in black.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The stamp forger appears to have been paying considerable attention to these issues of late. The old 1904 types have been done and are being offered both unused and used, and now the scarcer varieties of the more modern provisionals have appeared. A Reuter message from Paris states that arrests have been made in the island of Reunion in connection with forgeries of the stamps of this colony, and this no doubt refers to the first "Red Cross" issue of 1915 with Cross in black and which is quoted in the current Yvert at 25 frs. and 375 frs. with overprint inverted. There is also the provisional of 1917, the 4c pictorial of 1907, surcharged "0,01," quite an ordinary stamp in normal condition, but quoted at 50 frs. with inverted surcharge and at 100 frs. with double overprint. A quantity of these productions have been distributed via Italy during the past six months.

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1sh, No. 20	.45
1920, ½d, No. 24	.03
1d, No. 25	.06
1½d, No. 26	.05
2d, No. 27	.08
2½d, No. 28	.10
3d, No. 29	.10
6d, No. 30	.18
1sh, No. 31	.35
2sh, No. 32	1.20
2sh 6d, No. 33	1.00
5sh, No. 34	1.75
10sh, No. 35	3.50
20sh, No. 36	6.50
1921, ½d, No. 37	.02
1d, No. 38	.06
2d, No. 39	.06
2½d, No. 40	.40
1922, 1d, No. 41	.03
2½d, No. 42	.07
3d, No. 43	.08
2sh, No. 44	.60
1923, ½d, No. 50	.02
1d, No. 51	.03
1½d, No. 52	.05
2d, No. 53	.06
2½d, No. 54	.07
3d, No. 55	.08
6d, No. 56	.16
1sh, No. 57	.30
2sh, No. 58	.60
2sh 6d, No. 59	.75
10sh, No. 60	3.00
5sh, No. 61	1.50
20sh, No. 62	6.90
ST. LUCIA	
1907, ½d, No. 57	.08
2½d, No. 59	.30
3d, No. 60	.45
6d, No. 61	1.75
1912, ½d, No. 64	.03
1d, No. 65	.05
2½d, No. 66	.12
3d, No. 67	.15
6d, No. 68	.20
5sh, No. 70	1.85
2d, No. 71	.09
2sh 6d, No. 72	.95
1914, 4d, No. 74	.12
1919, 1sh, No. 75	.20
1921, ½d, No. 76	.02
2½d, No. 79	.20
6d, No. 80	.16
1sh, No. 81	.30
1922, 1d, No. 82	.03
1½d, No. 83	.05
2d, No. 84	.06
3d, No. 85	.08
1923, 5sh script wmk.	1.50
ST. VINCENT	
1902, 2d, No. 73	.45
2½d, No. 74	.90
3d, No. 75	.60
1907, 2d, No. 92	.90
2½d, No. 93	1.50
3d, No. 94	1.20
1909, ½d, No. 98	.05
1d, No. 99	.07

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2½d, No. 101	.45
3d, No. 102	.45
1913, ½d, No. 104	.05
1d, No. 105	.05
2d, No. 106	.08
2½d, No. 107	.10
3d, No. 108	.12
4d, No. 109	.12
5d, No. 110	.15
6d, No. 111	.18
1sh, No. 112	.60
2sh, No. 113	.65
5sh, No. 114	1.60
20sh, No. 115	6.00
1914, 1sh, No. 116	.45
1921, ½d, No. 118	.02
1d, No. 119	.03
2d, No. 120	.06
3d, No. 121	.08
1sh, No. 126	.30
SAMOA	
1914, ½d, No. 114	.05
1d, No. 115	.07
6d, No. 118	.45
1916, ½d, No. 124	.03
1½d, No. 125	.15
6d, No. 129	.30
1sh, No. 130	.45
1½d, No. 134	.09
3d, No. 135	.12
1920, ½d-6d, Nos. 136-140 cplt.	.50
1921, ½d-1sh, Nos. 142-153 cplt.	1.50
SEYCHELLES	
1901, 3/16c, No. 30	.40
3/36c, No. 31	.25
1902, 30/75c, No. 34	.75
1903, 6c, No. 40	.15
3/15c, No. 49	.75
3/45c, No. 51	.90
1906, 12c, No. 65	.24
1912, 2c, No. 63	.06
3c, No. 64	.06
15c, No. 67	.30
1917, 2c, No. 74	.03
75c, No. 82	.32
1921, 2c, No. 91	.02
3c, No. 92	.04
5c, No. 93	.04
6c, No. 94	.07
12c, No. 95	.30
15c, No. 96	.30
30c, No. 97	.20
45c, No. 98	.30
50c, No. 99	.35
3c, No. 104	.02
4c, No. 105	.03
6c, No. 106	.04
12c, No. 107	.07
15c, No. 108	.08
20c, No. 109	.10
SIERRA LEONE	
1907, ½d, No. 90	.03
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1½d, No. 92	.30
2d, No. 93	.35
2½d, No. 94	.30
3d, No. 95	.45
4d, No. 96	.90
5d, No. 97	.90
6d, No. 98	.90
1sh, No. 99	.60
1912, ½d, No. 103	.03
1d, No. 104	.04
1½d, No. 105	.05
2d, No. 106	.08
2½d, No. 107	.12
3d, No. 108	.10
4d, No. 109	.12
5d, No. 110	.16
6d, No. 111	.20
7d, No. 112	.20
9d, No. 113	.30
10d, No. 114	.30
1sh, No. 115	.30
1921, ½d, No. 122	.02
2½d, No. 123	.15
5d, No. 124	.14
6d, No. 126	.16
2d, No. 127	.08
3d, No. 128	.08
9d, No. 129	.24
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1d, No. 22	.18
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6d, No. 26	.60
1sh, No. 27	.75
2sh 6d, No. 28	1.50
1907, ½d, No. 32	.07
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2½d, No. 35	.45
3d, No. 36	.75
4d, No. 37	.75
6d, No. 38	.75
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18 caches on 30c black.
1f 3c on 35c blue.
1f 6c on 40c red.
1f 12c on 50c blue.
1f 12c on 75c blue.
2f 9c on 25c blue.
3f 3c on 1fr red.
6f 6c on 2fr blue.
2 roupies on 5fr red.

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6c on 10c.
12c on 25c.
15c on 20c.
1f 6c on 30c.
1f 12c on 50c.
1f 15c on 5c.
3f 3c on 1fr.

—Philatelic Magazine.

ITALY.—The series to commemorate the march on Rome are out and very unsightly productions, too. There are six values and three different designs, on all of which the fasces is very prominent, and the 5l value has in addition a host of smoking factory chimneys and in the sky three aeroplanes circling about a five pointed star.

10c dark green.
30c violet.
50c carmine.
1l blue.
2l brown.
5l black and blue.

It is said a million sets were issued and that twenty-five thousand have been overprinted for use in each Italian colony.

Messrs. Whitfield King send us a specimen of a new provisional: 50c on 55c purple.—*Philatelic Magazine.*

The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the following stamps of the current design with the surcharge "CORFU" and the additional overprint, "Lepta 25" on the 10c; "Lepta 60" on 25c; "Lepta 70" on 30c; "Dracme 1.20" on 50c violet; "Dracme 2.40" on 1 lira and "Dracme 4.75" on the Lira Due.

JAPAN.—We have received from Mr. R. Roberts the 3s carmine of the new Provisional issue. These are printed at Osaka owing to the destruction of the Government Printing Works at Tokyo.

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KEDAH. — Our Penang corresponden sends a copy of the 25c with the overprint "Malaya-Borneo Exhibition" inverted — only sixty exist. — *Philateli Magazine.*

MALAY STATES.—Mr. R. Roberts reports the 10c, all blue, on script watermarked paper.

NETHERLANDS.—The Economist Stam Co. have shown us copies of the 25 yellow and 35c orange in the new Jubile series.

TUNIS. — The Economist Stamp C advise of the appearance of the 15c, i the type of the series of 1906, in brow on light brown.

URUGUAY. — The Metropolitan Stam Co. have submitted for chronicle thre values of stamps of a new design tha appeared on the 12th of October last They were issued in honor of the battl of Sarandi, and are lithographed o white wove paper, perf. 11½. The value are. 2c green, 5c scarlet and 12c blue.

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DOTTINESS.

By Theodore Siddall.

Perhaps it is a little late, but the mails e to blame (we received four numbers the Weekly by last mail), but I can't elp writing you a few lines on your otes on the Shanghai local prints which peared in the issue of September 25th.

To begin with, these surcharges were inted from type, set up to print the tire sheet of 100 at one impression. fter printing one value, the figures ere changed, and then the other value as printed. I sent Mr. Klein a sheet waxed paper (one of the slip-sheets hich are used on all U. S. stamps that ere sent here, in order to keep them om sticking together), which has been inted the same as a sheet of the surarged stamps—and read in the Weekly at he had a proof-sheet of the surarge! It was merely a slip-sheet that d the impression, and perhaps was not rown away because they had no extra eets of the waxed paper.

I have examined my sheets of the surarged stamps for the supposed "errors" broken letters that are mentioned, and ere are two that might possibly be orth notice, namely, the mis-shaped " and the "I" that appears like a ure 1. The latter may be a 1, but the is merely a battered letter. The others, d I have seen them all, are simply used by the printing having been done th a very light impression and heavy king. The type not being new, and pression being light, the printing does t show up as clearly as it should. See e stamps surcharged at the Bureau in ashington for Shanghai. Printing ofes out here can not replace type that slightly worn so easily as those that e near a type-foundry, and they use pe that in the States would not be used.

This sort of thing is what we come to en we go in for specializing. You it your collecting field, and soon have that are in reach, then have to get mething to exercise your philately on, nding the appearance of a new issue, d have to go in for this sort of thing, else stop a while. The philatelic urge so strong that you have to go in for tty work. It is bad for the hobby, r when you get it all specialized you ll have one chap looking for round riods, another for square, and when e wants to sell there are only a few o are hunting on the same lines, and you have no market. Do you get the idea?

But honestly, now, man to man, don't you think there is something more important in this world than whether the periods are round or square? I will bet you a nice mangosteen (in the season) that the prohibitionists did not put in any of their time collecting minor varieties when they were putting over the 18th Amendment. Go into politics, if you want fun—it is only one way of occupying yourself—for certainly a human being who has passed the age of six ought to do something more important than to worry himself over the location in a sheet of stamps of one impression that happened to have a lump of ink on the type, that shouldn't have been there.

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POST OFFICE INSPECTORS ARREST A ST. LOUIS DEALER IN CONNECTION WITH STOLEN STAMPS.

(We have received numerous clippings giving the particulars of a stamp fraud that is alleged to have been perpetrated by Herman C. Davis of Washington, D. C., who sold damaged U. S. stamps to Henry Flachskamm, manager of the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., of St. Louis at big discounts. Below are published particulars as furnished by Washington and St. Louis newspapers.—Ed.)

Postal Inspectors Saffell and Zantzinger of the Post-Office Department are in St. Louis today investigating the trail of stolen stamps which led from the division of stamps here to a business firm in the western city, following the arraignment yesterday afternoon of Herman C. Davis before United States Commissioner Macdonald and his confession to the theft of $75,000 worth of stamps.

The postal inspectors left yesterday for St. Louis, following the confession of Davis, twenty-five years a trusted employe of the division of stamps, that he had, over a period of years, taken damaged stamps and sold them to the St. Louis firm at 75 cents on the dollar. Davis was arrested Wednesday. After his sworn statement, made to Frank J. Kelley, assistant United States attorney, he was released under $5,000 bond for the action of the grand jury.

The fact that Davis was able to "get away" with at least $75,000 worth of stamps, and possibly many thousands of dollars more yet to be brought to light, makes it probable that more stringent methods will be devised to safeguard the destruction of damaged stamps sent here by postmasters.

It was pointed out by officials today that the very fact that so many of the supposedly damaged stamps were able to

When post-office inspectors visite Henry Flachskamm, secretary-treasure and manager of the C. E. Hussma Stamp Company, at his home at 390 Lindell Boulevard, Wednesday evening Flachskamm told them he had nothing t hide and turned over to them a bundl of correspondence.

In that bundle the inspectors found a $8,734.30 invoice for damaged postag stamps showing discounts on variou lots of 25, 30 and 60 per cent. The visited Flachskamm again last night told him such discounts on usable postage stamps were unusual and arreste him charged with possession of stole property.

The invoice which brought about hi arrest was from Herman C. Davis Washington post-office clerk, who ha confessed that he sold damaged stamp to Flachskamm instead of destroyin them.

In Flachskamm's home, Post-office Inspectors Ward and Noah, under author ity of a search warrant, found thirtee envelopes, each containing 100 2-cen stamps, and a quantity of Flachskamm' correspondence with Davis and tw firms in Chicago and New York t which Flachskamm resold stamps whic he admits purchasing from Davis.

Many companies engage in a legitimat stamp trade, post-office inspectors sa handling surplus stamps of mail orde houses at a discount from 1 to 2 pe cent. Any larger discounts are unusua according to inspectors.

Flachskamm admitted to the inspecto hat he had served most of a fou ear term at Chester, Ill., penitentiar or using the mails to defraud, of whic e was convicted in 1904. He has bee ngaged in the stamp trading busines ince 1888, they say.

He denied, however, that he kne hat Davis was getting stamps illegall He said he did not know Davis was ost-office employe and had met him onl nce. Flachskamm admitted that ent $50,000 to Davis in 1922 in payme or stamps and a like sum this yea With discounts of 25 to 60 per cen hese transactions would involve stam alued at between $135,000 and $180,00

Return receipts for registered ma o Davis were found in Flachskamm partment. The searchers also foun apers indicating that Flachskamm ha nade constant and large deposits in ocal bank.

Flachskamm was released last nig n $10,000 bond. His preliminary hea ng will be held December 28 befo United States Commissioner Atkins.

The Post-office Inspectors also visite he Hussman Company's offices, 2600 Olive street, and in looking throug even safes in the company's offic ound ten envelopes, each containin 00 2-cent stamps.

The company has been operating, wi minor changes of name, since 1880. I fficers are Louis Bartel, president, S. Ledman, vice president, and Flach amm, secretary-treasurer and manage

Paul Calman, who was in charge he office yesterday in the absence Flachskamm who had been at home f everal days, declined to make a stat nent, referring inquiries to W. Sleatter, attorney for the firm, who als epresents Flachskamm.

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THE PRECANCEL DEPARTMENT

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New Issue Notes—The Hardings still occupy the limelight. They command good prices as their popularity is extensive. Not many are being precancelled for some reason, probably on account of the poor way in which they take the overprint. Auburn, N. Y., Bay City, Mich. (Electro and roller types), Bisbee, Ariz., East Grand Forks, Minn., Flint, Mich., Garrett, Wyo., Gloucester, Mass., Lincoln, Nebr., Mamaroneck, N. Y., Manitowoc, Wisc., Mason City, Ia., Mobile, Ala., Nevada, Ia., Selma, Ala., and Stamford, Conn., are the latest. Torrington, Conn., takes first honors in coming out on the eleven cent Hayes. Paonia, Colo., and Chicago were closely behind, being second and third respectively. Kansas City New York City and Northampton, Mass., may also be chronicled. The twenty cent Golden Gate may now be had precancelled from Chicago, Cincinnati, Boston, New York, San Francisco, Parkersburg, W. Va., and Columbus, Ohio. Several new fourteen centers are Sheboygan, Wisc., Rochester, N. Y., Rochester, Minn., Minneapolis, and Torrington, Conn. The first of the one cent denomination to appear without the Bureau overprint was Schenectady, N. Y. Now Elmhurst, N. Y. (U-18), Clay Center, Nebr. (U-3), Kendalville, Ind. (U-3) and Woodsboro, Md., dallville, Ind. (U-3) and Woodsboro, Md. have come to hand. Bureau overprinted precancels for Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Washington, Atlanta, Des Moines, Milwaukee, Nashville, Omaha and Jackson, Mich., are the latest to be issued. A number of offices have stocked up on the new one cent coils and New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Omaha, Boston and Nashville have precancelled them in the box type furnished to fifty cities for that express purpose. The seven cent is in quite general use as is also the fifteen and twenty-five. No attempt shall be made to tabulate these varieties in the Chronicle. However, I might mention the following which have come to my attention: Seven cent black McKinley from Athol, Mass., Cleveland, Ohio, Joplin, Mo., Kalamazoo, Mich., East Grand Forks, Minn., Milwaukee, Wisc., and Torrington, Conn. Fifteen cent Statue of Liberty from Boston, Flint, Mich., Utica, N. Y., Parkersburg, W. Va., Milwaukee and Torrington, Conn.

Alderson, W. Va.—The U-3 handstamp does the work for this city. I am able to mention the 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 20 cent values as having passed through my hands.

Anaconda, Mont.—It's the "snakes hips" as they say. Have only seen one copy—a thirty cent which sold for an even dollar. The type is similar to U-3 and handstamped between bars.

Brookfield, Ill.—About three-fourths of the new towns seem to precancel with the U-3 handstamp. This is the description for this city. A 5 cent new issue inverted cancellation is my only variety.

Burns, Wyo.—In tall letters without bars; the name handstamped in two lines. The 1 cent perf. 11 is the solitary item to record. This was off a farming circular, so it's back to the cows and chickens if you want to find one for your collection.

Caldwell, N. J.—Two Caldwells, the other in Idaho, are precancelling with electrotype plates. Both are moderate users of these stamps as few have been found by collectors. Caldwell, Idaho, was chronicled nearly six months ago but the New Jersey city is a brand new addition. Handsome does not half describe them.

Colfax, Wash.—Has a plate similar to Olympia, Reno, Nev., Sapulpa, Okla., etc. Resembles closely, U-3. The 5, 8 and 2 cent surface print are all I have on my list, but I am sure many more varieties are known.

Concord Junction, Mass.—Like Gloucester, Mass., the electro type plate is of only fifty subjects. The sheets therefore come half with normal and half with inverted overprints. Tete Beche pairs are possible to secure and are a pleasing variety to one's collection.

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El Paso, Texas—The U-18 electro has just appeared. Waco, Texas, has also a new plate of this type. Both cities needed them badly for the handstamps they have been using are pretty well worn out, if one may judge from the faint and blurred overprints created.

Fernald, Iowa—It may be well to warn collectors against buying any precancels of this village (about 30 inhabitants). They are illegitimate and the party who made them, J. A. Hairrland is sought for by government officials for having put over several shady deals, connected in no way with precancels.

Miscellaneous—Donalsonville and Marietta, Ga., Flora and Pana, Ill., Crawford and Saint Columbans, Nebr., Chandler, Fairview, Hugo, Krebs, Pawnee, Purcell and Pawhuska, Okla., are a few cities selected at random that have never been listed. Small town precancels of this sort are worth quite a bit as they are in great demand for collections.

Various matter on the subject of precancels will be forwarded to any interested reader of this paper upon request. I shall be glad to offer advice and cooperation on the building of a collection and point out the best way to get started. Necessary catalogues cost about three dollars. A good blank album is required as well.

There will be a lot of new items coming on mail during the holidays so be on the watch for them.

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8. What stamp of any country has had the longest period of use without change other than watermark, shade or perforation—that is, without change noticeable to the general public?
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From W. S. Boggs, 624 E. 17th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.:

"I notice that the question of varieties of the two cent brown (1883) has again cropped up. Am sending a few copies showing the variations of the pearl and line mentioned by Mr. Moore.

There was a time when I was tempted to include such varieties as worthy in a collection but I do not now feel that they are important enough. I have a copy in my collection which shows no shading on the '2' at all. From what I have seen of these stamps I am inclined to the belief that all such varieties are due to insufficient inking and worn plates. Then again the heavy shading back of the '2' is formed of one thick line. Now, as you know the engraving of such a plate is comparatively small [that is not very deep in the plate.—Ed.] In the case of a wide thick line like this on a plate the film of ink may have broken to cause the lack of shading.

You understand of course that the above is merely an attempt to explain the cause of such peculiarities. As Mr. Luff has said, there was only one die and variations are due to insufficient inking and the condition of the plates. I am positive that they are not plate varieties. The American Bank Note Company did very good work and it is hardly believable that such items would have escaped the eyes of governmental inspectors.

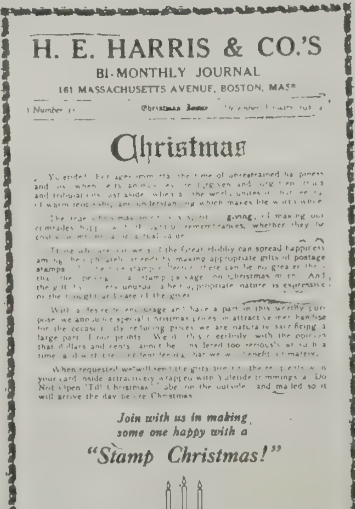
I am also enclosing the article from the *Philatelic Gazette* which I mentioned in my last letter [for which the editor owes his sincere thanks to Mr. Boggs—it is helpful]. I have searched the files thoroughly for anything else concerning the die blocking of the other denominations of these issues (National, Continental and American) but this is all I can find. I was fortunate to secure copies which contained the article for my files and when you finish with it please return. I still believe that the position dots found on these issues of U. S. are an aid in determining the various printings of the National and American issues. I agree with you that the dots may be found in many places on the stamps but I feel that the ones in the position indicated are of such importance as to be considered when deciding the printing [dots in or just beside the white frame line surrounding the oval vignette at the left of stamp.—Ed.].

In looking over a lot of three cent greens, I have noticed that the lines forming the medallion on the Continental plates are not so regular in their termination as those of the National plates. As to this, I am in the dark and not certain whether it is an optical illusion or not. Can anyone tell me whether this point is of any value in separating the Continental from the National plates?

I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Arthur Hinds' collection of U. S. at the Collectors Club. He has about everything there is. There was a block of three cent green mint (six in the block) in which the middle stamp in the bottom row showed no design below the ribbon. [This is probably one of the short transfers that occur at least in the three cent green and perhaps in some other values of the National, Continental or American issues. The writer has perhaps two or three copies of the Continental. They are very rare. If the block referred to shows a plate number will Mr. Hinds kindly let us know what plate as it would be interesting to locate this particular variety.—Ed.]. Mr. Hinds had the grilled stamps in mint blocks of four except of course the twelve and twenty-four, but the block of six seven cents was a gem. The Continental grills were there and all the special prints. I don't know whether you have seen Mr. Hinds' collection or not, but I will tell you it is worth going a long way to see.

I have been reading your articles in *The American Philatelist* on mounting your issues of 1870 to 1882 and I would be much obliged if you would tell me how you separate the various papers such as the Continental on soft paper, American on hard paper, etc."

Regarding Mr. Boggs' comment on varieties of the two cent 1883. The Editor's opinion is that plate varieties or printing varieties of this kind are worthy of some consideration in a collection, depending, of course, on how deeply the collector goes in for minor varieties. We cannot see why it makes any particular difference to the Specialist whether the plate variety was caused by something that happened to the plates when they were engraved or later. Any variation from the normal (generally speaking from the stamp as shown in the first proofs) is a variety to the true specialist. Otherwise, we could not consider a worn plate as a variety. And were it not for worn plates we would not have recut plates and other interest-



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As to separating National from Continental printings, the writer finds the greatest help comes from familiarity with the various papers and inks used. Generally speaking, National printings can be separated from Continentals at a glance merely because of the difference in the papers or the shade. When there is any difficulty, the secret mark can be referred to. Or, this failing, the frequency of the dot at the left of the oval medallion on the National compared with its infrequent application in this same location on the Continental may be considered as helpful but not proof absolute.

As to the writer's method of separating various papers: In the National printings where there are fewer varieties of papers, specimens showing variations from the normal, such as medium soft paper, extremely soft and porous paper, stitch watermark, etc., are placed together on the same pages under the heading of "Paper Varieties" and notations made under each variety to designate it.

In the case of the Continental issue where there are a dozen or more distinct varieties of paper, normal, semi-soft white paper, soft paper the same as used for American printings, linen-like, thick, thin, onion skin, transparent hard paper, paper showing silk threads, double paper, stitch watermark, vertically ribbed, horizontally ribbed, etc., the same method is followed, specimens of the various papers being shown by groups on the same pages. But in the case of the ribbed papers, the writer makes a small collection of these showing all the various shades, some minor varieties on ribbed and any especially fine cancellations and cancellations that may help determine the date of use of this major paper variety.

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MORE FERRARITIES.

Some of the Prices obtained at the Eighth Sale in Paris, November 7, 8 and 9.

The eighth Ferrary sale occupied the three afternoons of November 7th, 8th and 9th at the Hotel Drouot, Paris, when 622 lots were offered and realised 1,588,957 francs, or, with tax, 1,867,024 francs—equal to about £24,044.

This brings the total for the collection to date to 15,747,640 francs, or, calculated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the different periods of the sale, £280,502.

A comparatively novel feature was the stiff competition for many lots from German and Austrian bidders, who bought very heavily.

The sale opened with 112 lots from Austria, comprising a very rich collection, among the chief items being:—

1850, 9 kreuzer blue, Type III., unused, superb, with gum, £121
1851, yellow Mercury, unused, superb, with gum, £151
Red Mercuries, unused, £302, £272, £272
Red Mercury, used, £133

The Lombardy section included two fine unused 4k newspaper tax stamps, which realised £166 and £105 respectively.

The greatest rarity of the sale was one of the three known authentic examples of the Baden error, 9 kreuzer black on green, used on letter, which was bought by a German dealer for £1,816. A 3k rose of 1862, imperforate, used at Stockach, fetched £55.

Another fine batch of early Belgians figured in the sale, including:

1849, 10c brown, block of four, apparently unused, £95
20c, deep blue superb pair, apparently unused, £52
20c deep blue, block of four, apparently unused, £78

A Brunswick 1852, 1s rose, superb unused, fetched £124, or slightly under full catalogue.

Spain, of which there were thirty-four lots, comprised a few important items, including the famous Westoby copy—

Error 2r blue, superb copy, used, £1,393

A forgery of this sold for 32s. A 2r pale rose of 1852, unused, brought £57, and an unused 2r red of 1853, £53. A 3c bronze "Madrid," superb unused, £74.

The 12c blue and rose of 1865, centre inverted, very fine unused, brought £204, and a similar example in pair with normal £273.

Among eleven lots of Grenada, the outstanding item was 1sh violet error OSTAGE, unused, £60.

Some lots of Hungary fetched surprising prices, amongst others:—

1871, litho, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15 and 25k, unused, £74
A similar lot, £55

and a collection of 295 newspaper stamps, £166; and another of 195 newspaper tax stamps, £196.

The Oldenburgs included

1858, ⅓g black on green, superb unused, £64
Another £42 and another £45.
1860, ¼g orange, superb pair, blue postmark, £84
⅓g strip of three on letter, £98
3g yellow, superb pair on piece, £74

A large collection of Orange Free State and Colony, comprising 1,195 items, including sheets of varieties, the starting price for which was 4,000 francs (£60 with tax) brought 16,500 francs (£250).

Two sets of eight Prussian telegraph stamps, unused, fetched £73 and £83 respectively.

A 1 real blue Pacific Steam Navigation Co., used, brought £37, and a 2 real brown-red, £44.

Out of many rare Peru items we select the following:

1858, error ½d rose, unused, or apparently so, £22
½p yellow, used pair, £42
½p yellow, used, with certificate of the Philatelic Society, London, £5
½p red errors, used, £39, £21, and £19.
½p red error in pair with normal, £159
½p red errors (2), in block of six (defective), £62

A wonderful lot of Transvaals (sixty-five lots) was disposed of, the *tete-beche* pair of the 1sh green, 1877, unused, being probably unique, and certainly cheap at £242. "Transvral" errors fetched £24, £16, used, and one in pair with normal, unused, £138.

A sheet of forty of the 6d blue on blue "VR," October, 1877, with varieties, brought £98; and a sheet of 60 of the "1 Penny" on 6d grey brought £53. A st of six with red surcharge brought £52.

The Turkey stamps, which opened t third day's session, sold mostly in lar lots, but the following are worthy record:—

1876-77, error 25 pi red and blue in pair with 5pi, unused, £
Error 25 pi red and blue, unused, £10 10s
1867, Tax, 25 pi brown, unused, £

Victoria, of which there were near 200 fine lots, included a superb block ten from the margin of sheet of the red, unused, half-length Queen, £35 Also:

1850, 2d grey-lilac, fine impression, unused, £
1852, error TVO for TWO, unused, £
Another copy, £
1861-6, 6d orange, beaded oval, unused, £1
6d orange, beaded oval, another, but defective, £

The sale concluded with nearly a doze small lots of German stamped envelope which fetched prices which were asto ishing to British collectors and dealer who take little heed of such things. set of seven Prussian envelopes, of larg size, fetched £79.—*Postage Stamp.*

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BOOKLET COVERS.

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(Mr. Yeomans has recently published a neat oklet on "Booklet Leaves," and it has been viewed in the WEEKLY. We quote this rtion of the book in order that our readers ay note the interesting nature of its contents. e book sells for 75c and may be obtained om 101 Morningside Drive, Kansas City, Mo. W. O. W.)

As changes in the personnel of the ost Office Department were indicated the various names to be found on the vers of the early Booklets, the detail of ho was who" has provided another ries of variations for the Specialist. ifferences in the text of the directions d postal rates give rise to other differces which are considered of enough portance to warrant considerable attion being paid them. The covers of oklets are full of "first aid" to the norant. This printed matter will forer undergo revision and additions of rious details. A number of other untries have followed the example of e United States and have issued their w denomination stamps in Booklet rm. Some of these countries have sold vertising space in Booklets and we can adily understand the complications that ould be the lot of the Specialist if this untry did likewise.

The collecting of Booklet Covers is e of the many interesting phases of oklets. Although their collecting is t as general as the collecting of e single Booklet Leaves, many ecialists go in for them. Those who collect them prefer to collect the ene Booklet—Leaves, Cover and all just they are issued by the Post Office Dertment. Collecting the covers only ay be compared to the collecting of "ut squares" as against the entire enlope.

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THE HEART OF THE DIAMOND.

By Christopher West.

Swift & Courtney & Beecher Co.

1c Blue.

This stamp was made by altering the Swift & Courtney die. The straight marginal label across the bottom of the stamp and the triangular ornaments between the ends of this label and the lower part of the circular band which is inscribed "Swift & Courtney" have been removed and a curved label which is inscribed "& Beecher Co." has been inserted. Crossing each lower corner of the stamp we now find a colorless panel the one at the right being inscribed "Wilm." and at the left "Del."

The Boston Book gives the following data:—

Die approved, Dec. 20, 1875.
First issued, Dec., 1875.
Last issued, Mar. 30, 1883.
210 stamps per sheet (14x15).
475,154,123 issued on silk, pink and watermarked paper.

The die was altered by the National Bank Note Company and all the stamps on silk and pink paper were printed by that concern. Printings on watermarked paper were made by the National Bank Note Company, the American Bank Note Company and by the Bureau. The first plates used were made by the National Bank Note Company and the last plates used were made by the Bureau, and it is quite likely the American Bank Note Company may also have made several plates. The number of stamps issued indicates that there were about 50 plates in all.

These stamps vary considerably in impression and in shade, usually both darker and brighter than the dull blue common to the Swift & Courtney stamps. Copies showing considerable wear are not difficult to find and the details of the background, especially in the triangular ornaments in the upper corners are often very indistinct or entirely missing.

Pairs are occasionally seen and the various printings were probably used in strips of three in lieu of 3c stamps to a limited extent.

These stamps were used by the Swift & Courtney & Beecher Co., up to 1880 or 1881, and from then by the Diamond Match Co. until the repeal of the stamp tax in 1883. Over 80% and probably close to 90% of all the match stamps used in the last two years of the tax were used by the Diamond Match Co., yet this combination had no private die stamps on which its name appears. The factories which it owned, controlled or operated used the stamps bearing the names of proprietors who, before the formation of the Diamond Match Co., had been independent manufacturers.

Swift & Courtney & Beecher Co. is listed in the Wilmington, Delaware, Directory for 1873-74—E. B. Beecher, Pres., and Wm. H. Swift, Sec. and Treas. The Connecticut Business Directories list the Diamond Match Co., at Westville, from and after 1882. On page 17 of the Connecticut Business Directory for 1879, an advertisement of the Swift & Courtney & Beecher Co. reads "E. B. Beecher, President, Westville, Conn., W. H. Swift, Sec. & Treas., Wilmington, Del., sole owners of A. Beecher & Sons patent match machinery. Store, New York, 214 N. 4th St., Philadelphia, Chicago, 55 So. Calvert St., Baltimore. Factories and offices, Wilmington, Westville, Chicago, Philadelphia. Machine shop Westville, Conn."

The Directory for 1888, contains an advertisement on page 938 at the top, which reads, "Wm. H. Swift, Pres., Wilmington, Del., Jps. Swift, V. P., 157 Duane St., New York, and at the bottom O. C. Barber, Treas., Akron, Ohio. L. W. Beecher, Sec., Westville, Conn." In the center is a double lined diamond, reading between the upper lines "The Diamond Match Co." and similarly below "Westville, Conn." In the center of the diamond is "L. W. Beecher, Secretary."

(*To be continued.*)

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1869 issue, inverts 15c, 24c and 30c
1869 issue, complete in Re-issue of 1875
1875 and 1880 sets of Special Printing complete 1c-90c, also the 5c, No. 204
1895 issue, mint pair of 8c on Revenue Paper
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1908 issue, bluish papers, complete
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The item "Esthonia" on page 174 and the transit table on pages 180 to 182 of the July, 1923, *Postal Guide*, as well as the item "Esthonia" in the table on pages 17 to 29 of the November *Guide*, are modified accordingly.

Paul Henderson,
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Messrs. R. M. Hattie and H. L. Hart were elected to form a committee to arrange the annual dinner.

It was decided to hold over until next meeting the appointment of sales manager and exchange manager, as no report had been received from the present officers.

GEORGE H. JAEGER, LIBAU LATVIA.

Some two years ago several small claims were entered against Mr. G. H. Jaeger, and the WEEKLY very naturally mentioned the circumstances in view of what appeared to us dilatory action in the settlement of the claims. In due season they were all adjusted, Mr. Jaeger is now a member of the A. S. D. A., and our columns are again open for his use. We have every reason to believe that all business will be expedited and satisfactory relations will result. One of his advertisements appears in this issue.

A PITHY WORD OF APPROVAL.

We have received from W. A. Creber of Toronto, Canada, his renewal of subscription. In connection with it he gives expression to a statement which we may well believe. He writes:—"When the WEEKLY arrives the daily gets neglected." We are perfectly willing to admit that Mr. Creber has not drawn upon his imagination.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The following question from a postmaster has been answered by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General: "I have sold in about thirty days, 20,000 Harding memorial stamps. Shall I order some more?" Answer: "The department still has an ample supply of Harding memorial stamps available to meet the public demand and postmasters may continue to send requisitions for additional stocks as needed."

—From a despatch in the Chicago *Tribune*, we learn that President Coolidge is about to reinstate the experts that were dismissed from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington by President Harding.

—The Passaic, N. J., *Daily News*, of Nov. 24, contained a story of the theft of valuable postage stamps from Herman Kupper, a 40-year old paralytic of that city. A party by the name of Frank McCarthy, name supposed to be fictitious, fleeced Kupper by taking with him an envelope of stamps when presumably going out to get a bill changed.

—Some of our subscribers have taken exceptions to the article "Just a Matter of Ethics" that appeared in a recent WEEKLY. We do not feel warranted in publishing any of the replies and will remind our would-be contributors that the writer of the article in question may have emphasized rather strongly some of the salient features in his contribution in order to start something.

—The Colonial Stamp Company of Chicago has bought the complete stock of Max Noack, a dealer of that city who is known to many of our readers. Mr. Noack is to spend some time in Germany.

—H. S. Taite, Delaware, Ohio, a member of the A. S. D. A. has been staying in Chicago for several days.

—The Midwest Stamp Co., Kemper Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., has just issued a new price list advertising many packets, sets, desirable single stamps, philatelic accessories and publications. It will sent free on request.

—The second edition of Specialize United States, published by the Sco Stamp & Coin Company, New York, an compiled by Eugene Costales has bee distributed and the catalogue under n tice is almost twice the size in the nun ber of pages of the 1923 book. The im provements in the second edition a marked and we now find the departme stamps with "town" and "fort" cance lations, when the latter are known, t gether with the "specimen" varieties du listed. The most striking advantag possessed by the new catalogue is t illustrations of our postage stamps u der the restrictions of the recent enac ment and the usefulness of the book increased many-fold, in consequence. T "varieties" are becoming settled in the places and here and there an addition two is made to the list. As for price they confirm the estimates of those wh maintain that there is no checking th advance in value of our stamps. A long as the specialistic urge is felt by a increasing number of adult collectors o U. S. stamps, the competition that engendered by the demand made b them, as well as the collectors of lon standing will have only one effect,—tha of an upward trend. We feel more de pendent upon the present edition of th catalogue than before and we are of th opinion that the book will be accepte as a *vade mecum* for those who colle U. S. seriously. The book is a thing o beauty as well as utility and the printer have given a good report of themselve The price of the catalogue in neat pocke size is two dollars: Scott Stamp & Coi Co., 33 West 44th Street, New Yor City.

—On the occasion of the 25th anni versary of the founding of the firm o Edouard Locher, formerly of Zurich bu now of Tegna près Locarno, Tessin Suisse, a souvenir list of jubilee offer is made by the house in question. Pag after page of rare Swiss stamps fron first to last are shown in illustration an

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July-August-September, 1923 H. E. HARRIS & CO. Page 15

PORTUGUESE COLONIAL COLLECTION!

WE OFFER AT AN EXCEPTIONALLY LOW PRICE ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST COMPLETE COLLECTIONS OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES WHICH HAS EVER PASSED THROUGH OUR HANDS

This collection was included in the stock of a large foreign dealer recently purchased by us. We are not retail dealers, and it is our desire to offer the collection intact at a price low enough to draw an immediate purchaser. It is impossible to do full justice in describing this offering, and we shall endeavor only to give the most important details:

The collection contains exactly 3,075 different stamps—every one a distinct major variety. 20th century issues are practically complete FOR ALL OF THE COLONIES. Among the gems are Angola Nos. 116, 134-151, Cape Verde 136 and 8, Mozambique 164a, 184-8, Congo 119, 119a, 122a, 123, Portuguese India 262-396, St. Thomas 116-166, in superb condition. Unused stamps are in the majority, but used copies are lightly cancelled in most cases. Condition throughout is practically perfect, great care having been taken by the former owner in the selection of fine copies.

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Prices on Portuguese Colonies have been settled and stabilized for many years, and there are not the market fluctuations often found in New European issues and other stamps of that class. At the recent sale of a large Boston auction firm, scarce colonials averaged over 40% of catalogue with sharp and active bidding. Collectors and dealers all over the country are beginning to realize the great popularity and value of these stamps, and many of the rarities, now underpriced, will increase in value with the passing of time.

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e prices particularly of the pieces otographed add to the interest of the ges.

—The Edward Ludwig Stamp Co., of hila., calls our attention to an India riety. It consists of the ½a 1883-1887 icial stamp with surcharge "On H. M. " in green instead of black.

—Henry A. Kiehl sends us a copy of e new 3c Canada. It is the same den as the 3c brown King George, but printed in red.

—We have frequently mentioned Eune Klein of Philadelphia, as a metrolitan dealer, who gives considerable ie to the boosting of the Weekly by uring new subscriptions. We must e equal credit to Edwin P. Seebohm San Francisco, who has sent us in ny new subscriptions and also many newals. As we do not make it a prace to give commissions on renewals, for vious reasons, this co-operation by Mr. ebohm is doubly appreciated. No wer than a dozen renewals have been eived through his office in recent onths.

—"In a consignment of the latest Gern stamps I have discovered one sheet 75,000mk on 1,000mk green where veral stamps show a distinct c instead e in tausend. The variety is found on following stamps in the sheet. Nos. 33, 34, 62, 64, 73, 77, 81, 92, 94, 95. her sheets of the same value do not w these varieties."—Erwin Strasser.

—We are stumped by an inquiry ask- if Mark Twain was a stamp coltor. We have no reason to say that was although that he was interested es to them in his works. In his postal affairs is shown by the refer-

"Gilded Age" he paid his respects to the abuse of the franking privilege by many of the legislators and his criticisms were so caustic that we suspect that they hastened the adoption of the use of the department stamps in 1873. At one time, Mr. Ralph W. Ashcroft, who was secretary of the Philatelic Sons of America when it was organized in 1893, was employed by Mark Twain as a confidential secretary, we believe.

—As further information on the subject of the distribution of the postage collected by the country of origin of the letter that is delivered in another country, we are told that when the postal union was organized, it was provided that a small proportion "of the amount collected was to be paid at fixed interest to the postal departments of other countries through which the letters may be sent."

—A reader asks if the essays of the Pomeroy Letter Express, showing a locomotive as a central design are rare. In the first place, these labels were said to have been used as seals on parcels and valuable packages forwarded by Pomeroy and Company; and they had no postalic value. Until somewhat recently, it was not a difficult matter to find sheets and lots of these labels in old accumulations of stamps.

—An old advertiser has sent us a letter in which he speaks of the unwisdom of depending upon auction prices as a guide because of the difficulty of reflecting the condition of the stamps listed, as furnished by the catalogue. In other words, the description of each stamp should be given as the cataloguer has it, whenever auction prices are quoted.

MR. WALCOTT THE PURCHASER.

Our story in the issue of Dec. 10, dealing with "The Chronicles of Ferrary" was in error in its statement that the strip of seven 10c blue Confederate States with frame was sold to a certain New York collector. It was purchased by Mr. George Walcott, of New York City, as will be noted by the following communication. We congratulate Mr. Walcott upon the acquirement of this rarity and thank him for calling attention to the mistake:—

"I notice that in Mr. Melville's interesting article on the 7th Ferrari Sale of last June which appeared in your number of December 10th, he has made an error regarding the purchaser of the Confederate States strip of seven 10c with frame line. This piece was bought on the order of Mr. John Kleeman of Nassau Stamp Co., and is now in my collection."

COLLECTORS PLAN HOME.

More Than $10,000 Raised at Annual Dinner of Club.

More than $10,000 was raised at the annual dinner of the Collectors Club last week, with the dual object of increasing its activities and preparing for a suitable permanent home in the near future. All of the leading postage stamp collectors in this country, or philatelists, as they prefer to be called, are members of the club. Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, the Secretary, said that the 414th member was admitted a few days ago, representing an increase of more than 200 members within two years.

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Among the members taking an interest in the efforts to obtain a suitable home are former Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, Representative Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, Charles Lathrop Pack, President of the American Forestry Association; Arthur Hind, the Utica textile manufacturer, who has recently accumulated the most valuable postage stamp collection in America, Major J. Philip Benkard, Edward S. Knapp, who has one of the best collections of Confederate States stamps in the United States; Julius C. Morgenthau, John N. Luff, one of the stamp experts of the world; John T. Coit, George Walcott and Arthur H. Lamborn.—*N. Y. Times.*

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EDITORIAL.

We are on our way; and 1924 will live up to its promise of becoming the greatest year ever known to philately, we feel sure. The general distribution of interest in stamp collecting is a good sign and as heretofore barren fields are being made fertile for the growth of the philatelic seed, the harvest will soon be ready for reaping. We quote: "Those not of the elect of philately are often struck with astonishment at the magnitude of the stamp collecting business, the apparent amount of capital sunk and the extended ramifications of the trade. Being engaged, perhaps, in a large business themselves and knowing all the mysteries of agencies, and consignments, and invoices, and deductions, and commissions, they are disposed to regard stamp selling as some new industry which is gradually assuming gigantic proportions." The foregoing observations are not those of the present-day ecstatic prophet of the New Year but on the contrary were penned just fifty years ago by J. W. Scott, the father of philately, who was then at his best. It is understood that it would be treason to introduce the philatelic New Year with anything but a whoop of enthusiasm but happily this year it is not necessary to have to indulge in any "window dressing."

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An interesting question has been asked that no doubt is based upon a cover, shown by a dealer, that originated in New Orleans after the declaration of the civil war and was sent to an address in the north. The envelope bore a pair of the five cent green Confederate, postmarked New Orleans, which paid the postage to an exchange office in Virginia, where a three cent U. S., 1861, paid the postage to destination in the federal states. The fact of the matter is that letters except "prisoner of war" or "flag of truce" letters with both Confederate and U. S. stamps thereon are exceptional. In June, 1861, before Confederate stamps were issued, the newspapers reported that letters could be interchanged between north and south through the express companies, which charged ten cents for the service of posting each letter at its exchange office, Louisville, for instance, between north and south. In August, 1861, Postmaster General Blair of the north prohibited "commercial intercourse with the so-called Confederate States" and promised arrests for express agents or others who sought to evade the law. As the first general issue of Confederates was in October, 1861, it will be seen that letters of the kind described were contraband; and they were ordered to be seized and sent to the post-office department at Washington. This is the surface consideration of the points involved in the question and we are prepared to say that by sufferance a number of letters seeped through after the warning of our postmaster-general on August 26, 1861. The postal disunion of the north and south was not accomplished at one fell swoop.

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At a Vermont postal comference-convention held recently it was suggested "that some manner for distribution of special or new issues be arranged to provide initial supply to district offices that the communities supplied by these offices may have equal advantage with larger communities." This request for consideration for district offices attracted some attention and the question finally was answered by the bureau of third assistant postmaster-general, who said: "For accounting reasons it is impracticable to provide district post-offices with advance supplies of new stamp issues as is done with direct and central accounting offices that are furnished with stamp stock direct from the department without prepayment. Every possible effort is made to supply central accounting offices with sufficient quantities of new stamps so that requisitions from district offices may be filled promptly. The unusual delay in distributing Harding Memorial stamps to all post-offices was due to the unprecedented demand, which was far in advance of expectations and initial production capacity." Collectors residing at district post-offices feel that they should have the opportunity to greet the newcomers as soon as those who live at the central offices but it seems as though there is nothing that can be done for their relief, those pesky "accounting reasons" standing in the way.

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From Willis H. Kerr, Librarian, Emporia, Kansas, we have received the following communication, dated December 15, 1923: "Addressed severally and individually to:—Dr. J. I. Wyer, Director, New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.; Dr. A. S. Root, Librarian, Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.; Dr. W. W. Bishop, Librarian, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Mr. Geo. B. Utley, Librarian, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. A. D. Keator, Librarian, University of North Dakota, University, N. D.; Mr. John B. Kaiser, Librarian Public Library, Tacoma, Wash., and Dr. John H. Leete, Director, Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear friends:

I believe you are all stamp collectors. Let's eat breakfast together at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, on Tuesday morning, January 1, 1924, at eight o'clock. Bring some duplicates and do some trading, as Mr. Wyer and I have done at several A. L. A. meetings. We can talk over our specialties, and perhaps agree upon an informal library chapter of the A. P. S.

Please send me names of other stamp-collecting librarians, so that I may notify them.

Yours bibliophilatelicly,
WILLIS H. KERR, *Librarian*,
A. P. S., 6401.

The following note was added to the letter: "Dear Mr. Severn: We shall be very glad if you can join us as above suggested. The first four men addressed are past-presidents of the American Library Association, which will be holding its annual mid-winter meeting at Chicago, December 31 to January 2. There are other librarian-collectors. I hope to discover how many. Our headquarters are Hotel Sherman; and Mrs. Kerr and I shall be there from December 28." Here is a good illustration of how philately may be brought into the open to advantage and Mr. Kerr's avowal of his interest in collecting is an example of loyalty to philately that might well be copied by all of us. In our opinion a breakfast with men of the character of these distinguished persons will be an event and we are sure that the occasion will be such as to start the new year most auspiciously.

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When Mr. Charles J. Phillips was in Chicago, he followed his practice of attending the dinner of the Rotary Club there. Mr. Phillips qualifies as "philatelist" in his home club in New York. Noticing the stranger within the gates, the members at the table at which Mr. Phillips sat introduced themselves and then it was the turn of Mr. Phillips to identify himself. When he announced that he was a "philatelist," he sensed the polite puzzlement of his fellows and said that his profession had them guessing.

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119	2sh 6p green	.50	.3
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ne gentleman said that he knew that he word was connected with philately or tamp collecting; and the speaker was Mr. Carroll Shaffer, manager of the hicago *Post*. Mr. Phillips, as always, was enthusiastic on the subject of his profession and his auditors listened to his interesting descriptions of philatelic facts and fancies. Mr. Shaffer asked Mr. Phillips if he would allow him to end a reporter around to his hotel in rder to get a real story for the halfdozen or more Shaffer newspapers. Mr. hillips responded that as the reporter ho is untutored in philately finds it fficult to properly present the material at is given him, he would prepare something himself and submit it in manuript. The suggestion was respected and e believe that Mr. Phillips has written n excellent account touching upon the gh spots in his inimitable way which has or will soon submit to Mr. Shaffer. is a good plan to wear one's philatelic eart on one's sleeve and it is worth hile to try to discover if a chance acquaintance even is a stamp follower.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Dubuque, Iowa, seems to have considerable trouble in connection with the re-naming and re-numbering of its streets. H. R. Jansen sends us a postal cancellation from this city reading:—"Address Dubuque Mail to New Street and New Number."

—W. F. Fratcher, proprietor of the Michigan Stamp & Coin Co., who recently underwent a hospital operation, has not sufficiently improved as yet for him to leave his bed. The operation was a success but in his weakened condition complications set in, hence his need of the doctor's care for a number of weeks.

—C. F. Heyerman, president of the A. P. S., calls our attention to an advertisement in the issue of Dec. 3 and asks us to correct the statement that J. L. Riedel is a member of that society. He states that his application for membership has been returned to him. It is evident that Mr. Riedel thought that the use of the name of the Society was permissable after the filing of the application.

—We have been shown a new advertising cancellation by Frank Hein from Homestead, Iowa. It reads:—"Show your Return Address on all Mail."

—In the Kansas City *Times*, a feature is a column devoted to happenings in Kansas City forty years ago and we notice the following paragraph in these brevities, in the issue of December 18th: "The Kansas City post-office yesterday received 910,000 postage stamps of various denominations. It is reported that under the two cent rate a somewhat larger number of stamps is being sold but that receipts from that source do not run as high as when the rate was three cents." Here is an echo of the introduction of the two cent red brown of 1883.

—Mr. C. T. Rogers of Evanston, Illinois, shows a stamp or rather a pair of stamps with a story. He has a pair of Serbia 5p, catalogue number 157, in a very pale shade that was taken from the wallet of the late King Georgevitch, of Serbia, by his son, Prince Georgevitch, who presented them to his friend, Mr. Rogers. The young prince has been in the United States for the past six weeks as an attaché of the New York consulate of Jugo-Slavia.

—From Mr. Michael Miller of Baltimore, Maryland, we have received a letter written to him regarding insurance on stamp collections by P. L. Wellner, vice-president in charge of the Fidelity and Deposit Company at Baltimore: "I am not familiar with the notice which appeared in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS of Nov. 19th, respecting insurance on postage stamp collections. We do not make a practice of writing insurance specifically on stamp collections but only provide a limited coverage under our Residence Burglary, Theft and Larceny policies. Under these forms we cover stamp and coin collections to an amount not exceeding $50.00."

—Erwin Strasser sends us an interesting set of stamps that may possibly have been noted in the WEEKLY but we venture this additional comment upon the set of three stamps used on mail matter per the U boats "Deutschland" and "Bremen" to this country. The stamps were regularly used by only one P. O. station at Berlin and were supposedly not sold to the public but attached by the postal clerks. After the war the unused stock was disposed of to the public. We will not undertake a description of these stamps but will add that the values are 15, 20 and 25 marks in blue, brown and slate respectively. Mr. Strasser also submits a letter from the Philatelic Agency regretting delay in the filling of Stamp orders and stating that it would soon be in shape to handle the large business that has resulted from the establishment of the agency. Mr. Strasser also enclosed in this letter specimens of Bavaria charity stamps where the overprint appears with inverted surcharge and another where the surcharge is upon the back of the stamp.

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Barbados, No. 1, superb mint, cat. $12.50	$ 6.00
Mint pairs of No. 2 @ 2.50; No. 2a @ 2.75; No. 4 @ 6.00; No. 15 @	2.50
Bechuanaland, 1sh, No. 54, mint, cat. $8.50	3.85
3d, No. 63, cat. $10.00	4.50
B. Guiana, No. 26, mint, cat. $12.00	4.75
No. 30, mint, cat. $5.00	1.75
No. 61, mint, cat. $15.00	6.75
No. 64, mint, cat. $10.00	3.75
6c, No. 75, cat. $3.50, @ 1.50; 48c, No. 78, cat. $4.50	2.00
Canada, ½d, No. 8, cat. $25, trifle close at left	9.00
Jubilee 1897, complete set, mostly no gum	20.00
Cape, 6d, No. 36, cat. $10, for $3.35; 1sh, No. 45, cat. $8	2.50
Ceylon, No. 3, cat. $15, o. g., a bit close	5.00
No. 6a, cat. $100, close top and upper right	17.50
No. 20, cat. $15.00, mint	5.00
No. 18, cat. $50.00, no gum	17.50
Cyprus, No. 15, 6 piastres, cat. $15.00	6.00
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25c orange brown, No. 34	.03
1p brown and black, No. 35	.04
1899, 30c rose carmine, No. 38	.17
1900, 20c gray, No. 43	.05
50c red brown, No. 44	.04
5c on 30c rose, No. 45	.02
1901, 30c deep orange, No. 46	.10
5c dull blue, No. 49	.03
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues and varieties will be gratefully received. We cannot give the address of correspondents.

The chronicle of United States is edited by PHILIP H. WARD, JR., Box 4216, Germantown, Phila., Pa. The foreign chronicle is edited by PERCY C. SMITH, 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass. Correspondents will please be careful to send their matter to the right address.

UNITED STATES.—In my notes of last week I mentioned that a wonderful lot of early covers had recently been found in Philadelphia, and since writing these remarks I have had the opportunity of viewing a good portion of the find. The lot without doubt included the largest number of the 10c. 1847, that have ever been found in one correspondence, for so far I can account for upward of three hundred specimens. Mr. B. K. Miller has become the fortunate owner of the larger portion of the known lot, and his holdings consist of three strips of three, fifty-five horizontal pairs, four covers with two singles each and seventy-eight singles, all on covers. In addition he has five horizontal pairs off of the cover, all from the same find, addressed to Budlow Beebee, Bankers, of Philadelphia. Unfortunately the greater portion of the stamps have been cut into, but this will make more readily the plating of the variety because many of the pairs can be fitted together, because of the irregular scissors cuts.

When these are plated they will go into the collection of Mr. Miller who is the possessor of one of the finest collections of United States stamps in existence. He has practically every main variety known and there are very few minor varieties missing. In the way of newspaper stamps he without doubt has the finest collection known, which include all of the special printings as well as the reprints made by the several Bank Note Companies. Mr. Miller is a close student of the stamps of our country, and I know of no collector who derives more pleasure from his philatelic activities.

The second edition of the "Specialized United States" catalogue compiled by Mr. Eugene N. Costales, and published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., made its appearance on December 10th, and those interested in its publication are certainly to be congratulated on being able to present so much data in such a compact form. The catalogue is materially larger than the previous edition and not only covers the general adhesives but this year we have for the first time the Parcel Post stamps as well as the official Department issues. The catalogue is illustrated and this will greatly help the amateur who has not been in a position to properly classify his stamps in the past. Numerous notes have been added and we are also informed as to the engravers of each series of stamps The main single varieties carry the same prices as those of the Standard Catalogue, and this remark applies to the minor varieties which are listed in the larger publicaton.

We note quite a few of the early pair and block prices advanced, the 10c 1847 in pair going to $175.00. There are proportionate increases in the '51 series. The 12c block unused goes up $100.00 but the used block, of which a few have come upon the market recently, drop slightly. The grilles seem to be good property and are gradually creeping upwards, as are all of the blocks of the 1869 series. We are glad to see that the 7c National in block is now priced higher than the Continental block which was not the case last year; although the National is many times rarer.

The higher denominations from 1890 onward advance and I note more particularly that each of the Columbian Dollar values move about $10.00 a block higher. In the 1894 series the two types of the dollar stamps go to $30.00 and $60.00 per block respectively, the $2.00 to $75.00 and the $5.00, which was a real rarity in block form is now priced at $150.00 and is cheap at the figure. The $5.00 stamp of the following series goes to $100.00. All of the perf. 10 varieties rightly take substantial gains and we are pleased to find that these blocks are now priced nearer to their true value than ever before. We note that the coil stamps are listed under the proper series and then again carefully listed together at the back of the book. This year they price the rare 3c 1910, perf. 12, single line watermark, in a used condition at $20.00 and the variety is well worth this figure. Unused, it is extremely rare and almost unknown. The special prints together with "Specimen" Departments are to be found and the prices upon these will surprise many. All in all the book is one that the publishers may be thoroughly proud of and we feel that they have done much to advance the interest of United States stamps.

Mr. Ira C. Holt sends for inspection quite an odd Harding variety, namely, a lower plate block of the flat plate stamp from plate 14988, where one of the figures "8" is double, caused by a double transfer, making the number appear 149888.

AUSTRIA.—Prof. M. Loewy has shown us a block of six stamps of No. 1249 with a double surcharge.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that the 3d blue on script watermarked paper and the 1sh blue green, old watermark with yellow back experimental paper have been issued.

EGYPT.—Mr. R. Roberts sends us the 1m golden orange, 2m dark grey, 10m rose and 20m deep myrtle green in the new King Fuad. type, all watermarked multiple crescent and star.

ERITREA.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the set of four stamps picturing the Christ have been overprinted "Eritrea" in black for use in this colony.

FRENCH INDIA.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin* report that "The current stamps for the French Settlements in India have been provisionally overprinted with values in local currency, 24 caches=1 fanon, 8 fanons=1 rupee. The stamps are on sale at the Colonial Office in Paris, but only in complete sets of both ordinary and postage dues, we cannot therefore supply one set without the other and must distribute them to new issue subscribers only in complete sets. The values are as follows:—

Ordinary stamps, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 (two varieties), 12, 15 and 18 caches, 1 fanon 3 caches, 1f. 6c, 1f. 12c (two varieties), 2f. 9c, 3f. 3c, 6f. 6c, and 2 rupees.

Postage Due, 6, 12, 15 caches, 1 fanon 6 caches, 1f. 12c, 1f. 15c, 3f. 3c. These are overprinted on the postage due stamps of France."

The Economist Stamp Co. have shown us the set overprinted above.

GERMANY.—Mr. Frank F. Smith sends us the 20 millard stamp in the current series in green with the figures of value in the centre in brown.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise that the set of four large stamps of Italy with the label "Centenario di Propaganda Fide" have been surcharged "Somalia Italiana" in black with "Besa 6" on the 20c; "Besa 13" on the 30c; "Besa 20" on the 50c, and "Besa 30c" on the 1 lire.

JAMAICA.—The Economist Stamp Co have submitted for chronicle the 5sh on script watermarked paper. Also the three values of the "Child Welfare" stamps. ½d green and grey, 1d red and green and 2½d ultamarine and grey. In

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No. 521 U. S. 16c aero, large horiz. surch.	.25
Same, city name inverted to state	.40
No. 522 U. S. 24c aero, large horiz. surch.	.35
Same, city name inverted to state	.50
No. 537 U. S. 3c Victory, horiz. surch.	.12
Same, city name inverted to state	.30
No. 548 U. S. 1c Pilgrim, horiz. surch.	.05
Same, city name inverted to state	.15
No. 549 U. S. 2c Pilgrim, horiz. surch.	.06
Same, city name inverted to state	.20
No. 550 U. S. 5c Pilgrim. horiz. surch.	.10
Same, city name inverted to state	.25

TURKS AND CAICOS IDS. MINT

*10	1905-08, ½d green, mult. CA	.20
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*26	1913-16, 1d red. George	.04
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LUXEMBURG.—Mr. R. Roberts has sent us the 37½c brown, of the Grand Duchess type, with the overprint "25" in black.

LIBERIA.—A new series of stamps has just appeared, of larger size than usual and of new designs as follow:—

1c, J. J. Roberts' monument; 2c, Hall of Representatives; 3c, "Lone Star;" 5c and 10c, portrait of President King; 15c, Hippopotamus; 20c, Deer; 25c, Bush Cow.

The official stamps are of the same designs, printed in different colours and overprinted "O. S."—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Bulletin.*

PORTUGAL.—The Economist Stamp Co. advise of the appearance of a 40c blue, 75c salmon and 1.50e grey lilac.

TRIPOLI.—The four stamps of the set of Italian commemoratives noted above have been surcharged "Tripolitania" in black.

N. Y STAMP SOCIETY'S ANNUAL.

By N. R. HOOVER.

Dr. Lionel Hartley was unanimously re-elected president of the New York Stamp Society at its annual meeting held Thursday night, December 6th, at its club rooms, 120 W. 49th St., New York City. The other officers elected were E. R. Penschow, Vice-president; Baldwin Schlesinger, Treasurer; Joseph Hoffman, Secretary; A. M. Tannenbaum, Trustee for three years.

Two new members were proposed, and two, previously proposed, were elected to membership. The idea of conducting an auction, the commissions to go to the treasury of the Society, will be continued on the second meeting night of each month, the first to be devoted to business.

The New York Stamp Society this winter plans to initiate a series of lectures with exhibits by its members among the Philatelic Societies of the High Schools of Greater New York. The first lecture will be given Tuesday, December 11th, at the Evander Childs High School by Mr. Baldwin Schlesinger on early United States, and Mr. Joseph Hoffman, Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means of the S. P. A. on Netherlands.

THE KINGDOM OF THE SERBS, CROATS, AND SLOVENES (YUGOSLAVIA)

For the information of those concerned there is here quoted a letter received from the postal administration of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes:

"As a result of the changes of boundaries caused by the war it happens that a considerably large number of persons believe that they should add to the name of the place of destination in the address of their mail matter the note 'formerly Austria,' 'formerly Hungary,' etc.

"It also happens that articles for the southern part of our country are addressed 'Macedonia.' However, old Macedonia having been divided between Greece, Bulgaria, and our country, correspondence thus addressed arrives with great delay, probably on account of having been first dispatched to one of the two other sharing countries.

"In order to put a stop to these inconveniences, please invite the offices of the union to instruct the public in their countries never to indicate any but the present name of the country in the address of their correspondence."

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A BELGIAN FORGERY.

Mr. A. Brun, the Paris dealer, informs us that there is a dangerous forgery of Belgium No. 17, 1fr violet, London print, upon the market, and suggests that we warn our readers concerning it. We quote from Mr. Brun's letter:—

"Sometime ago a stamp dealer, a good friend of mine, came into my stamp shop and offered me 16 copies of Belgium Scott's No. 17, 1fr violet, London print. After looking them over I came to the conclusion that they were forgeries and that the good faith of my friend had been abused. I kept three of these forgeries and sent them with some genuine copies to the editor of *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* to have them photographed, enlarged and as well print my instructions as to the differences between the good stamps and the forgeries. The issue of *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* of Nov. 30, contains the story and it is illustrated by two enlarged pictures of the genuine and the forged stamps."

We suggest that it would be well for our readers who have purchased this stamp recently to have it expertized, and failing in this to send a dime to Mr. Brun, 95 Galerie de Beaujolais, Paris, France, for a copy of the paper referred to above.

OUR HONOR CLUB.

J. Holly Elm, Batavia, N. Y.
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S. Sanders, Tampa, Florida.
Dr. E. F. Sickenberger, Carlstadt, N. J.
Willis H. Kerr, Emporia, Kansas.

The membership list of our Honor Club is growing apace. Not a week passes but several new memberships are noted. This week our first remittance comes from J. Holly Elm of Batavia, N. Y., who is not only a collector but has had some considerable experience in dealing in stamps. He requests some of our subscription forms for use in his mail, all in all a very satisfactory letter to receive.

Perrin G. March, president of the Cincinnati Shaper Co., Cincinnati, O., writes us a very interesting letter in sending in his membership fee in the Honor Club. We think it well to quote a portion of his letter as being of more than ordinary interest:—"I noticed in a recent issue that it is desired to enroll the oldest collectors, and will say that I began collecting in 1863, when as a wee boy I had my allowance each week for blacking my shoes, cleaning my teeth, placing my clothes in an orderly manner when I went to bed, and for another item (I have forgotten what) making a total of 40c. At this time I lived in New York on West 14th St., and every Saturday walked down to City Hall Square where pasted on sheets attached to the iron fence around the park stamps were displayed and I believe by the original J. W. Scott. I then bought the three Ionian stamps for 25c and have them yet. For a period of some forty years I forgot all about stamps but I am now a general collector. I do not know the number in my collection but it must catalog close to $10,000." Mr. March asks us to pardon the length of his letter, but we beg to assure him that we like to have this intimate bit of news from one who has long been a subscriber to the WEEKLY and who thinks enough of it to renew for a five-year period.

"You may know how much I appreciate the WEEKLY when I tell you that almost the first question I ask on reaching home is, 'Has my stamp paper come yet?'" This word comes from S. Sanders of Tampa, Fla., who thus expresses his interest in our publication and supplements it with a tangible remittance of $5 for membership in the Honor Club. He says, "I am lost without your paper."

A name quite familiar to many readers of the WEEKLY is that of Dr. E. F. Sickenberger, of Carlstadt, N. J. Dr. Sickenberger is a great friend of the WEEKLY and joins the Honor Club with a remittance of $5.

Willis Holmes Kerr of Emporia, Kansas, in joining the Honor Club with his five years' renewal writes that "as a Christmas present to myself and to you if you want to take it that way, I am joining the Honor Club." We can assure Mr. Kerr that this bit of Christmas cheer is appreciated.

Five members this week.

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4c, No. 152	.07
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6c, No. 176	.08
1921, 1c, No. 179	.02
2c, No. 180	.02
4c, No. 182	.04
5c, No. 183	.04
6c, No. 184	.05
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Dues, 1905, ¼g-16g (219-225)	3.75
1909, ¼g-16g (233-239)	2.00
Angola 1901, 500, 700r (51-52)	1.00
1902, 400 on 200r (59)	5.00
1902, Surcharges (62-74), 13 v.	4.00
Dues, 1904, 1911, 1921 cpl. (301-330)	3.00
Anjouan 1906-7, 35c, 45c	4.00
1912, Surcharges, 11 v.	.60
Antigua 1903, ½d-6d	2.00
1903, 5sh CA	5.00
Argentina 1908-10, ½c-1p	2.75
1910, 5p (173)	3.70
1910, 10p (174)	10.00
1916, 5p (228)	10.00
10p (229)	13.30
Austria 1910, Jubilee, 2kr	3.00
1910, Jubilee, 5kr	5.00
10kr	10.00
Bavaria 1911, 3p-5mk	3.00
1911, 10mk	2.25
20mk	4.00
Bolivia 1909, 5c, 10c, 20c, 2b	2.50
B. C. A. 1903-4, 1d-1sh (60-64)	3.00
1903-4, 2s6d (65)	2.60
4sh (66)	4.00
10sh (67)	6.50
£1 (68)	10.00
1907, 6d (73)	4.00
Br. Sol. Is. 1907, ½d-1sh	8.50
1908, ½d-5sh	8.50
Bulgaria 1901, 1s-3L (57-69)	2.50
Cameroons 1916, 1c-5fr (130-145)	2.50
Canada 1908, Quebec set	1.50
Canal Zone 1904, 2c (1)	5.00
1904, 5c (2)	1.50
10c (3)	1.75
1904, on U. S., 1c-10c (4-8)	4.50
Cayman Is. 1907, ½d on 5sh (18)	10.00
1907, 2½d on 4d (20)	27.50
1d on 4d (21)	27.50
1907-9, 4d (25)	3.50
1908, 5sh (30)	7.00
1912, 10sh (45)	5.00
Ceylon 1903-4, 1r50c (176)	5.00
1903-4, 2r 25c (177)	6.00
1910, 5r (214)	5.00
Corea 1901, 1wn (32)	3.25
1901, 2wn (33)	4.25
Crete 1901, 1L-1dr (64-69)	2.75
1905, 2L-1dr (74-80)	2.00
3dr (81)	3.50
5dr (82)	4.00
1908, 1L-5dr (85-95)	8.00
1909-10, 1L 5dr (111-120)	5.50
Dues, 1901, 1L-1dr (170-8)	4.00
Cyprus 1903, ½p, 1p, 2p (38-41)	3.00
1903, 6p (43)	1.50
12p (45)	1.50
45p (47)	3.50
1904-7, ½p-45p (48-59)	7.00
Dahomey 1901-4, 1c-5fr (1a-15)	12.50
1901-4, 50c (16)	1.75
1906, 1c-5fr (17-31)	8.00
1915, 1c-5fr (42-58)	1.50
D. W. I. 1902, 2c on 3c dated 1901 (24b)	10.00
(24b)	10.00
1905, 5b-5fr (31-39)	5.75
1908, 5c-50c (43-50)	2.25
E. Af. & U. 1903, 2r (10)	3.00
1903, 3r (11)	4.00
4r (12)	5.00
1904-7, 1r (25)	1.00
2r (26)	2.00
3r (27)	3.30
4r (28)	4.00
5r (29)	4.50
El. An. & C. 1903, 2p (14)	3.00
1903, 3p (15)	3.50
5p (17)	6.00
1905, 1c-3p (19-31)	4.50
5p (33)	4.00
10p (34)	8.00
1907, 1c-5p (39-53)	3.50
Falklands 1904, 1d-1sh (22-27)	4.00
1904, 3sh (28)	2.20
1912, 5sh (37)	3.00
5sh (40)	1.60
£1 (39)	6.40
Fernando Po 1901, 1c-10p (89-103)	11.00
1902, 5c-5p (104-11)	8.00
1903, ¼c-1p (112-124)	8.00
2p (130)	3.00
3p (131)	3.75
4p (132)	4.25
1905, 1c-1p (136-146)	3.00
2p (147)	1.50
3p (148)	2.50
4p (149)	3.00
5p (150)	3.75
10p (151)	5.00
1907, 1c-5p (152-166)	8.50
Fiji 1903, ½d-6d (59-66)	2.75
1903, 1sh (67)	1.50
5sh (68)	3.00
1912, £1 (91)	6.40

FRENCH OFFICES IN CHINA

1902, 1c-1fr (18-30)	6.50
5fr (31)	3.50
5c-5fr (32-42)	6.00
Dues 1907, 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c (237-240)	4.00
Canton 1901, 5c (2a)	4.50
1901, 5fr (14)	7.50
Canton 1903, 1c-40c (15-24)	2.70
1903, 50c (25)	4.00
75c (26) damaged	1.00
1fr (27)	1.70
5fr (28)	3.00
1904, 50c (30)	4.00
1906, 1c-50c (31-42) three used	3.25
2fr (45)	1.50
5fr (46)	2.50
10fr (47)	4.00
1908, 1c-10fr (48-64)	7.00
Hoi Hao 1903, 1c-75c (16-27)	3.30
1903, 1fr (28)	2.40
5fr (29)	4.00
1904, 50c (31)	4.00
1906, 5fr (47)	3.60
10fr (48)	4.00
1908, 1c-10fr (49-66)	6.50
Kouang-Tcheou-Wang 1906, 2fr (15)	2.50
1906, 5fr (16)	3.00
1908, 1c-2fr (18-33)	2.00
1908, 10fr (35)	3.00
Mongtze 1903, 50c (11)	6.00
1903, 1fr (13)	1.60
5fr (14)	3.00
1906, 1c-1fr (16-29)	7.00
2fr (30)	2.00
5fr (31)	2.00
10fr (32)	4.00
1908, 1c-10fr (33-50)	7.00
Pack-Hoi 1903, 1fr (13)	1.00
1903, 5fr (14)	2.20
1904, 50c (16)	2.00
1906, 1c-50c (17-28)	4.00
10fr (33)	4.00
1908, 1c-5fr (34-51)	3.75
Tchong-King 1903, 5fr (14)	3.00
1904, 50c (16)	3.50
1906, 1c-50c (17-28)	4.50
2fr (31)	1.50
10fr (33)	4.00
1908, 1c-10fr (34-50)	7.00
Yunnan-Sen 1906, 75c (13)	2.40
1906, 1fr-5fr (14-16)	6.00
10fr (17)	4.00
1908, 1c-10fr (18-35)	7.00

France-Crete 1902, 1c-5fr (1-15)	1.90
1902, 2p on 50c (16)	1.75
4p on 1fr (17)	3.00
8p on 2fr (18)	4.50
20p on 5fr (19)	8.00
Alexandria 1902, 1c-5fr (16-30)	2.00
Port Said 1902, 1c-5fr (18-32)	1.75
Zanzibar 1902, ½a-10a (39-47)	5.00
1902, 20a on 2fr (48)	3.00
50a on 5fr (49)	7.50
French Congo 1903, 10c on 2fr (53)	7.00
Guinea 1904, 1c-5fr (18-32)	25.00
1906-7, 1c-5fr (33-47)	4.50
Dues, 1905, set, 1908 set compl.	2.00
India 1904, 5c on 25c (18)	3.00
1904, 10c on 25c (19)	3.00
1907, 45c (24)	1.70
1914, 1c-5fr (25-42)	1.75
Oceania 1907, 45c (20)	1.70
1913, 1c-5fr (21-37)	1.50
Gabon 1904, 1c-5fr (16-30)	10.00
1906-7, 35c, 45c (31-2)	3.00
1910, 1c-1fr (33-46)	6.00
2fr (47)	7.25
5fr (48)	7.25
1911, 1c-5fr (49-64)	1.25
Gambia 1902, 1sh (36)	4.50
1902, 2sh (37)	3.25
3sh (39)	3.00
1904, 1sh (50)	4.00
2sh (52)	7.00
1906, 1d on 3sh (56)	6.00
Germany 1902, 1mk-5mk (75-79)	3.75
China 1905, ½d-2½d (43-46)	4.75
Levant 1903, 25p on 5mk (30)	3.75
1905, 10pa-10pi (31-40)	4.00
25pi on 5mk (41)	5.00
1906, 10pa-25pi (43-53)	7.00
15pi on 3mk (54)	6.00
Morocco 1905, 6p 25c on 5mk (31)	4.00
1906, 1p on 80pf (41)	4.00
6p 25c on 5mk (44)	5.00
1911, 3c-6p 25c (45-57)	3.00
Gibraltar 1903, 2sh (44)	6.00
1903, 4sh (45)	5.00
8sh (46)	7.50
£1 (47)	30.00
1904, 4sh (55)	7.50
1908, 6d (52a)	12.50
1911, 4sh (64)	7.50
8sh (65)	15.00
Morocco 1903, 2p (225)	2.50
1905, 1p (231)	2.00
Gold Coast 1902, 2sh (45)	2.75
1902, 5sh (46)	3.00
10sh (47)	4.50
20sh (48)	9.00
1904, 2sh (55)	3.75
1907, 2s 6d (64)	2.25
1913, 10sh (79)	3.20
10sh (79a) emerald green	3.20
Grand Comoro 1906, 45c (19)	2.50
Great Britain 1901, 2sh (139)	1.50
1901, 5sh (140)	3.00
10sh (141)	4.20
£1 (142)	9.00
1912, 5sh (174)	2.00
10sh (175)	3.75
10sh (175a) dark blue	4.50
£1 (176)	10.00
Levant 1903, 12p, 24p (11, 12)	3.25
Morocco 1907, 3p on 2s 6d (9)	1.25
1907, 6p on 5sh (10)	3.00
12p on 10sh (11)	5.00
Gt. Br. Morocco 1907-12, 2s 6d (19)	2.50
1914, 6p on 5sh (36)	1.80
Greece 1906, 1l-5dr (184-197)	4.25
1911, 25dr (213)	2.50
Dues 1902, 1l-5dr (448-461)	1.25
Grenada 1902, 2sh (55)	2.75
1902, 5sh (56)	3.75
10sh (57)	6.50
1905, 10sh (67)	10.00
1906, 2½d (71)	1.80
6d (73)	1.80
2sh (75)	1.50
5sh (76)	3.75
1908, 10sh (78)	6.50
1913, 10sh (88a) emerald green	3.20
Guadeloupe 1905, 1c-5fr (54-70)	1.50
Guinea 1901, 500r, 700r (57, 58)	1.50
1902, 400r on 200r, 400r on 5r (67, 68)	3.00
Dues, 1904 set, 1911 set, 1921 set cpl.	3.50
Hong Kong 1903, $3 (72)	5.00
1903, $5 (73)	6.00
$10 (74)	9.00
1904, $3 (87)	4.00
$5 (88)	5.50
$10 (89)	12.00
1907, $2 (97)	3.60
1912, $2 (112)	2.50
$3 (113)	2.50
$5 (114)	4.20
$10 (115)	7.20
1914, $5 (118) white back	4.00
Postal-Fiscal, 1902, $3 (214)	1.80
Hungary 1904-5, 1f-5kr (66-82)	2.75
1913-14, 1f-5kr (84-103)	1.50
Dues, 1903, 1f-100f (751-9)	2.25
Iceland 1904, 2kr, 5kr (44a, 44b)	3.00
India 1902, 2r, 3r (71, 72)	4.00
1902, 5r (73)	2.50
10r (74)	4.25
15r (75)	7.00
25r (76)	12.00
1911, 25r (96)	8.50
Indo-China 1907, 1c-10fr (41-58)	6.00
Dues, 1908, 2c-5fr (405-417)	3.00
Inhambane 1902, 500r, 700r (29, 30)	1.50
1914, Vasco da Gama sets (48-71) cpl.	2.00
Italy, Constantinople 1909, 40p/10l (228)	2.00
Janina 1909, 40p on 10l (473)	2.00
Jerusalem 1909, 40p on 10l (498)	2.00
Salonica 1909, 20p on 5l (527)	4.00
1909, 40p on 10l (528)	2.00
Smyrna 1909, 40p on 10l (588)	2.00
Ivory Coast 1906, 1c-5fr (21-36)	4.00
Jamaica 1905, 5d (45)	3.00
1905, 5sh (49)	1.75
1906, 4d (54)	2.50
1sh, 2sh (56-7)	2.25
1919, 10sh (87)	4.00
Japan 1908, 5y (113)	3.00
10y (114)	6.00
China 1908, 5y (320)	6.00
1908, 10y (321)	10.00
Kiauchau 1905, $1 (21)	2.50
Labuan 1902, 1c-$1 (99a-109)	2.50
Lagos 1904, 1sh (46)	6.00
1904, 5sh (48)	8.50
10sh (49)	40.00
1905, 2s 6d (57)	3.00
5sh (58)	3.75
10sh (59)	6.00
Leewards 1902, Surcharges (17-19)	1.40
1902, 5sh (28)	3.00
1905, 1sh (35)	2.50
1907, ¼d-2s 6d (36-44)	5.00
1914, 3d (56) white back	2.50
1sh (57) white back	5.00
1921, 2sh (60)	3.00
Lourenzo-Marques 1901, 500r, 700r (49, 50)	1.00
Macao 1911, ½a-78a (147-157d)	2.00
1911, 2a prov. (163)	1.50
Dues, 1904, set	3.00
1911 set	5.00
Madagascar 1902, 5c on 30c on Diego Suarez (55)	1.75
1902, 10c/50c on Diego Suarez (56)	45.00
10c/50c on Diego Suarez (61)	45.00
1907, 1c-5fr (79-94)	1.50
Malta 1902, 1d on 2½d "PNNEY" error	2.00
1903, ½d-1sh (21-27)	3.00
1904, ¼d-1sh (28-37)	3.00
1907, 5sh (48)	3.00
Mauretania 1906, 1c-2fr (1-16)	5.00
1906, 5fr (17)	3.50
Mauritius 1902, 1r (117)	1.80
5r (119) invisible defect	2.00
1912, 10r (159a) emerald green	6.00
Mayotte 1906, 35c, 45c (20, 21)	2.00
Mexico, Official 1911, 5p (886)	6.00
Moheli 1906, 1fr, 2fr, 5fr (14, 15, 16)	5.00
Monaco 1919, Charity, 5fr (108)	12.50
Montserrat 1903, 2sh (19)	2.50
1903, 2s 6d (20)	2.50
1904, 2sh (29)	3.00
1908, 5sh (40)	6.50
Mozambique 1901, 500r, 700r (62-3)	1.25
Dues, 1904 set, 1911 set	3.00
Mozambique Co. 1907, set	3.50
1911, set	3.00
Dues, 1906 set, 1911 set	3.50
Charity, 1917 complete set	13.50
Natal 1902, 2sh (91)	2.50
1902, 2s 6d (92)	2.50
4sh (93)	3.60
5sh (94)	3.00
10sh (95)	6.00
£1 (96)	9.00
1904-8, 1sh (106)	6.00
2s 6d (108)	5.00
1908-9, 6d, 1sh, 2sh, 2s 6d (110-113)	7.50
5sh (115)	5.25
Netherlands 1905, 10g (93)	7.50
1913, 5g (107)	2.50
Netherlands 1913, 10g (108)	6.50
1920, 2½g surcharges (118-119)	3.00
1921, Marine Ins. 15c-7½g complete	9.00
Newfoundland 1910, Guy compl. (87-97)	6.50
1911, engraved complete (98-103)	10.00
1911, Royal Family compl. (104-114)	4.00
New Hebrides 1908, 1sh (6)	7.50
N. S. W. 1904, 10sh (108b)	3.25
1905, 20sh (120)	6.50
N. Z. 1906, Commemor've set (122-125)	3.25
Official 1911, £1 (541)	7.50
North Borneo 1910, $5 (149)	4.00
1910, $10 (150)	9.00
1911, $5 (155)	3.00
Northern Nigeria 1902, 2s 6d (17)	3.50
1910, ½d-5sh (27-37)	6.00
1912, 10sh (51)	4.50
£1 (52)	7.50
Norway 1905, surcharges (69-71)	2.25
1907, 1kr, 1½kr, 2kr (74-76)	2.50
1909, 1½kr (80)	3.00
Nyasaland 1908, 4sh (8)	3.00
1908, 10sh (9)	6.00
£1 (10)	12.00
Panama 1903-4, 1p (57)	3.00
1903-4, 1p (64)	2.50
1c-1p (76-82)	2.00
50c (107)	2.00
50c (115)	2.00
20c (139)	9.00
Bocas del Toro, 1c (151)	5.00
10c (154)	3.00
Papua 1901, ½d-1sh (1-7)	8.50
1905, 2s 6d (8)	20.00
1907, ½d-1sh except 4d (11-17)	5.75
½d-2s 6d (19-26)	6.00
1907-10, 1d-1sh (28-33)	4.50
2s 6d (48a)	1.50
Philippines 1901, $1 (223)	8.00
1901, $2 (224)	10.00
$5 (225)	15.00
1902, $1 (237)	5.00
$2 (238)	13.50
$5 (239)	17.50
1906, 1p (251)	1.70
2p (252)	2.00
4p (253)	3.00
10p (254)	9.00
1911, 1p (260)	3.00
Queensland 1906, 5sh (126)	5.00
1907-9, ½d-2sh (130-139)	3.50
2s 6d (140)	1.60
£1 (143)	7.00
Rhodesia 1901-2, 5sh (64)	1.50
1901-2, 7s 6d (65)	2.00
1903, £1 (66)	6.00
1905, 5sh (77)	2.00
1906-8, 3sh, 10sh (80-1)	4.00
£2 (82)	12.50
1909, 5sh (97)	1.60
7s 6d (98)	2.40
10sh (99)	3.20
1910, 5sh (115)	1.60
7s 6d (116)	2.40
10sh (117)	3.20
£1 (118)	6.40
Rio de Oro 1905, 2p (12)	2.00
1907, 15c on 25c (17)	3.00
1c-10p (18-33) set	12.00
1908, 5c on 50c (44)	5.00
1909, 1c-10p (48-58) set	3.50
1912, 1c-10p (71-83) set	2.50
St. Helena 1903, ½d-2sh (61-70) set	3.00
St. Kitts 1903, ½d-2s 6d (1-9) set	6.00
1903, 5sh (10)	2.50
1905, ½d-3d (11-15)	2.00
St. Vincent 1902, ½d-6d (71-76)	3.50
1902, 2sh (78)	2.40
1904, ½d-2sh (80-87)	5.00
£1 (89)	18.00
1907, ½d-3d (90-94)	3.50
1909, 1d, 6d, 1sh (95-7)	3.00
½d-6d (98-103)	1.80
1913, ½d-5sh (104-114)	3.75
San Marino 1903, 2c-5l set	2.40
Senegal 1906, 1c-5fr (57-72)	6.50
Senegambia 1903, 1c-5fr (1-13)	3.50
Seychelles 1901, surcharges complete	1.20
1902, surcharges (29-32)	6.50
1903, 2c-2r (38-48)	8.50
surcharges (49-51)	3.00
1906, 2c-45c (52-59)	2.00
Siam 1907, 10t (101)	9.00
Sierra Leone 1903, 1sh (73)	2.50
1903, 2sh (74)	4.50
5sh (75)	6.00
1904-5, 5sh (88)	4.00
1907-11, 2sh (100)	3.00
5sh (101)	4.50
1912, 10sh (118)	3.20
£1 (119)	6.40
Somali Coast 1902-3, 1c-5fr (34-48)	7.50
1903, 1c-5fr (49-63)	4.25
1906, 1c-5fr (64-79)	5.00
Somaliland 1902, ½a-1r (1-9, 13)	2.50
1902, 2r, 3r (10, 11)	4.25
5r (12)	4.50
1903, 5r (19)	3.00
1904, ½a-12a (27-35)	5.00
1r, 2r (36-37)	2.00
5r (39)	2.00
Official, 1902, ½a-1r (151-155)	4.00
1903, ½a-1r (157-160)	5.00
1904, 8a (164)	6.00
1r (165)	10.00
So. Nigeria 1901, ½d-1sh (1-6)	4.00
1901, 2s 6d (7)	4.00
10sh (9)	6.00
1902, ½d-2s 6d (10-17)	6.00
5sh (18)	3.00
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10sh (30)	6.00
£1 (31)	17.50
1907, ½d-2s 6d (32-40)	4.75
5sh (41)	3.00
10sh (42)	7.00
£1 (43)	20.00
1912, ½d-2s 6d (45-53)	4.00
5sh (54)	3.00
10sh (55)	5.00
Sp. Guinea 1907, 1c-10p (58-75)	4.00
1909, 1c-10p	1.25
1912, 1c-10p	3.00
1914, 1c-10p	1.75
Straits 1902, 1c-$1 (93-101)	3.50
1902, $2 (102)	3.00
$5 (103)	9.00
1904, $1, $2 (118-119)	4.00
$5 (120)	6.00
1908, $2 (143)	2.00
$5 (144)	4.00
1912, $5 (164)	4.00
$5 (165)	3.00
Surinam 1913, ½c-2½g	3.00
Transvaal 1902, ½d-1sh (252-7)	1.50
1902, 2sh, 2s 6d (258, 259)	4.50
5sh (260)	2.50
10sh (261)	4.00
1902-3, 2sh (265)	2.00
£1 (266)	9.00
1904-6, 5sh (277)	2.50
£1 (279)	6.40
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By CORNELIUS WRINKLE.

Philatelia Unit.—There is something about a General Election which is not altogether in keeping with the traditional spirit and sentiment of Christmas. But after you have cast your vote and the excitement of the polls is over, pray accept my assurance that my warmest greetings and good wishes are yours for the Yuletide season. "Philatelia Unit" is the motto of one of the great national philatelic societies on the Continent, and though politics for a spell divide us, there is joy in the reflection that stamps provide a grateful and comforting court-plaster which will bring philatelists together again, no matter which way the political winds have blown.

I've Got a Motto.—Out of Christmas crackers there comes verses, mostly sticky in their sentiment; some day a brisk propaganda movement for philately may lead to the inclusion of mottoes of philatelic interest in these noisy emblems of Yule. I find a motto ready to hand, in the Christmas week issue of *The Postage Stamp* of sixteen years ago. Try it on your friends when cracker-time comes round:

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care it is C. C.;
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true,
Philately, were you to die I think I
should Die II.

Next Year's Exhibitions.—There are to be two international philatelic exhibitions in Scandinavia during the coming year—one in Norway (at Christiania) and the other in Sweden (at Stockholm), and it is to be hoped that they be so timed that visitors from abroad may go on from one to the other. Stockholm is an appropriate centre for such a show during the forthcoming meetings of the world's Parliament of Posts, the next Congress of the Universal Postal Union being due to be held in Stockholm during the year. An influential committee of Swedish philatelists has been formed to push forward with the organisation.

Christiania in September.—Norway's exhibition, fixed for ten days in September, 19th to 28th inclusive, is arousing widespread interest, for as a holiday centre in September it would not be easy to find a more attractive centre than Christiania. The organising committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Alf G. Johnsen, President of the Christiania Philatelic Club, has the preparations well in hand, and already the International Jury has been appointed, consisting of one representative from each of the Scandinavian countries, and one each from Britain and Germany. The judges are:

Norway.—Henrik Dethloff.
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Denmark.—Lieut.-Colonel Ramsing.
Great Britain.—Fred J. Melville.
Germany.—Dr. Herbert Munk.

Sweden's Preliminary Show.—Stockholm, by the way, has been having a sort of preliminary canter in the stamp exhibition line. In the spacious annexe of one of the great restaurants on the Stockholm Strand (an appropriate street this Strandvägen) there has been set out in exhibition array the wonderful collection of Swedish stamps formed by my friend Baron Erik Leijonhufvud, which is now being broken up. The President of the J. P. S. invited the owner of this great collectoin to give a public exhibition of the collection in its entirety in London before the dispersal commenced, but this could not be arranged. For the philatelists of Stockholm, however, such an exhibition has been given during the past month, and it attracted great interest. The collection was set out on stands constructed after the same manner as the recent London Exhibition, and lectures about the stamps were given twice daily during the display. Mr. H. Lichtenstein, the well-known stamp dealer of 88, Drottninggatan, Stockholm, has charge of the selling of the collection, and has compiled a well illustrated catalogue of it.

The New British Contract.—We are about to enter upon a new era in the manufacture and consequently in the philatelic history of the Georgian stamps of our own country. The presses of Messrs. Harrison and Sons, Ltd., at Hayes, Middlesex, cease work on the English typographed postage stamps ½d to 1sh (excepting the 6d, which is and will still be printed at Somerset House) on the last day of this year, and Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Ltd., take up the work on January 1st at a newly-equipped factory at Watford. When it became known that Messrs. Waterlow and Sons had secured this important contract there were rumors that a change of the process of manufacture was intended, and some said recess-plate printing, others photogravure would be the process. Messrs. Waterlow and Sons are famous for both processes, and have extensive equipment. But there is no question of any change of process, our ½d to 1sh stamps will still be surface-printed, and although the Waterlows have been chiefly associated in postage-stamp manufacture with beautifully engraved stamps, they have had long experience of the important contract for our typographed health and unemployment insurance stamps, so the new contract will not find them unskilled in the peculiar technical requirements for our huge postage-stamp output.

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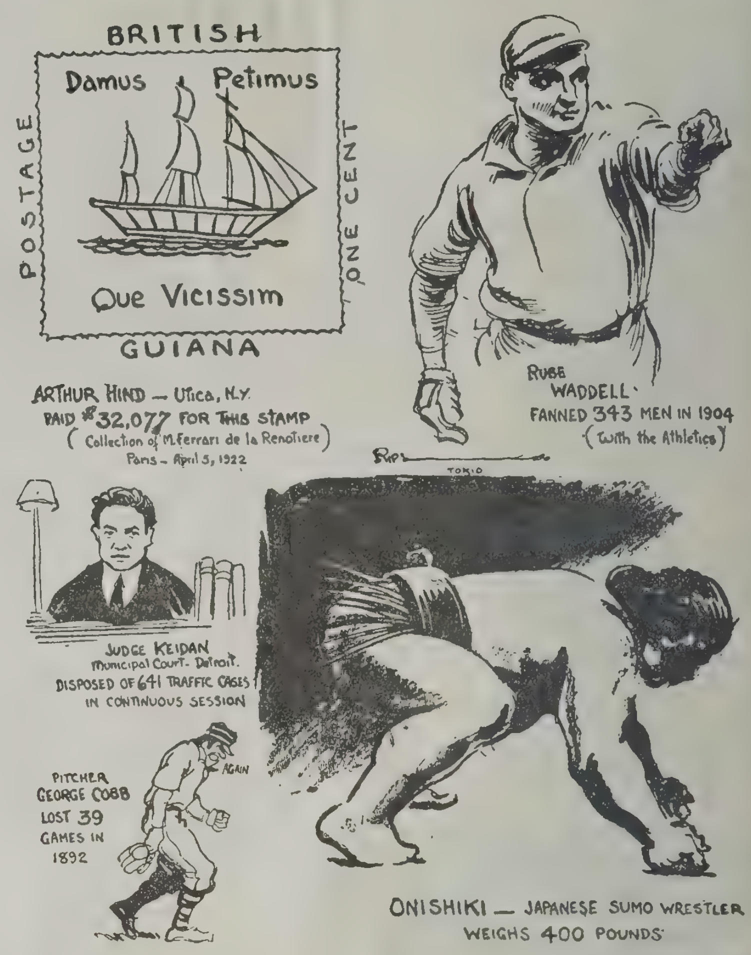

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The March of the Milliards.—The postage rates in Germany must have been very confusing of late to the ordinary user of the postal service. The triple-journal, "Die Ganzsache—Die Marke—Der Stempel," gives a statistical record of the rise of the postal tariff from January 15th to November 12th this year. Inland letters (other than local) which cost 50 marks at the beginning of the year cost 10 milliards of marks on November 12th; they rose, I believe, a week later to 20 milliards. For foreign letters the minimum rate on November 12th was 40 milliards.

Bon Accord.—Philatelists in Aberdeen are fortunate in having access to the finest philatelic library in Scotland, and one which is the more accessible in that it has been ably catalogued by that doyen of philatelic bibliographers, Mr. P. J. Anderson, LL.B., J. P. The library is installed in the Aberdeen University Library, and it owes its wealth of rariora, early pamphlets, and scarce files of the pioneer journals to Mr. Anderson, who has been collecting since the early sixties. In 1911, Mr. Anderson printed in the perfect typography of the Aberdeen University Press a "Rough List of Specimens of Philatelic Literature (mostly of early date) from the Aberdeen University Library, on the occasion of a lecture on philatelic literature given to the Aberdeen and North of Scotland Philatelic Society. This has now been supplemented by a "Second Rough List of Specimens of Philatelic Literature from the Aberdeen University Library," of which a limited edition of one hundred copies has been printed. In its forty-seven pages are noted many additional early rarities—most of them the personal copies purchased by Mr. Anderson at the time of their issue—and a fairly comprehensive collection of the more modern works and journals. Strangely enough, THE POSTAGE STAMP is lacking, but THE POSTAGE STAMP Handbooks are represented.

J. P. S. Silver Jubilee Banquet.—A notable date in the coming year will be May 6th—the well-remembered birthday of the postage stamp. It is the historic date which has been observed during many years as the appropriate day for J. P. S. celebrations, and this coming year this rapidly extending society will celebrate the completion of its twenty-five years of splendid enterprise. There have been many "Penny Black" banquets organised by the J. P. S. on May 6th in years gone by, but the society may be reckoned on to eclipse all its former records on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee. Full particulars of the arrangements for this great function will be announced shortly. Meanwhile, mark May 6th in your diaries as the Red Letter Day for 1924!

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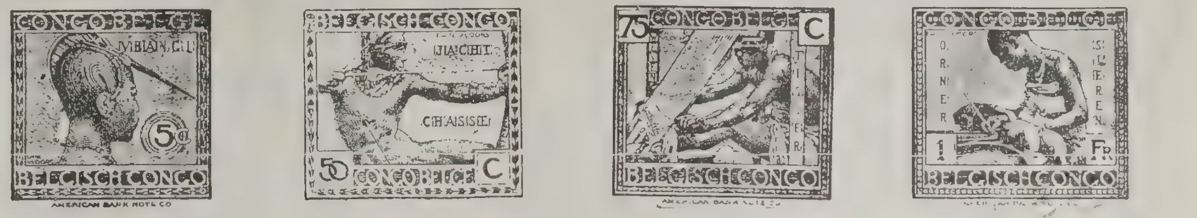

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The warm weather had begun to get upon the nerves of the sufferers, who were many. I was amongst the number, naturally. It was difficult to concentrate,—even to labor mechanically. And all one's concentration was essential. That is perhaps one reason why I so persistently haunted the old second-hand shops, where books occasionally were vended,—veriest wrecks and ruins of tomes, mingled now and then with a volume worth the annexing. But these latter days, with books as with stamps, I am no purist,—I do not pass the wayfarer to await the perfect.

The rows of books did not appeal. I knew them all. I turned away, then back again. My eyes had caught a new volume, slipped between two bits of flotsam. I drew it forth. It was a copy of my beloved Charles Lamb, of whose books I often say,—"One cannot have too many copies, or too many editions!" The book was a first edition, uncut, but it had been rebound. The binding was lamb-skin, exquisitely tooled, and showing the touch of a master's hand. I paid the price, and took the volume home. A careful collation followed. Perhaps a score of pages had been replaced in fac-simile, so deftly and so beautifully done that only trained eyes could detect the workmanship, the craftsmanship so exquisite.

A few days later I was in the place again. The proprietor and I, always on friendly terms, began to discuss books.

"That book you picked up the other day," he began,—"what of it?" The man who left it here asked me who bought it. I told him it was one of our good customers,—a book-lover,—who never questioned the prices asked for books. I told him the valuation he placed on the book had been promptly paid,—for you know that book was left on consignment. He asked when you'd be likely to be in again, as he'd like to meet a real book-lover. I look for him any time. Come back and wait."

I moved to the rear of the store, where I could watch the door unseen. Perhaps ten minutes later a man entered. He was of medium height with the scholar's stoop. His face was thin and parchment-like. His dress was grey,—shirt, coat, hat, socks, shoes, all. And in his eyes were the slumbrous fires of love and peace and of that which is almost indescribable,—of self-conquered things. I liked the face. The mouth was patient, and the lips showed suffering and weariness and sweetness won through self-mastery.

He came directly to me. I arose. He put out his hand. I grasped it, and our friendship began.

"I am Andre Andre,—chemist by profession, book-lover by birth,—collector by instinct!"

Then he smiled. All the sweetness of a world long dead,—of the love that is no more,—of the generations that have been and are to be.—it was all there! Never have I seen a man's smile so full of affectionate interest.

"Yes, I collect books, and pictures, and bibelots, and also stamps," he said. "Come, let us go to my rooms."

We walked the few intervening blocks, and I was ushered into the home he called his own,—an ancient house, set close to the street, Spanish style, with the usual wide doorway and the rooms opening to right and left.

Here were books piled upon shelves,—books ancient and modern, some in as sad condition as mine own,—some as perfect comparatively as those which enrich my library, falsely so-called. But they were books!

"You love stamps as well? Even as I!" My host's voice was musical, and his words came precisely. There was a hint of the foreign in his enunciation.

Then he opened an ancient chest, and showed me his albums,— exquisitely paged and lettered, and bound appropriately, with the stamp of **a country** impressed into the binding.

"I bind a little,—I letter a little,—I collect a great deal."

He turned the leaves. I saw a copy of the New York five cents which caught my fancy. It was a beautiful copy, perfectly centered, with wide margins on cover.

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shop. It was marked at a ridiculously low price. I went in, talked with the ancient fellow who sold books, and purchased the stamp. Did he have more? He did. And his word was made good. I never saw such a lot of nice things outside the great collections. He had even the St. Louis stamps, two or three! Of values he knew nothing. The stamps, on covers, came to him with a lot of books and papers from an estate.

"Perhaps I should have bought the lot and become rich. But I am so little of a business man I could not do so. I told him, however, of the value of his find, and offered to act for him. This he gladly consented to do. And the result of the sale was exactly $13,000 for him, in lieu of the $13 he would have taken for the lot! Gratitude? You know there is a saying, 'Gratitude is a lively sense of favors to come.' It was not so in his case. He wanted me to take half, — two-thirds, — three-quarters, but I refused. However, he promised me that if he ever made another find, I should have first choice. You know, lightning seldom strikes twice in the same spot. But it does,—the exception to prove the rule. Six months afterward I was in the store. The old man looked at me quizzically.

"You know these old book-men! Then he said he'd found another lot of stuff, overlooked before,—not much, but some good things, perhaps. And they were mine, 'as is,' he declared, for friendship. He passed the bundle over to me. I went to my rooms.

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My friend turned the leaves. The stamps were gems,—perfect as the dream-come-true!

"I went back to thank the old fellow, when I had time, three days later, but he was gone,—sold out. The man in charge did not know the address, he declared; but I knew better. My old friend did not wish my thanks, I felt, so I did not press for further information.

"It was perhaps three or four years later that my work took me into one of the prominent far Western universities. There was a little spare time, and I thought I'd attend a lecture. The professor was my ancient friend! But how different! Now he was erect, no longer slovenly, and his voice was as one with authority. He saw me. After the lecture he came to me at once.

" 'Come to my rooms,' he said,—whether a request or a command I was uncertain to believe.

"Then he told me of his life. He had been a chemist. He had injured a student while conducting an experiment. He left college and, remote from his old life, he had gone into the book business, more for love than for aught besides. He had made money for his needs, and had laid away a certain sum. Then I had come into his life. The $13000 had enabled him to search out and aid the injured student beyond all expectations. And then his old college had found him and recalled him."

My friend paused. He hesitated,—then he spoke rapidly.

"What I am I owe to him. He taught me much, later,—of books and bindings and stamps,—for he had become an ardent philatelist. And of the ways of men, and their madness, and of faith, and hope. You would know him at once."

He spoke a name, in confidence. Know him? Who would not be rejoiced to know the savant,—the scholar,—the philatelist above all?

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FRENCH SEMI-OFFICIAL AIR STAMPS.

To the list of semi-official air-post stamps issued under the auspices of various aviation meetings in France, has recently been added a set of six values depicting an aeroplane in flight and used on September 2, at an aerial Rally at Montpellier. These stamps were issued in denominations of 25, 50 and 75 centimes and 1, 2 and 5 francs and they were cancelled with a special obliteration reading "Montpellier—Aviation."

At another aviation meeting at Rouen on the 23rd of September, a set of six values of the same values bearing an aeroplane in flight of somewhat different design than that used at Montpellier. The special obliteration read "Rouen—Aviation."

A third set of five stamps, 25, 50 and 75 centimes and 1 and 2.50 francs was printed for the meeting at Amiens on October 7th. These were designed similar to the other two issues, and likewise bore the figure of an aeroplane in flight. The special obliteration read "Amiens—Aviation."

These semi-official vignettes are used with the full sanction of the Ministry of Posts to denote a supplementary fee upon correspondence conveyed by air, but are not in themselves capable of prepaying postage to destination, which is accordingly defrayed by regular postage stamps of the Republic.

SWISS MILITARY MAIL FLIGHT.

In connection with a Military aviation day held at Basle, Switzerland, on September 2, an aeroplane carrying mail, flew to Zurich. Correspondence carried on this trip was prepaid in the normal Swiss air post stamps, but bore in addition a circular rubber handstamp reading "Militar Flug tag Basel, 2. 1. x 23."—DOUGLAS B. ARMSTRONG.

GERMANY.

The German air post stamps in the Futurist "Taube" design are all obsolete as a result of a twenty-fold increase in postage rates, which came into force last month. A new series with greatly enhanced denominations is reported to be in course of preparation by the State Printing Works at Berlin.—DOUGLAS B. ARMSTRONG.

IRELAND.

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UNITED STATES.

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